



How the U of M Defines Full Time Status for the Purposes of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS			
	Fall Term (academic term) (September to December) ¹	Winter Term (academic term) (January to April) ¹	Summer Term (optional term) (May to August) ^{1,3}
Undergraduate students	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p>	<p>Summer is not a required term. Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p>

¹ Please check with the U of M’s [academic calendar](#) for specific program dates each year.

² Voluntary withdrawals (VWs) and authorized withdrawals (AWs) do not count towards full-time status.

³ Beginning Summer 2023, Summer term is required at the College of Nursing. Effective Fall 2022, students admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing program will be required to register in a full academic term in Summer. For continuing students who were admitted prior to Fall 2022, Summer Term will remain optional.

⁴ The MBA is an exception to this rule for Masters programs for full-time status assessment – in the MBA, students must have 9+ credits per term to be assessed as full-time.



Co-Op Students	A student registered in a work term is considered to be Full Time status	A student registered in a work term is considered to be Full Time status	A student registered in a work term is considered to be Full Time status
Visiting and Special Students Enrolled at the U of M	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who have visiting/special status are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the U of M.</p>	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC , students who have visiting/special status are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the U of M.</p>	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC , students who have visiting/special status are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the U of M.</p>
Exchange Students	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, exchange students are not usually in a program of study that is six months or more in duration.</p>	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, exchange students are not usually in a program of study that is six months or more in duration.</p>	<p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, exchange students are not usually in a program of study that is six months or more in duration.</p>
English Language Centre (ELC) & Intensive Academic English Program (IAEP)	<p>Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as:</p> <p>24 hours of instruction per week, for 15 weeks</p>	<p>Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as:</p> <p>24 hours of instruction per week, for 15 weeks</p>	<p>Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as:</p> <p>24 hours of instruction per week, for 15 weeks</p>



<p>Students registered with Student Accessibility Services (SAS)</p>	<p>Please note that for students registered with Student Accessibility Services with an approved reduced course load accommodation, credit hours may vary. Visit and Accessibility Coordinator to understand more about accommodations at the U of M (This decision may also have potential IRCC implications and should be discussed with an International Centre Advisor as well before reducing your course load).</p>		
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<p>Pre-Masters students</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Masters programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Masters programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p> <p>For undergraduate programs at the U of M, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u>²</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Masters programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>
<p>Visiting or Exchange Graduate Students</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p>	<p>Full Time status at the UM is defined as 60% of the normal full load of courses for your program (students should check with an Academic Advisor to confirm this for their program)</p>



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<p>Masters⁴ and Ph.D. students</p>	<p>Masters⁴ & Ph.D. students who are participating in studies on a regular basis in an academic term and/or are registered in the academic year are considered to be full-time students. Master⁴ and Ph.D. student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. If you are registered in a Masters⁴ or PhD. program you are in an “Intensive Program” and do not have a scheduled break.</p>	<p>Masters⁴ & Ph.D. students who are participating in studies on a regular basis in an academic term and/or are registered in the academic year are considered to be full-time students. Master⁴ and Ph.D. student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. If you are registered in a Masters⁴ or PhD. program you are in an “Intensive Program” and do not have a scheduled break.</p>	<p>Masters⁴ & Ph.D. students who are participating in studies on a regular basis in an academic term and/or are registered in the academic year are considered to be full-time students. Master⁴ and Ph.D. student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. If you are registered in a Masters⁴ or PhD. program you are in an “Intensive Program” and do not have a scheduled break.</p>

NOTE: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) provides a comprehensive overview of the rules and conditions that study permit holders in Canada must follow in order to meet the conditions of their stay in Canada:

Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare-arrival/study-permit-conditions.html>