**Regulations for F-1/J-1 Students**

Registration

Undergraduates - 12 credit hours for each Fall/Spring semester

* If beginning in summer – 6 credit hours
* Final semester – must be in one physical class
* Online courses – only ONE 3 credit course can count toward minimum requirements

Graduate – 8 credits (without an assistantship); 6 credit hours (with assistantship)

* If 1st or last semester is summer – 3 credits (with an assistantship), 6 credits (without an assistantship)
* If they have a 12 month assistantship, they are required to be registered in the summer for at least 3 credit hours.
* Online courses – only ONE 3 credit course can count toward minimum requirements
* Research in absentia – if they want to maintain F1/J1 status they must register for 8 credit hours.

Reduce Course Load (RCL)

* + Medical (can’t exceed 12 months during a degree level)
  + Unfamiliarity with English Language (first semester only)
  + Unfamiliarity with American teaching style (first semester only)
  + Improper course placement (one semester only)
  + Final semester –Only for Grad students

On-campus employment (must be paid by Purdue WL Paycheck)

* No private tutoring
* 20 hours per week when classes are in session
* 40 hours per week during official university breaks (Graduate students with a 12 month assistantship – should come see ISS—they are required to be registered in summer, so that is not an official university break).

Classes

* Auditing classes – these classes do not count toward minimum credit requirement
* Incompletes - If those incomplete credit hours are needed to meet the minimum requirements of credit hours, student must complete the course.
* Retaking incompletes- If the student already completed minimum required credit in that same semester they received the incomplete, they have the choice if they want to complete it or just re-take it.

Withdrawals

* + Students should come and talk with an immigration counselor during walkin hours.
  + If it is a medical reason, a reduce course load could be an option

Processing Times

* Student requests – 10 business days
* CPT – 5 business days from the follow up session (if all required documents are submitted) to receive CPT authorization
* OPT – 5 business days from the follow up session (if all required documents are submitted) to receive application packet.
  + - USCIS can take up to 90 days to approve/deny application

ISS Office information 765-494-5770 iss@purdue.edu

Counselors on Duty

Phones – 8am – 12pm; 1pm – 5pm

Walk-ins – MTWF Mornings – 9am – 11:30am

MTWHF Afternoons – 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Appointments – must be made 24 hours in advance by calling 765-494-5770

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