

3-Week Interim Changes Q&A

Beginning with the fall 2021 semester, UWO's 3-week interims will be removed from the fall and spring semesters and become separate terms. During the three-week sessions, students often took 3 to 4 credits and applied those credits to achieve full-time status for the semester. Separating the interims from the regular semester means: to be considered fulltime, undergraduate students must take at least 12 credits in the 14-week semester (graduate students 9 credits without a graduate assistantship/6 credits with a graduate assistantship).

The new interims will be called J-Term (previous January interim) and May-Term (previous May interim).

Registration/Graduation

Q. How many credits can I take in the 14-week semester?

A. To be considered a fulltime student, students must take at least 12 credits in the 14-week term if you are an undergraduate student (graduate students 9 credits without a graduate assistantship/6 credits with a graduate assistantship). Undergraduate students can take 12-18 credits and be in the tuition plateau.

Q. How many credits can I take in the J-Term/May-Term?

A. Students can take three credits (four credits if the class is a 4-credit course) without an appeal. Any request to take more than 3-4 credits must be approved by your academic advisor.

Q. How will I register for the J-Term/May-Term?

A. Students will register for the 3-week J-Term at the same time registration opens for fall semester enrollment and for the 3-week May-Term at the same time registration opens for spring semester. Since these are separate terms, students will register for the 14-week and 3-week terms separately.

Q. How will this change affect graduation dates?

A. There will now be a December and May conferral date in addition to the current January, June and August conferral dates. Commencement ceremonies will not change. Students with the December and January conferral dates can attend the December commencement ceremony and students with a May, June and August conferral date can attend the May commencement ceremony.

Q. Will the J-term and May-term be billed separately and cost additional tuition and fees?

A. Yes, there is no plateau for the J-Term and May-Term. Students will be billed for these terms separately and in the majority of cases, no financial aid will post for the J-Term and May-term. Please check tuition rates and make a plan to pay for your J-Term and May-Term classes.

Q. What if I am a student-athlete?

A. A student-athlete must maintain full-time status for the semester so a minimum of 12-credits must be taken in the 14-week semester.

Q. When must a student-athlete be registered for the next 14-week semester?

A. A student-athlete must be registered for the next 14-week semester before the last day of the current semester to be eligible for practices and/or competitions occurring during a break.

Q. What if I am an international student or study away student?

A. See section below that specifically addresses international students and study-away students.

Financial Aid

Q. Will my financial aid be applied to the J-Term/May-Term?

A. Students will receive financial aid based on the 14-week term enrollment. If students are Pell eligible and are not fulltime during the 14-week term, they may be eligible to receive Pell funds for the J/May terms. The additional funds would disburse after the interim census date.

Q. Will financial aid be available for a J-Term/May-Term?

A. If you were fulltime in the fall or spring term, you would have received all of your aid during those enrollment periods. Therefore, you would not have any remaining financial aid.

Q. If I am enrolled part-time during the fall term, may I get financial aid for the J-Term/May-Term?

A. If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you may be eligible for a small Federal Pell Grant. This is the only type of assistance available to a student in this enrollment situation.

Q. How do I pay for the J-Term if I do not receive financial aid for it?

A. Students who receive a financial aid refund in the previous term are encouraged to set aside a portion of that refund to assist in paying for a course taken during the J-Term.

Residence Life and Meal Plans

Q. If I live in the residence halls during the fall or spring semester, do I need to pay extra to live in the residence halls during the J-Term or May-Term?

A. No, you do not need to pay extra to live in the halls during the J-Term or May-Term. If you are taking a 3-week class or just need to stay on campus during this time for a job or other reasons, you do not need to pay extra to stay in your residence hall room. During the spring May-Term, we may ask students to move into a different hall/room due to an upcoming construction or maintenance project, but you will not be charged extra to live in the halls. If you have additional questions, please email housing@uwosh.edu

Q. I have a meal plan, do I need to get another one to cover the J-Term or May-Term?

A. No, if you are already on a Fall or Spring meal plan, you do not need to purchase an additional plan. The Fall Meal Plan includes the ability to use it during the J-Term. The Spring Meal Plan includes the ability to use it during the May-Term. All meals must be used by the last day of each interim period.

Q. Does this change Titan Dollars rolling from Fall to Spring term as they have in the past?

A. There is no change to Titan Dollars processes. Your Titan Dollars balances will roll from Fall to Spring term, but you must use them before the end of the May-Term each year.

Q. What if I move to campus during the J-Term or May-Term to start classes at UW?

A. The meal plan you select will be prorated for these 3-week sessions. The Dining Office (dining@uwosh.edu) can answer questions from students moving to campus during the J-Term or May-Term.

Q. What if I am on an Ultimate Plan and use all my meals before the end of the term?

A. You can add additional meals and/or Titan Dollars to your account. Information can be found on the Dining website under Meal Plans.

