International Student (F-1 visa)

Registration Reminders

Full Course of Study
F-1 students must take a full course of study in the Fall and Spring semesters. The summer is usually a break unless you begin your program in the summer. The following are the required number of credits to satisfy the full course load requirement:

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Mini term classes do not count toward this total
Winter term classes do not count towards Spring

Terms:
- Undergraduate students must be registered in full semester classes (meet August to December).
- Graduate students must be registered in at least one full semester class and the rest can be a combination (excluding mini terms and winter terms).

Reduced Course Load Exceptions (talk with a DSO for details):
1. **Final Semester**: In your final semester you only have to take the classes that you need to graduate. You must apply to graduate and be on the graduation list to request this benefit.
2. **One-time Exception**: There is an exception that can be granted for advising error, or initial difficulty with: English, American teaching methods, or reading requirements. This requires approval, is not guaranteed, and can only be granted once per academic level.
3. **Medical Reasons**: If ordered by a doctor, a student can get up to 12 months of partial or full reduced course load due to a medical condition. You must meet certain criteria and apply before reducing your course load.
4. Students may study concurrently at other universities while they study at DBU but there are restrictions. You will need to visit a DSO to learn more about this process.

Online Classes*
Federal law restricts the number of online classes F-1 students can take. Only 1 online class or up to 3 credits can be counted towards a full course load. The remaining classes must be on-campus.

Please Note:
- **CP and IS** courses – are considered an online class
- **Hybrid** – considered an on-campus class. IMPORTANT: you may not make arrangements with your professors to do all course work online. You must come to campus for the campus components of the class.
- **Last Semester** – If you only have one class remaining, it must be an on-campus class.

**IMPORTANT**: Ask your advisor about those concentrations and programs that are heavy with online requirements and spread out the required online classes.

*If you take more than the minimum credits, you can take additional online classes.
*Break terms are a great time to take extra online classes (example: Winter, Summer breaks).