



Reduced Course Load Form

Family/Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Kernel ID Number: _____
First Semester at: _____	SEVIS Number: _____
Telephone Number: _____	Degree Objective: ☐ Bach ☐ Master ☐ Doc ☐ Other: _____
Field of Study: _____	Current Status: ☐ F-1 ☐ J-1 ☐ Other: _____
Expected Graduation: _____	Email Address: _____
Local U.S. Address: _____	

Federal regulations require F-1 and J-1 students to **ENROLL** in and **COMPLETE** a [full course](#) of study each required academic term in order to maintain valid nonimmigrant student status. F-1 and J-1 students who are unable to enroll full time must submit a Reduced Course Load (RCL) Form to the DOS for review and approval.

RCL REQUEST DEADLINE: First day of the semester, unless otherwise approved by the DSO.

NOTE: Submission of the Reduced Course Load (RCL) Form to the Designated School Official (DSO) does not automatically constitute approval. If additional information is required, the DSO will contact the student and/or academic advisor for clarification.

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Please select the appropriate reason for the RCL from one of the following categories.

Category 1: Final Semester

This reason may be used only during the student's final semester when fewer courses are required to complete the program.

☐ The student needs _____ units in order to graduate at the end of this semester.

Category 2: Medical Reasons

A letter from a licensed medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or licensed clinical psychologist is required.

☐ Illness or other medical conditions (physical/mental)

Category 3: Academic Difficulties—select one of the following reasons.

NOTE: Students must remain enrolled in at least one-half of the credit hours required for a full course of study.

These reasons can be used only once per degree level. An RCL based on academic difficulties may be authorized only once per program level and only during the student's initial academic term

☐ Initial difficulties with reading requirements—May be used during the initial academic term only

☐ Initial difficulties with the English language—May be used during the initial academic term only

☐ Unfamiliarity with U.S. teaching methods—May be used during the initial academic term only

☐ Improper course-level placement

RCL Semester/Year Requested: _____

Number of Units the Student will Enroll In: _____

As the academic advisor for this student, I recommend approval of the reduced course load indicated above.

Academic Advisor(Print Name)

Signature

Date