



Ratio of online courses to traditional courses

Undergraduate students in F-1 status must carry a minimum of 12 credits each fall and spring semester, and graduate students in F-1 status must carry at least 8 credits each fall and spring semester. **No more than the equivalent of one *on-line/distance education class* or 3 credits per session may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** Once the minimum number of credits is met, however, and so long as no more than 3 credits of the minimum course load are in online credit, an F-1 student may enroll in additional online courses, if approved by the student's sponsor *and* academic department.

Students in F-1 status must exercise care in reviewing course descriptions before enrollment. Although some course work may include face-to-face sessions, any course listed as being offered "primarily" or "predominantly" online, will count as an online course. In accordance with the definition of an online course as outlined in regulation **8 C.F.R. § 214.2(f)(6)(i)(G)**.

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(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 if taken on-line or through distance education in a course that 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.

Course beginning and ending dates

Indiana University South Bend F-1 students may enroll in coursework through the Indiana College Network (ICN) so long as the course work will begin and end on dates approximate to the semester in which the credits will count toward full enrollment. Online or distance coursework offered through other departments and institutions must be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the OISS when the credit will count toward the full course load requirement.

Online courses in the final semester

Students in their final semester of a degree program with only one class remaining toward completion may not this class online unless approved by the OISS.

Please remember, F-1 students should consult with their financial sponsors, academic advisors, and the OISS before registering for any online/distance course work.