

Keep a Full Time Course Load

As your primary purpose for being in the U.S. is to study, maintaining a full-time course load is one requirement in order to keep your I-20 in active status*. Full time study is:

- 12+ credits for undergraduate students
- 6-9 credits for graduate students

Exceptions:

If you are in your final term at MSOE, you will be allowed to drop below full-time status.

- To do so, fill out a [reduced course load request form](#)

If you have a medical emergency or situation, you *might* be allowed to drop below full-time status.

- To discuss this further, contact your DSO.

If you are in your first term/year and are having trouble with the language or expectations of the professors in your class, you *might* be allowed to drop below full-time status.

- To discuss this further, contact your DSO.

*If you go below a full-time course load and DO NOT talk to your DSO, your I-20 will be terminated.

If you won't complete your program in the time noted on your I-20, it is your responsibility to request a program extension.