Semester Credit Hours

- International undergraduate students must be enrolled in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters.
- International graduate students must be enrolled in and complete 9 credit hours each fall and spring.
- One exception: In a student’s final semester, it is okay for him/her to take just the 3-6 hours needed to graduate. There are additional “reduced course load” instances, but these are rare.

Online/Internet Classes

- F-1 students cannot pursue online degree programs.
- Of the required 12 credit hours for international undergraduate students each fall and spring, only 3 credits may be online/Internet courses. That is, 9 traditional/face-to-face and 3 online.
- Of the required 9 credit hours for international graduate students each fall and spring, only 3 credits may be online/Internet courses. That is, 6 traditional/face-to-face and 3 online.
- International students may enroll in more than 3 credits of online courses if they take 13+ hours (undergraduate) or 10+ (graduate). For example, an undergrad may take 12 hours of face-to-face classes and 6 hours of online classes in a semester.
- For students (undergrad and grad) who only need 3 hours to graduate in the fall or spring, that final class can’t be online.
- For continuing students (that is, students who enrolled full-time for the Spring semester and intend to enroll full-time for the Fall semester), there are no restrictions regarding online enrollment in the summer. As summer term is considered a vacation period, and it is not a required term for enrollment.