

Staying in Status

All international students on a F-1 or J-1 visa must be enrolled full-time: **9 quarter credits for graduate students (8 credits for some Grad programs); 12 semester credits for undergraduate students.** Please note that in the College of Professional Studies, each 12-week quarter and 15-week semester is made up two sessions. Some courses last the entire 12 weeks of a quarter/ 15 weeks of the semester, while others run for either the first six/seven weeks or the last six/seven weeks.

All F-1 and J-1 visa students must be enrolled at all times during a quarter to remain in SEVIS compliance. A student must be registered in at least one class that meets on campus at Northeastern University throughout the full quarter. This might mean taking a full-length 12-week or 15 week course that meets on campus, or taking two successive "part of term" courses that meet on-campus. A student may not take classes on campus for just the first half of a 12-week quarter/ 15-week semester and then take only online courses during the last 6/7 weeks. Online courses may be taken, as long as SEVIS compliance is met.

Below are some examples:

Example A: Graduate student in MS Nonprofit Management

Requirement	Example to meet requirement
Full-time enrollment (9 credits each quarter)	Student enrolls in three 3 Quarter Hour (QH) courses
On-campus requirement (must be enrolled for at least one on-campus course throughout the term)	Option a: Enrolls in three 3 QH courses that meet 12 weeks each and on campus Option b: Enrolls in one 3 QH course that meets 12 weeks on campus; one 3 QH course that is blended for the first 6 weeks of the term; one 3 QH course that is online for the second 6 weeks of the term.

Example B: Undergraduate student in BS Leadership

Requirement	Example to meet requirement
Full-time enrollment (12 credits each semester)	Student enrolls in four 3 Semester Hour (SH) courses
On-campus requirement (must be enrolled for at least one on-campus course throughout the term)	Option a: Enrolls in four 3 QH courses that meet 12 weeks each and on campus Option b: Enrolls in one 3 SH course that meets 15 weeks on campus; two 3 SH blended courses for the first 7.5 weeks of the term; one 3 SH online course for the second 7.5 weeks of the term. Option c: Enrolls in two 3 SH blended courses for the first 7.5 weeks; one 3 SH online course for the second 7.5 weeks; one 3 SH course that meets on campus for the second 7.5 weeks.

Click [here](#) for more information about the different course formats. If you have any questions about maintaining proper status, please consult your [Academic Advisor](#).