



# International Programs

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## Full Course of Study Requirement

The Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) requires all F-1 international students to enroll in a full course of study each semester. The summer semester is considered vacation, so students are not required to enroll unless it is their first semester at A&M-Commerce. For more information go to <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2013/09/what-is-a-full-course-of-study>.

**Face to Face Courses:** A face to face course is a course that meets in person during the semester. In the [university schedule of classes](#), a face-to-face course section number will generally end in a number. In addition, courses whose section number ends with the following letters are also considered face to face courses:

- “E” web enhanced course and
- “L” lab courses.
- A blended “B” course is also considered face to face if it meets in person at least 51% of the time during the semester.

**Online or Distance Learning Courses:** 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. A strictly online course is indicated by a “W” after the course section number on the university schedule of classes.

### **Undergraduate Students:**

A full course of study is a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours each fall and spring semester for undergraduate students. Web enhanced “E” and Blended “B” courses are considered face to face courses. Only one (1) online “W” course (three 3 hours) will count toward this full course of study requirement. Below are some examples to help clarify:

- Undergraduate student enrolled in 9 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 3 hours online. **Correct!**
- Undergraduate student enrolled in 9 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 6 hours online. **Correct!**
- Undergraduate student enrolled in 8 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 6 hours online. **Not correct!**

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## Graduate/Doctoral students

A full course of study is a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours each fall and spring semester for graduate students. Web enhanced “E” courses or Blended “B” courses are considered face to face classes. Only one (1) online “W” course (three 3 hours) will count toward this full course of study.

- Graduate student enrolled in 6 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 3 hours online. **Correct!**
- Graduate student enrolled in 6 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 6 hours online. **Correct!**
- Graduate student enrolled in 3 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended and 6 hours online. **Not correct!**

## Summer Enrollment:

### New/Transfer International Student Summer Enrollment

International students are required to enroll in courses during the summer semester if the summer semester is their first semester at A&M-Commerce. *New international students* who begin their academic program at A&M-Commerce in the summer must enroll in at least:

- ***Undergraduate students:*** Must continuously enroll in a full semester (Summer I and Summer II). Student must be enrolled in face to face, web enhanced or blended class in Summer I. Students can enroll in summer II classes online.
  - Students must enroll in (9) semester credit hours. Web enhanced “E” and Blended “B” courses are considered face to face courses. Only one (1) online “W” course (three 3 hours) will count toward this full course of study requirement for summer term.
- ***Graduate/Doctoral students:*** Must continuously enroll in a full semester (Summer I and Summer II). Student must be enrolled in face to face, web enhanced or blended class in Summer I. Students can enroll in summer II classes online.
  - Students must enroll in (6) semester credit hours. Web enhanced “E” and Blended “B” courses are considered face to face courses. Only one (1) online “W” course (three 3 hours) will count toward this full course of study requirement for summer term.

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## Current International Student Summer Enrollment:

International students are not required to enroll in courses during the summer semester unless the summer semester is their first semester at A&M-Commerce. The summer semester is considered vacation for students by SEVP, and students may travel within or outside the U.S., enroll in courses (no restrictions for online or face to face), or remain in the U.S. and not study. International students will require a [travel signature](#).

## Full-time Graduate Assistantship (FT GA)

Students with a full-time (FT) graduate assistantship (GA) may take less than a full course of study. Students who lose their FT GA during the semester and are enrolled in less than a full course of study for the FT-GA may be in violation of their visa status. Students will also need to consult the Graduate School regarding any additional enrollment requirements for FT GA's.

- Student with a FT-GA may take 3 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and the remaining 3+ hours face to face or online.
  - Three (3) hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and three (3) hours online (W). **Correct!**
  - Three (3) hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and six (6) hours online (W). **Correct!**
  - Three (3) hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and nine (9) hours online (W). **Correct!**
  - Final semester and three (3) hours online (W) only. **Only allowed for summer!**

## Final Semester:

Students in their final semester may enroll in less than a full course of study. Students enrolling in less than full time please apply for [a reduced course load](#).

Please see below for guidance:

- **Undergraduate students:**
  - Undergraduate student with only 9 hours remaining may take 6 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and 3 hours online
  - Undergraduate student with only 6 hours remaining may take 3 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and 3 hours online
  - Undergraduate student with only 3 hours remaining must be face to face, web enhanced or blended class (except summer)
- **Graduate students**
  - Graduate student with only 6 hours remaining may take 3 hours face to face, web enhanced or blended class and 3 hours online

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- Graduate student with only 3 hours remaining must be face to face, web enhanced or blended class (except summer)
- Comprehensive exams must be combined with a credit course. Comprehensive exams which do not count as a credit, cannot be taken alone in the final semester.

If you have any questions, please email [intl.stu@tamuc.edu](mailto:intl.stu@tamuc.edu) or contact us at 903-886-50



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