



## Correction Semester (For Graduate/PhD thesis students only)

### What is a correction semester?

A correction semester is only available for graduate students in a thesis program to accommodate for thesis corrections after a defense has been submitted. It allows the student to be at zero (0) credit and maintain an active F-1 status and must follow a student’s defense semester. A student must have been registered as a full time student during their defense semester and there cannot be a break between the semester they defended and the correction semester.

For example:

Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Fall Semester
- Enrolled full time & Defense  *Full time: 3 credits of thesis or 9 credits of classes	- Correction semester - Enroll in zero (0) credits - Program end date on I-20 will be last day of summer semester	You should be: i. on OPT, ii. Enrolled in a new degree program, iii. Have returned home, or iv. Have applied for a Change of Status

If you are registered for zero (0) credits, you will not have access to school resources. If you need limited access to school resources, please discuss with your academic department. You must notify International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) within the first 15 days of the semester of your intent to take a correction semester.

\*If you are an undergraduate or non-thesis graduate student, please refer to the “Last Semester” policy from [www.ic.utah.edu](http://www.ic.utah.edu). You may not be at zero (0) credit for your last semester.

### How do I apply for a correction semester?

To request a correction semester, please complete a “Last Semester Notification” E-Form using the iStart link  found at [www.ic.utah.edu](http://www.ic.utah.edu). A new I-20 will be issued authorizing your correction semester. Your program end date will be the last day of the semester.

### Can I do CPT during my correction semester?

No, you will not be authorized for CPT or any kind of off-campus employment in your correction semester. Please contact ISSS if you have any questions.

### Can I start working on OPT during my correction semester?

No, you cannot start your OPT before the program end date on your I-20. However, you can start your OPT application. Please refer to the Post-Completion OPT policy guide on [www.ic.utah.edu](http://www.ic.utah.edu) for more information.

### Can I work on-campus during my correction semester?

You may be able to work under some circumstances. Please check with your on-campus employer as they may require students to be enrolled in classes. If you are offered a position, you are only allowed to work part time (20 hours or less per week).