

SPRING SEMESTER APPLICANTS ANNUAL VACATION STATEMENT

An annual vacation is an authorized break in a student's studies that is taken once per academic year and lasts one term. F-1 students are eligible to take an annual vacation after completing their academic year requirement. An academic year is defined as 30 instructional weeks and completion of 24 credit hours. (<u>Study in the States</u>)

The following information applies to all students who enter the U.S. on an F-1 student visa <u>for the first time</u> for the Spring semester (January – May)

Because students who begin study on their F-1 visa in the Spring semester will have only completed 15 weeks of the required 30 weeks of study, they are **not** eligible for an annual vacation for the entire summer (June to August).

REQUIRED SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate students who begin their F-1 visa status in January are required to enroll in at least 6 credit hours over a duration of 10 weeks in the summer term and enroll in the following Fall semester. At least 3 of the credit hours in the summer must be taken in person (traditional/hybrid class).

Graduate students who begin their F-1 visa status in January are required to enroll in 3-6 credits hours (depending upon program) in the summer and enroll in the following Fall semester. At least 3 of the credit hours in the summer must be taken in person (traditional/hybrid class).

By signing below, I understand that I will be required to enroll in the appropriate number of credit hours on campus in the first summer I am studying at UCA. Failure to do so will result in termination of my immigration record.

FULL NAME: SIGNATURE: DATE:

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