

Summer Term Enrollment Policy

The current summer term enrollment regulation is briefly described in the current catalog at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/graduation.aspx#summer>. This policy document provides the university policy that governs the application of the regulation to UF students.

BOG Regulation 6.016: Summer Session Enrollment (effective 2011-12)

“All students entering a university in the State University System with fewer than 60 semester hours credit shall be required to earn at least 9 semester hours prior to graduation by attendance at one or more summer sessions. University presidents or their designees may waive the application of this regulation in cases of unusual hardship to the individual.”

Students entering an SUS institution between Summer B 2002 and Summer B 2011 are exempt from the above requirement under the following condition: they have earned nine hours of credit from accelerated mechanisms, such as the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or approved dual enrollment programs.

Only courses taken during Summer terms at an SUS institution in Florida can be used to satisfy the requirement. Courses taken at public two or four-year state colleges do not apply to the requirement.

Application to UF Students

Only UF students entering *with fewer than 60 credit hours* have to meet the summer term requirement. If an entering student transfers 60 or more credit hours into UF (regardless of whether or not that they are AA transfers), they do not need to satisfy the summer requirement, that is, they are not required to take summer courses in order to graduate from UF.

UF students who earn six (6) credits through UF-sponsored, UF-exchange, or approved SUS study-abroad programs during one or two summer terms while enrolled at UF, completely satisfy the requirement. In addition, credits earned through any of the study-abroad programs approved by UF during a summer term counts toward satisfaction of the summer term enrollment requirement.

Exemptions

The following students are exempt from this requirement.

1. Upper division students in the Nursing (BSN) program do not need to satisfy the summer requirement. Pre-nursing students do not fall under this exemption.
2. Students with 4ED status in the Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education major who will enroll in the graduate program the next semester are exempt.
3. Students admitted into Innovation Academy.

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Eligibility for Waivers

4. In general, only students who have completed 75 credits at UF will be eligible for applying for a waiver.
5. A student may obtain a waiver for all or part of the requirement, that is, for any portion of the 9 credits required by the regulation.
6. Students may petition to waive the summer enrollment requirement due to reasons of financial hardship, academic reasons or other extenuating circumstances.
7. Lack of Bright Futures scholarship money in the summer is not considered 'financial hardship' as all Florida students meet that condition.
8. The summer enrollment requirement may be waived for students who have completed a substantial internship or comparable professional development training during one or more summers in which they are enrolled at UF.

Requirements for Waivers

9. Students may obtain a waiver of the Summer Session Enrollment regulation by submitting a petition to the Student Petitions Committee.
10. Petitions for waivers must include a personal statement, a statement from the student's college that indicates their position on the petition, and other supporting documentation.
11. Petitions for reasons of financial hardship are only considered for students who have a current FAFSA on file with the Office for Student Financial Affairs.
12. Petitions based on summer internships or other professional development activities must include appropriate documentation of work dates, responsibilities, and location.