

F-1 Academic Registration Requirements

Undergraduate day students

You must register for a minimum of 12 credits during each of the fall and spring semesters.

- A minimum of 9 credits out of the 12 required must be on ground each semester
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in the summer semester/term, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

Graduate day students

You must register for a minimum of 9 credits during each of the fall and spring semesters

- A minimum of 6 credits must be on ground each semester
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in the summer semester/term, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

Graduate evening students

You must register for a minimum of 3 credits during each of the fall 1, fall 2, spring 1 and spring 2 terms

- A minimum of 3 credits must be on ground each term
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in one of the summer terms, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

Graduate day certificate students

You must register for a minimum of 5 credits during each of the fall and spring semesters

- A minimum of 5 credits must be on ground each semester
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in the summer semester/term, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

Graduate evening certificate students

You must register for a minimum of 3 credits during each of the fall 1, fall 2, spring 1 and spring 2 terms

- A minimum of 3 credits must be on ground each term
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in the summer semester/term, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

Doctorate of Education: Educational Leadership students

You must register for a minimum of 3 credits during each of the fall 1, fall 2, spring 1 and spring 2 terms

- A minimum of 3 credits must be on ground each term
- The summer semester is not required by immigration unless you begin your program during the summer. If you end your program in the summer semester/term, you must also adhere to the on-ground registration requirements. See your academic advisor to determine whether or not you need to take summer classes.

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Examples:

Program	Term	Minimum credits	On ground (OG) minimum	Example
Undergraduate day	semester	12 credits	9 credits/semester	9 OG/3 OL = ✓ 9 OG/6 OL = ✓ 6 OG/6 OL = ✗
Graduate day	semester	9 credits	6 credits/semester	6 OG/3 OL = ✓ 9 OG/6 OL = ✓ 3 OG/6 OL = ✗
Graduate evening	8-week term	3 credits	3 credits/term	Fall 1: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 3 OG/3 OL = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 0 OG/3 OL = ✗ Fall 2: 6 OG = ✗
Graduate day certificate	semester	5 credits	5 credits/semester	5 OG/0 OL = ✓ 3 OG/2 OL = ✗
Graduate evening certificate	8-week term	3 credits	3 credits/term	Fall 1: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 3 OG/3 OL = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 0 OG/3 OL = ✗ Fall 2: 6 OG = ✗
Doctorate of Education: Educational Leadership	8-week term	3 credits	3 credits/term	Fall 1: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 3 OG/3 OL = ✓ Fall 2: 3 OG = ✓ Fall 1: 0 OG/3 OL = ✗ Fall 2: 6 OG = ✗

If you are inside the U.S. you may not register for only online courses during the fall and spring terms or semesters. Be sure to inform your academic advisor of this when you are creating your course schedule. If you are returning to your home country to complete your degree from home, please inform the ISSO before you depart the U.S.