



**Middle Georgia
State University**

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REDUCED COURSE LOAD

Middle Georgia State University international students must maintain a full course load of study while in the US for F-1 Visa compliance. USCIS requires 12+ credit hours each semester for undergraduates, 9+ of those hours required with face-to-face or “hybrid” instruction. Graduate international students must maintain 9+ total and 6+ of the total with face-to-face or “hybrid” coding.

Approvable Exceptions for Reduced Course Load: ACADEMIC AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS ONLY

Academic Exceptions

- Improper course placement
- Initial difficulty with the English reading and language requirements (first semester only)
- Final semester

Medical Condition Exceptions

- Medical condition approval must be submitted before the start of each semester.
- Medical Condition exceptions are not authorized beyond two consecutive semesters.
 - Students must submit a US-based physician's letter, justifying why the student needs DSO/USCIS approval for RCL.
 - Medical must be on the physician's official letterhead; with an original signature.

Student Name:

MGA ID:

RCL Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

(up to 12 months.) (Check One) **Medical** **Academic**

Student's Expected Graduation Date (last day of final semester) MM/DD/YYYY:

If selected “Medical” post the required physician's letter on document imaging system.

If selected “Academic” final semester, student must file graduation application for final semester.