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FULL TIME STUDENT

F-1 and J-1 students must be enrolled full time. Contact us before dropping a class.

AUTHORIZED FOR WORK

F-1 students may work up to 20 hours/week on campus when class is in session.

CHANGES TO STATUS

Notify us of ANY changes in status before they happen.

TIMING OF DOCUMENTS

DO NOT let your immigration documents expire while you are in the U.S.

STAY IN TOUCH

Check your UNT e-mail regularly. This is how we communicate important information.

REMINDERS

Dear International Students,

We're excited to welcome you to UNT! International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is here to support you and help you have a successful semester. An important part of that success is understanding and following the immigration regulations that apply to you during your time at UNT.

Please review the information below carefully, and reach out to our office if you have any questions. Be sure to visit our website for upcoming workshops on CPT and OPT. Immigration regulations can be complex and every student's situation is unique. Make sure to reach out and ask us if you have questions. We're always happy to help!

New Students: Don't forget to complete your Immigration Document Check In!

Full-Time Enrollment

GRADUATE

9 credit hours or more
6 credit hours face-to-face

UNDERGRADUATE

12 credit hours or more
9 credit hours face-to-face

Make sure to turn in your 'On Campus Component Form' in iNorthTX if needed.

Full-Time Enrollment and Exemptions

You must maintain full-time enrollment or have an approved part-time enrollment exemption.

If you will not be enrolled full-time this semester, you must turn in your part-time enrollment request by January 21st*.

*Form review and approval may happen after this date. Please allow for processing times. Our office will reach out if we need any other information.

Online Enrollment

F-1 and J-1 students may only take one online class that counts towards their full time enrollment!



Part-Time Enrollment Reasons

- Final Semester
- Dissertation or Thesis Only
- Full-Time CPT
- Other: Review our website or check with an ISSS Advisor

F-2 students may only be enrolled part-time!

DON'T FALL OUT OF STATUS!

F-1 students may fall out of status due to:

- Failure to Enroll
- Unapproved part-time enrollment
- Unauthorized Employment
- I-20 Expiration
- Too many online classes

Make sure to check with our office if you have questions about your status!



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT



If you will enroll concurrently at another institution during Spring 2026, remember:

- You MUST enroll in at least one on-campus UNT course and the combination of hours from both schools MUST equal full-time enrollment.
- We will maintain your immigration record. All changes MUST be reported to ISSS.
- If the other school requires a letter from our office, it will take 3 business days to complete. Apply online via iNorthTX.
- You MUST turn in proof of enrollment from the other school to our office by January 16, 2026.
- At the end of the semester, you MUST submit a transcript/grade report showing completion of courses to ISSS.

GRADUATING IN MAY?

Congratulations! We know this is a big accomplishment and want to make sure you don't forget these important steps.

- Submit a request for Final Semester Part Time Enrollment if you will not be full-time.
- [Apply for graduation!](#) The deadline to apply is Feb. 20th!
- If you will apply for OPT [attend one of our F-1 Fundamentals Workshops](#) to learn more about that process.
- Not applying for OPT? You will have a 60-days from May 8th to take action. You must do one of the following:
 - Change to a new program at UNT or another U.S. school.
 - Apply for OPT
 - Leave the U.S.

STAY IN TOUCH!

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Need to talk to us?
 Click the link below.

[We have advising hours every weekday!](#)