

F-1 Enrollment Requirements

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Class Modality

In-person

You are required to meet regularly with a faculty member to complete the course requirements and attend lectures or other in-person interactive activities.

Hybrid

You are required to meet both in-person and online. Coursework should be at least 51% in-person.

Hybrid courses can be counted towards your F-1 full-time enrollment requirement as in-person courses.

Online

You are required to complete *ALL* course requirements, lectures, or other activities online.



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F-1 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)- Full Course of Study

8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(A)

(6) Full course of study --

(i) *General.* Successful completion of the full course of study must lead to the attainment of a specific educational or professional objective. A course of study at an institution not approved for attendance by foreign students as provided in §214.3(a)(3) does not satisfy this requirement. A "full course of study" as required by section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Act means:

(A) Postgraduate study or postdoctoral study at a college or university, or undergraduate or postgraduate study at a conservatory or religious seminary, certified by a DSO as a full course of study

(B) Undergraduate study at a college or university, certified by a school official to consist of at least twelve semester or quarter hours of instruction per academic term in those institutions using standard semester, trimester, or quarter hour systems, where all undergraduate students who are enrolled for a minimum of twelve semester or quarter hours are charged full-time tuition or are considered full-time for other administrative purposes, or its equivalent (as determined by the district director in the school approval process), except when the student needs a lesser course load to complete the course of study during the current term...



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CSUEB Full Time Requirements

Minimum Requirements for Fall and Spring Semesters

Graduate/Post Baccalaureate- 8 units per semester

Undergraduate/Bachelor's- 12 units per semester

2nd Bachelor's - 12 units per semester

Summer Term is considered your annual vacation unless it is your last term. Summer term enrollment is not reported to SEVIS unless it is your last term.

Exceptions! (Reduced Course Load)



Academic Difficulties



Last Term



Medical



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F-1 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)- Online

8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(G)

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.



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CSUEB: Online Course Allowance

Per Federal Regulations

- One online class or up to 3 units online per semester
 - This could be three 1 unit classes
 - This could be one 3 unit class
 - This could be one 4 unit class
- You can take additional online classes beyond the minimum enrollment

SEVP Guidance

Began March 2020

Ended May 2023

Allowed F-1 students to **temporarily** maintain F-1 status with at least 1 in-person class.



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SEVIS Reporting Requirements vs Degree Requirements

SEVIS (immigration purposes)

- Report the minimum units to meet “full course of study”
 - 12 units minimum for undergrad
 - 8 units minimum for graduate
- Overload units are not reported
 - Overload units can be any class modality

Degree Requirements

- All units show on transcript
- All units count towards full time enrollment status
 - MyCSUEB would show full time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time, etc..

You could be considered a full time student for degree requirements while being considered as below a “full course of study” for immigration purposes.

Possible Scenarios- Graduate Students

Student A- Enrolled in 9 units

Meets Immigration Requirements

- 9 units in person
- 9 units hybrid
- 6 units in person, 3 units online
- 3 units in person, 3 hybrid, 3 online
- 6 units hybrid, 3 online

Does NOT meet Immigration requirements

- 3 units in person, 6 units online
- 9 units online
- 3 units hybrid, 6 online

Student B- Enrolled in 8 units

Meets Immigration Requirements

- 8 in person units
- 4 units in person, 4 units online
- 4 units hybrid, 4 units online
- 8 hybrid units
- 4 in person units, 2 hybrid units, 2 online units

Does NOT meet Immigration requirements

- 8 online units
- 6 online units, 2 hybrid units



Possible Scenarios- Graduate Students

Student C- Enrolled in 12 units (overload)

Meets Immigration Requirements

- 12 units in person
- 6 units in person, 6 units online
- 3 units in person, 6 hybrid, 3 online
- 9 units hybrid, 3 online

Does NOT meet Immigration requirements

- 3 units in person, 9 units online

Reminder that we are still only reporting 8 units to immigration

I am going to take the first 8 units that meet the requirements and discard the rest.



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Possible Scenarios- Undergraduate Students

Student A- Enrolled in 12 units

Meets Immigration Requirements

- 12 units in person
- 12 units hybrid
- 9 units in person, 3 units online
- 6 units in person, 3 hybrid, 3 online
- 8 units in person, 4 units online (1 class)

Does **NOT** meet Immigration requirements

- 6 units in person, 6 units online
- 9 units online, 3 in-person/hybrid
- 3 units hybrid, 3 in person, 6 online
- 12 online

Student B- Enrolled in 15 units (overload)

Meets Immigration Requirements

- 15 units in person
- 15 units hybrid
- 9 units in person, 6 units online
- 6 units in person, 3 hybrid, 6 online
- 6 units hybrid, 3 in person, 6 online

Does **NOT** meet Immigration requirements

- 6 units in person, 9 units online
- 3 units hybrid, 3 in person, 9 online
- 6 hybrid, 9 online
- 15 online

