



F-1

Academic Compliance Snapshot

Maintaining Your F-1 Status at Truman State University

Maintaining F-1 status requires students to meet both federal immigration regulations and Truman State University academic policies. Before making changes to enrollment, course modality, or graduation plans, students should consult the Designated School Official (DSO) in the Office of Community Enrichment.

Full-Time Enrollment Requirement

F-1 students must maintain full-time enrollment each required fall and spring semester unless authorized for a Reduced Course Load (RCL).

<i>Student Level</i>	<i>Minimum Enrollment</i>
Undergraduate	12 credit hours
Graduate	9 credit hours (or as defined by the graduate program)

Important: Dropping below full-time enrollment without prior authorization may result in the termination of F-1 status.

Online Course Limitation

Federal regulations limit how many online credits may count toward full-time enrollment.

Fall & Spring Semesters

Only **one online course (or up to 3 credit hours)** may count toward the full-time enrollment requirement.

Final Semester

If a student only needs one course to graduate, **that course cannot be fully online.** The remaining required course must include an in-person component (face-to-face or hybrid).

Taking Courses While Outside the United States

Truman State University does not permit any students to complete coursework while residing outside of the United States.

Reduced Course Load (RCL)

A Reduced Course Load **must be authorized in SEVIS before a student drops below full-time enrollment.**

Students may qualify for an RCL under limited circumstances:

Academic Difficulties

(First academic semester only)

Medical Condition

Temporary and requires documentation from a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, or licensed clinical psychologist

Final Semester



BEFORE YOU...

Always contact the DSO **before** you:

- Drop or withdraw from a course
- Register below full-time
- Change your major
- Take a leave of absence
- Study abroad or leave the United States during the semester
- Graduate early or delay graduation
- Enroll in online-only coursework

Questions?

Please contact your Designated School Official (DSO) before making enrollment changes. Early communication is important to protect your F-1 status.