During the first week of school, many of you have probably received alerts stating that you are under enrolled for having less than 12 credits. This even caused worry and near heart attacks for some. However, this alert deals with a new policy that we will be enforcing thoroughly as it is beneficial in helping you maintain your immigration status and decreasing the risk of future hindrances. This new policy is of importance to both new and current students so please read on.

As you should be aware, international students are required to take at least 12 credits during their on track semesters. In addition, no more than one class or three credits of online coursework can be counted towards the 12 credits. However, we highly recommend that students take as many in-class classes as possible. We have modified the way alerts are sent out to warn you when you do not meet the requirements above. If you received the alert, it was because your total credit count was less than 12 credits.

There are however, exceptions to this 12 credit rule. The exceptions are as follows:

- If this is your last semester and you will be completing your program of study at the end of this semester, including any internships.
- You have applied for and been approved for a reduced course load authorization (See International Services if you have any questions).
- You are taking at least 6 credits of coursework in regular classes and are submitting assignments such as midterms, finals, and other major assignments from the testing center. You will need to check into the testing center and use the available computers there to submit your major assignments and tests.
- You are on a required internship, student teaching or practicum that limits your ability to take 12 credits for the semester. It must be

Upcoming Events

**New Student Orientation**
For Incoming Freshman and Transfer Students.
Thursday, October 3rd
2:00-3:00 pm Benson 219

**Halloween Party**
October 25th, Kirkham

**Immigration Law Presentation with lawyer Kim Buhler**
Thursday, November 21st
MC 127C
2:00-3:00 pm

Announcements

**WE ARE MOVING!!!!**

On October 4th, the International Services Office will be moving to the Manwaring Center. We will send out mass emails about our location soon.

To all incoming freshman and transfer students, if you haven't checked in with the International Services, please make sure to do so.

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**Spotlight**

**Name:** Mateus Elnour  
**Country:** Brazil  
**Status:** A Junior majoring in International Studies at BYU-Idaho  
**Favourite Dessert:** Lemon Pie  
**Hobbies:** eating and going to the movies  
**International Services:** “What do you want students to know about Brazil?”  
**Mateus:** “Brazil is not only about the Carnival. It’s only a week.”  
**International Services:** “What advice do you have for international students coming to BYU-I?”  
**Mateus:** “Come with money. I’m not talking about money to spend it but to survive.”