Q. What dining locations will be open during the J-Term and May-Term?

A. Across campus, there will be a variety of locations open to use a meal plan or Titan Dollars. Hours of service adjust slightly each J/May term due to fewer students on campus during these times. Hours of service can be found on the Dining website. Students on a meal plan also receive regular emails with information and updates about on-campus dining.

International Students and Study Away Students

Q. How will this change impact Study Abroad (non-exchange)?

A. Students who participate in a study abroad, non-exchange program that runs over J-term or May term will not be charged tuition and fees in addition to fees that cover program expenses. UWSA Policy requires that study abroad programs run on a cost recovery model.

Q. How will this impact Study Away?

A. Students who participate in a domestic, non-exchange program that runs over a J-term or May term will be charged tuition and fees in addition to fees that cover program expenses. This will increase the fees for students who participate in a domestic, non-exchange, study away program by the amount of tuition and fees associated with the number of credits offered by the program.

Q. Is financial aid available to eligible students for study abroad/away during the J-Term and May Term?

A. Students will be able to apply for financial aid to participate in programs that occur over the J-term and May term.

Q. How does the separation affect graduation for students on a study abroad or study away program?

A. See below for different scenarios. Please contact the Office of International Education for more information.

- Students who intend to graduate at the end of a semester abroad program must select a graduation date that occurs either 1) after the program abroad has officially ended and after course transfer from the host institution to UWO is complete, if course enrollment occurs only at the host institution, or 2) after grades are recorded in UWO TitanWeb, if course enrollment occurs only at UWO or at both UWO and the host institution.
- Students who intend to graduate at the end of a May term study abroad or study away program must select either 1) the June graduation date or 2) the summer graduation date, if the end date of at least one of their courses associated with the program falls after the May term graduation date.
- Students who intend to graduate at the end of a J-term study abroad or study away program must select the J-term graduation date and, if the end date of at least one of their courses associated with the program falls after the J-term graduation date, the OIE must apply for an extension to the graduation deadline on behalf of the student.

- Students who intend to graduate at the end of a summer study abroad or study away program must select the summer graduation date and, if the end date of at least one of their courses associated with the program falls after the summer graduation date, the OIE must apply for an extension to the graduation deadline on behalf of the student.

Q. How will this change impact students studying at UWO on student visas (F-1/J-1)?

A. See details below.

Minimum Course Enrollment (F-1/J-1 status)

- Undergraduate students studying on student visas must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits over the 14-week fall and spring semesters to maintain their immigration status.
- Graduate students studying on student visas who do not have a graduate assistantship must be enrolled in a minimum of nine credits over the 14-week fall and spring semesters to maintain their immigration status.
- Graduate students studying on student visas who have a graduate assistantship must be enrolled in a minimum of six credits over the 14-week fall and spring semesters to maintain their immigration status.

Graduation Followed by Departure from the U.S. (F-1 status only)

- Students whose official graduation date is the last day of the 14-week semester will have 60 days to depart the U.S. The 60 days begins on the day after the final class day of the 14-week semester.
- Students whose official graduation date is the last day of the 3-week J-term or May term must make sure that the Program End Date on their form I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term.
 - If the Program End Date on your I-20 is not the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term, you must contact your immigration advisor to request a Program Extension.
 - If the Program End Date on your I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term, you will have 60 days to depart the U.S. Your 60 days begins on the day after the final class day of the 3-week J-term or May term.

Graduation Followed by Optional Practical Training (OPT) (F-1 status only)

- Students who plan to complete post-graduation OPT and whose official graduation date is the last day of the 14-week semester must submit an application to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) no sooner than 90 days before, and no later than 60 days after, the official graduation date for the 14-week semester.
- Students who plan to complete post-graduation OPT and whose official graduation date is the last day of the 3-week J-term or May term must make sure that the Program End Date on their form I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term.

- If the Program End Date on your I-20 is not the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term, you must contact your immigration advisor to request a Program Extension.
- If the Program End Date on your I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term, you must submit an application to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) no sooner than 90 days before, and no later than 60 days after, the official graduation date for the 3-week J-term or May term.

SEVIS Record Transfer Out of UW Oshkosh (prior to or upon graduation) (F-1 status only)

- Students who plan to transfer their SEVIS record from UW Oshkosh to another U.S. institution after the 14-week semester will have 60 days to transfer their SEVIS record to a new school or to depart the U.S. The 60 days begins on the day after the final class day of the 14-week semester.
- Students who plan to complete a 3-week J-term or May term course before transferring their SEVIS record from UW Oshkosh to another U.S. institution must make sure that the Program End Date on their form I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term.
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 - If the Program End Date on your I-20 is the same as or later than the final class day of the J-term or May-term, you will have 60 days to transfer your SEVIS record to a new school or to depart the U.S. The 60 days begins on the day after the final class day of the 3-week J-term or May term.