

**Request for Reduced Course Load
due to completion of Program of Study
International Student (F-1)**

Instructions

This request should be typed. Electronic signatures are acceptable.



1. Student completes Parts 1, 2 & 3 of this form. Do not sign.
2. Student submits form and all attachments to academic advisor.
3. The advisor reviews and signs Part 4.
4. Advisor returns signed form to student.
5. Student uploads signed form and all three attachments to the online form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/t1TwPjGixT>

The QR code at the left is directed to the online form for convenience. The online form requires sign in with UNA credentials.

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Notes on Reduced Course Load

- Reduced Course Loads pertains only F-1 students. Areas of the campus outside of the Office of International Affairs will not be familiar with this term.
- Final graduation requirements must be confirmed through the Office of the Registrar.
- Processing may take as long as five (5) business days during busy times. You are advised to complete this form as soon as you have pre-registered.
- Incomplete forms will delay processing.

Code of Federal Regulations

214.2(f)(6)(iii)(C)

(iii) Reduced course load. The designated school official may allow an F-1 student to engage in less than a full course of study as provided in this paragraph (f)(6)(iii). Except as otherwise noted, a reduced course load must consist of at least six semester or quarter hours, or half the clock hours required for a full course of study. A student who drops below a full course of study without the prior approval of the DSO will be considered out of status. On-campus employment pursuant to the terms of a scholarship, fellowship, or assistantship is deemed to be part of the academic program of a student otherwise taking a full course of study.

(C) Completion of course of study. The DSO may authorize a reduced course load in the student's final term, semester, or session if fewer courses are needed to complete the course of study. If the student is not required to take any additional courses to satisfy the requirements for completion, but continues to be enrolled for administrative purposes, the student is considered to have completed the course of study and must take action to maintain status. Such action may include application for change of status or departure from the U.S.

Full Course of Study per semester		
Academic English	Undergraduate	Graduate
5 classes (term)	12 credit hours	9 credit hours
10 class (semester)	(min. 9 face-to-face)	(min.6 face-to-face)

Part 1: About the Student (to be done by the student)

Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Student ID Number: L SEVIS Number: N

UNA E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Part 2: About the Academic Advisor (to be done by the student)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

UNA email: _____ Department: _____

Part 3: Attachments (to be done by the student)

- ☐ Current semester enrollment – must show day and times of classes
- ☐ Confirmation of application for graduation
- ☐ Copy of all pages of degree evaluation from DegreeWorks (available within your UNA Portal)

Part 4: Signature by Academic Advisor (to be done by the advisor)

The student named above is in the USA on an F-1 visa to be a student at the University of North Alabama. As a condition of entry into and presence in the US, the student is required to maintain a full course load of classes (see previous page). In certain documented circumstances, an international student may seek a Reduced Course Load, which is permission to enroll in fewer than the designated number of credit hours. This student listed in Part 1 above is preparing to finish his/her Program of Study in the current semester and requests authorization for a part-time registration due to completing degree requirements. International Affairs requests your review as the expert in the program requirements.

Certification

I, _____, have reviewed the information that the student has provided. I confirm that that the student's part-time registration includes all the courses the student has been advised to enroll in in order to meet graduation requirements by _____ (month year).

Signature: _____

Part 5: Submission and Deadline



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