



Regulations for ONLINE and DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES

An online or distance learning class is a class that does not require a student's physical attendance for classes, exams or other purposes integral to completion of the class.

Fall and Spring Semester Enrollment

An F-1 student may only count **one** online or distance education course without the physical oversight of a school employee (or the equivalent of three credits) toward a full-course of study per Fall or Spring academic term. **At least 9 of those 12 credit hours must be in face-to-face, in-person instruction in a classroom** [8 C.F.R. 214.2(f)(6)(i)(G)]. F-1 students may be eligible to take more than one online class to maintain their status as long as the class is physically proctored or monitored by a school employee.

- Fulltime enrollment for an **undergraduate student** is **12 credits**; a **minimum of 9 credits** must represent enrollment in traditional courses if an undergraduate student were to take 3 credits of online coursework to meet the fulltime requirement.
- Fulltime enrollment for a **graduate student** is **6 credits**; a **minimum of 3 credits** must represent enrollment in traditional courses if an undergraduate student were to take 3 credits of online coursework to meet the fulltime requirement.

Summer and January Term Enrollment

For **continuing students** (students 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, it is not a required term for enrollment for continuing students.

Final Term of Study

If only one course is needed to complete the program of study during the final semester, the **final course cannot be online**. Students must work with their academic advisor ahead of time to plan accordingly. Students can enroll in an online class during the final semester **only** if also enrolled in a face-to-face, classroom instruction class as well.

Students intending to remain in the US while finishing degree requirements – and in order to be eligible to participate in post-degree completion work opportunities – must take final credits on-campus in a traditional course.