

Student Visas Cheat Sheet

Semester	Notes on Admission Process	Enrollment Requirements	Employment Eligibility & Authorizations	Please notify the Reeves Center if...
Summer	<p>Summer Admits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition: Students who have been admitted to begin full time study in their degree program with a summer session (student must appear in Banner with an admission period ending in '30'). <p>Early Program Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition: Students who are admitted to begin their program in the Fall semester but will arrive here early to either set up their lab or attend a special credit-bearing or non-credit bearing preparatory program or orientation. For new admit students who will be participating in "early program activities" (e.g., summer session, LLM Legal Advantage, MAcc Bootcamp, etc.), please list the start date of these activities in the "Departmental Immigration Document Request Form." <p>Arrival and Check-In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may enter the U.S. up to 30 calendar days <i>before</i> the start date on their I-20s or DS-2019s. Students must arrive in the U.S. on or before the start date on their I-20s or DS-2019s. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer admit students who will be beginning their program during the summer session must be enrolled full-time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Undergraduate Students: 12 credit hours. ➤ Graduate A&S and VIMS: 3 credit hours. ➤ All other Graduate Students: 6 credit hours. ➤ Up to three credit hours may be from distance education courses from accredited institutions. Continuing students are not required to be enrolled during the summer. Students in their final semester are only required to enroll in the number of credits required to graduate. PhD/Masters students graduating during the summer do not need to be enrolled in summer credits unless required by their departments. With institutional approval, U.S. immigration law allows F-1 and J-1 students to be temporarily enrolled less than full-time for certain medical or academic reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-campus employment: Students may work full-time (e.g., 20 hours or more a week). No special work authorization is required to work on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information about hiring international students can be found on our website. Paid off-campus employment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students must secure the appropriate work authorization before beginning employment. ➤ Students may work full-time (e.g., 20 hours or more a week). ➤ F-1 students can apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). ➤ J-1 students can apply for Academic Training (AT). ➤ Engaging in paid employment without the proper work authorization will result in the termination of the student's SEVIS (immigration) record. The student might also be required to leave the U.S. <p>Note: Mason School of Business and Washington Office Programs, please refer to the Business and Washington Office Programs CPT Procedures handout for additional information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a student is unable to arrive in the U.S. by the start date on their I-20s or DS-2019s. Our office will need to defer the start date. a student is unable to maintain full-time enrollment. Enrolling less than full-time without institutional approval will result in the termination of the student's SEVIS (immigration) record. a student plans to take a leave of absence. a student will change programs or level of study (e.g., PhD to MS, LLM to JD, etc.).

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Fall and Spring	<p>Arrival and Check-In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may enter the U.S. up to 30 calendar days <i>before</i> the start date on their I-20s or DS-2019s. Students must arrive in the U.S. on or before the start date on their I-20s or DS-2019s. All new admits must check-in with the Reves Center and attend International Student Orientation Student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate Students: Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester Graduate Students: Must be enrolled in at least 9 credits per semester. Up to three credit hours may be from distance education courses from accredited institutions. Students in their final semester are only required to enroll in the number of credits required to graduate. <p>With institutional approval, U.S. immigration law allows F-1 and J-1 students to be temporarily enrolled less than full-time for certain medical or academic reasons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-campus employment: Students may only work 20 hours per week or less. No special work authorization is required to work on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information about hiring international students can be found on our website. Paid off-campus employment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students must secure the appropriate work authorization before beginning employment. ➤ Students may only work 20 hours per week or less. If the student has an on-campus job, the on-campus job and CPT/AT employment cannot exceed 20 hours per week. ➤ F-1 students can apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). ➤ 	Please see information above.

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Fall and Spring			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduating F-1 students may apply for post-graduation Optional Practical Training. Note: It can take up to 3 months for the application to be approved; therefore, students are encouraged to apply early. Students may apply as early as 90 days before their degree completion date. J-1 students can apply for Academic Training (AT) for pre-and-post graduation employment. Engaging in paid employment without the proper work authorization will result in the termination of the student's SEVIS (immigration) record. The student might also be required to leave the U.S. <p>Note: Mason School of Business and Washington Office Programs, please refer to the Business and Washington Office Programs CPT Procedures handout for additional information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see information above.