



International students, by definition, are nationals of a country other than the U.S. who are here to pursue a course of study. A stipulation in the student visa regulations is that international students must be enrolled full-time to maintain their lawful presence. The question has been raised about whether or not it is equitable to allow GAs to maintain their student visa status while enrolled in just 6 hours when there are many others without assistantships who are required to enroll in 9 hours and also work 20 hours per week.

International Education and Services is looking into making it a requirement for international GAs to be enrolled in 9 credit hours to maintain their status. But we want to make sure we understand the impact such a decision might have on departments.

Next meeting of Graduate Council: September 19, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m. in the UC Redhawks Room.

Meeting adjourned.