

F-2 VISA STUDY OPTIONS

Effective May 29, 2015, F-2 adult dependents of F-1 students studying in the United States may now study in degree and non-degree academic programs in the U.S. An F-2 spouse or F-2 child **may enroll in less than a full course of study**, as defined in 8 CFR [214.2\(f\)\(6\)\(i\)\(A\)-\(D\)](#) in any course of study or program at a SEVP-certified college or university.

As always, F-2 dependents may study full-time in elementary through high school without any additional authorization needed. The new regulation did not change requirements regarding employment; people in F-2 status are not allowed to work in the US.

Oregon State University defines full-time and part-time courses of study according to definitions used by the Registrar's office and Business Affairs. Less than full-time enrollment is defined in the following ways:

- Undergraduate Degree –11 credits or less per term
- Graduate Degree - 8 credits or less per term (Assistantships require full-time enrollment and may be considered employment, and thus are not allowed for F-2 students)
- INTO OSU General English- No more than 9 credits per session
- INTO OSU Academic English- No more than 9 credits per term
- Non-degree (undergraduate level) - 11 credits or less per term
- Non-degree (graduate level) – 8 credits or less per term

At this time INTO OSU Study Abroad with English (SAWE) and Undergraduate and Graduate Pathway programs are not available part-time, and therefore F-2 students are not eligible to enroll in these programs. Transitional Admission Program students should contact the Graduate school for more information. Please send questions to graduate.admissions@oregonstate.edu.

Any F-2 student admitted to Oregon State University will have a registration hold on their accounts preventing them from registering for a full course of study. Should a student in F-2 status wish to enroll in a full-time course of study, they must change their status to F-1. A full-time course of study as an F-2 student is considered a violation of immigration status.

Estimated Program prices can be found via the links below:

- Undergraduate and INTO OSU: <http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/international/prices-dates/program-prices>
- Graduate school (see non-resident costs): http://financialaid.oregonstate.edu/review_costofattendance

To learn more about this rule or how someone can change from F-2 to F-1 status, please contact the Office of International Services at 541-737-6310 or ois.student@oregonstate.edu to speak with an advisor.