

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT CENTER

F-1 Regulatory and Academic Standards Agreement, Ph.D. Counseling

Students in the Ph.D. Counseling program are required to complete courses that include 1-week on-campus “intensives.” International students enrolled in this program are required to enter or be in the U.S. on an F-1 Student Visa to complete these intensives.

Because of the particularly high academic standards, international students admitted to this program will receive a SEVIS I-20 valid for six (6) months at a time. Students who have met the requirements outlined below will be eligible for a “program extension” of their I-20 for another 6 months. Students who fail to meet the standards outlined below will not have their program extended and will be required to leave the U.S. or transfer to another school.

1. Ph.D. Counseling students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours every 6 month “term.” The dates of the Spring Term are January 1 through June 30. The dates of the Fall Term are July 1 through December 31. The only exception to the 6 credit hour requirement is when a student is enrolled in a Practicum, Internship or Thesis course for a given 6 month term. Students enrolled in a Practicum, Internship, or Thesis course will be considered enrolled “full-time” for SEVIS purposes.
2. Ph.D. Counseling students must complete four “core courses” in the first two terms and pass a Qualifying Examination (QE) in order to proceed in the program. Until a student passes the QE, a program extension in SEVIS will not be given. Students who do not pass the QE on the second attempt will be dismissed from the program.
3. Progression through the Ph.D. Counseling program requires students to earn a grade of a B or higher in every class. Students who earn a C must repeat the course before being allowed to proceed. If this requires a student to drop below full-time status, the student will be out of status and may not be given a program extension. Such a student will be required to depart the U.S. or apply for reinstatement.
4. The Counseling program may cancel any intensive that does not have the minimum number of enrolled students. Cancellations may result in a student being unable to maintain full-time enrollment for a given term. Students who are unable to enroll full time will be out of status and must either depart the U.S. or apply for reinstatement.
5. The Ph.D. program requires advanced graduate level academic performance, including mastery of the English language both verbally and in written form. By accepting admittance into this program, international students understand that the rigorous academic standards outlined in the Ph.D. Handbook are implemented for all students in the program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I must comply with the requirements outlined above in order to maintain status and to be given a regular Program Extension on SEVIS. I understand that the Counseling Department may not be able to provide at least 6 semester hours of coursework per term in certain circumstances and that it is my responsibility, to make every effort to plan my program accordingly. I understand that if I am unable to maintain status for any reason, my I20 will be terminated or completed and I will be required to either transfer to another SEVIS school, depart the U.S. to return on a new I20, or apply for reinstatement.

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____