

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Plan of Study for International students

International students are able to utilize a term for internship, better aligning the graduate program with the University's mission. The on-campus programs operate on a calendar similar to a conventional quarter system: Fall, Winter, and Spring terms are "regular" academic terms during which students normally enroll full-time, and the Summer term is optional.

Many variations of this plan are possible, both with or without thesis. In particular, students may begin the program in any term, not just Fall. However, international students are required to complete two academic terms to be eligible for a non-study/internship term. This works perfectly for students that start in Fall or Winter. If an international student starts in Spring term, they will not be able to take an internship their first summer term. They may forego the non-study/internship term or apply to have their non-study/internship term changed to a regular academic term. For an international student, only one non-study/internship term is allowed during the plan of study.

The non-study/internship term offers the opportunity for the student to work in an internship at a related industry, work on-campus, travel, or optionally register in further coursework.

Please refer to specific program information as you develop your plan of study. Note that the CE and EE concentrations, in the MS Engineering program, require a masters thesis which is non-credit bearing. However, in the other MS Engineering concentrations the masters thesis is optional and carries eight (8) credit hours.

Note that eight (8) credit hours constitutes full time for financial support, and visa requirements. Students may elect to carry a higher course load. While some students prefer to take one class at a time, this may create issues with financial support or visa status.

Students enrolling in the on-campus MBA, MS in Engineering Management, or MS in Operations Management, may have prerequisite courses that will lengthen the plan of study.

Example Plan of Study without Thesis:

Classification	Code	Earned Hours
First Year	Fall	8 credits coursework
	Winter	8 credits coursework
	Spring	8 credits coursework
	Summer	Non-Study / Internship term
Second Year	Fall	8 credits coursework
	Winter	8 credits coursework

Example Plan of Study with Thesis:

Classification	Code	Earned Hours
First Year	Fall	8 credits coursework
	Winter	8 credits coursework
	Spring	8 credits coursework
	Summer	Non-Study / Internship term
Second Year	Fall	8 credits coursework

	Winter	8 credits coursework + thesis 1
	Spring	Thesis defense and submission

Example Plan of Study without Thesis, taking summer classes:

Classification	Code	Earned Hours
First Year	Fall	8 credits coursework
	Winter	8 credits coursework
	Spring	8 credits coursework
	Summer	8 credits coursework
Second Year	Fall	8 credits coursework