

MIGRATION LAW AND YOUR STUDY

Migration laws limit some of your study options. When making decisions about your study you must consider your visa obligations and the ESOS legislation. Staff members can assist you, but you are responsible for meeting visa requirements.

This checklist is a summary of the important points that relate to most students. It does not cover all requirements or apply to every student's individual situation. For comprehensive information you need to consult your visa conditions or the ESOS legislation directly.

MEETING YOUR VISA AND ESOS OBLIGATIONS

CONTACT DETAILS

- update your contact details on Access Adelaide within 7 days of changing address or phone number

ENROLMENT

- enrol promptly during the online enrolment period
- be enrolled in at least one course every semester that you are in Australia that is not via online or distance education
- complete your studies within the duration specified in your CoE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- can apply for up to 12 months leave according to the University's Student Leave of Absence Policy
- DIAC only supports leave for up to **6 months** and in **exceptional medical or compassionate** circumstances
- If you take leave for longer than 6 months or on other grounds you may have your visa cancelled

WITHDRAWING

- you can withdraw from your studies by completing a Discontinuation of Studies Form. You must also drop all your courses through Access Adelaide or you will pay tuition fees for them
- please talk to an International Student Adviser before deciding whether to enrol

100% STUDY LOAD

- if you don't maintain a 100% study load you might not complete your program within the duration specified in your CoE
- if you don't complete your program within the duration specified in your CoE, your visa can only be extended as a result of:
 - compassionate or compelling circumstances e.g. illness supported by a medical certificate stating that you were unable to attend classes
 - the University implementing an academic intervention strategy because you were at risk of not making satisfactory academic progress
 - you were granted an approved deferment or suspension of studies

PART-TIME STUDY

- you must be enrolled in at least one course per semester and this must not be via online or distance education
- if you choose to enrol less than full-time during a semester, you must take extra courses in another study period, such as summer school, to ensure that you will complete within the duration as specified in your CoE

ONLINE, DISTANCE AND CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

- you can do cross-institutional study if your faculty approves it
- you can undertake a maximum of 25% of your program by online or distance education if it is allowed under the program rules

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- your academic results will be monitored according to the University's Review of Academic Progress Policy
- if you don't meet your Faculty's definition of satisfactory academic progress you could be precluded

MORE INFORMATION ON VISA AND ESOS REQUIREMENTS

- is available in your Orientation Handbook, and
- the University's ESOS website <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/esos/student/faq/>

IF YOU BREACH VISA OR ESOS OBLIGATIONS

- If you are precluded from your studies, do not enrol, enrol part-time, withdraw, or take unauthorised leave, you breach your visa and ESOS requirements, and must leave Australia within 28 days. The University will report your situation to DIAC, and you are likely to have your visa cancelled
- If you stay in Australia you may be detained and removed, and stopped from holding a student visa for 3 years.

OTHER POINTS TO REMEMBER

HELP IS AVAILABLE

- the University provides personal and academic counsellors, employment, careers, health and dental services, disability support, accommodation services and child care, program advisers and student advocates
- you can contact any of these services directly, or talk to the ISC if you need some specialised support

SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

- you can complain or make suggestions about any academic, administrative or support services through the Students Complaints Policy

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION

- you can't transfer to another institution within 6 months of starting your studies here, unless there are exceptional circumstances

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE PROGRAM

- you can transfer to another program offered here any time, if you meet its entry requirements. You will have to wait to start the new program until the next semester if you miss more than 2 weeks of classes