

How the University of Manitoba (UM) Defines Full Time Status for the Purposes of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Information in this document may change without notice. Readers should always check with the UM [Academic Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS			
	Fall Term (academic term) (September to December)	Winter Term (academic term) (January to April)	Summer Term (optional term) (May to August)
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 UM, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u></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 UM, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u></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 UM, this is a minimum of 9 credit hours <u>taken and completed</u></p>
Co-op Students	A student registered in a work term is considered to have Full Time status	A student registered in a work term is considered to have Full Time status	A student registered in a work term is considered to have Full Time status

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- Please check with the UM's [academic calendar](#) for specific program dates each year.
- Voluntary withdrawals (VWs) and authorized withdrawals (AWs) do not count towards full-time status.
- 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.

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Visiting and Special Students Enrolled at the UM	<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 UM.</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 UM.</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 UM.</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>

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English Language Centre (ELC) & Intensive Academic English Program (IAEP)	Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as: 14 instructional weeks with 24 hours of instruction per week	Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as: 14 instructional weeks with 24 hours of instruction per week	Full Time status at the ELC & IAEP is defined as: 14 instructional weeks with 24 hours of instruction per week
Students Registered with Student Accessibility Services (SAS)	Please note that for students with disabilities who are registered with Student Accessibility Services with an approved reduced course load accommodation, credit hours may vary. Consult with an Accessibility Coordinator to understand more about accommodations at the UM (This decision may also have potential IRCC implications and should be discussed with an International Student Advisor as well before reducing your course load).		

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- Please contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) if you wish to set up an appointment with an Accessibility Coordinator.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Pre-Master's Students	<p>The re-registration requirement in each academic term does not apply to Pre-Master's students</p> <p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate Students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Master's programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>	<p>The re-registration requirement in each academic term does not apply to Pre-Master's students</p> <p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate Students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Master's programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>	<p>The re-registration requirement in each academic term does not apply to Pre-Master's students</p> <p>Same Full Time status definition as 'Undergraduate Students'</p> <p>Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, students who are in Pre-Master's programs are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.</p>
Master's and Ph.D. Students	<p>Graduate students are admitted as full-time students automatically for all programs. Graduate student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. All students must re-register in all Fall, Winter and Summer terms of their program until a student is eligible to graduate. IRCC considers this to be an "intensive program" for immigration purposes.</p>	<p>Graduate students are admitted as full-time students automatically for all programs. Graduate student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. All students must re-register in all Fall, Winter and Summer terms of their program until a student is eligible to graduate. IRCC considers this to be an "intensive program" for immigration purposes.</p>	<p>Graduate students are admitted as full-time students automatically for all programs. Graduate student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. All students must re-register in all Fall, Winter and Summer terms of their program until a student is eligible to graduate. IRCC considers this to be an "intensive program" for immigration purposes.</p>

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- The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the exception to this rule for Master's programs for full-time status assessment. MPA students must have 9+ credits per term to be assessed as full-time.
- For continuing MBA students who were admitted prior to Fall 2025, enrollment in a minimum of 9 credit hours per term will continue to be required to maintain full-time status.

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Visiting or Exchange Graduate Students	Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, Visiting and Exchange Graduate students are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the UM.	Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, Visiting and Exchange Graduate students are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the UM.	Please note that for the purposes of reporting to IRCC, Visiting and Exchange Graduate students are not in programs that lead to a degree, diploma or certificate at the UM.

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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>