

Semesters, Course Loads and Credits at ICU for Duke Students Effective for the 2019-2020 academic year

TERMS DUKE STUDENTS MAY DO STUDY ABROAD AT ICU

- Fall only
- Academic Year

Spring only: NOT ALLOWED

(students who go for the fall and wish to extend for a full year will be considered on a case-by-case basis)

FULL TIME COURSE LOAD AT ICU

FALL: 15-16 ICU credits (this should be 5-6 classes)

FULL YEAR: total of 36 credits for the year, spread out over the 3 ICU terms (1 fall term + 2 ICU terms during what Duke considers to be spring)

- Recommended: 12 ICU credits per term when there for a full year
- Absolute Minimum: 9 ICU credits per term (students must take and pass 36 credits over the full year)
- If a student plans to attend for a full year but returns to Duke after only the fall term, that student will not receive 4 Transfer Credits to Duke unless s/he has been enrolled in 15-16 ICU credits (12 ICU credits would confer 3 Duke TR credits)

The maximum number of transfer credits that a Duke student will receive is: 4 per Duke semester, and 8 per academic year. It helps to separate classes from credits when thinking about what you transfer to Duke – please see the information re a full time course load on the GEO website (https://globaled.duke.edu/academics/course_load), or make an appointment with Carolyn Covalt to discuss this (<https://globaled.duke.edu/advising>)

ALL students are REQUIRED to take a Japanese class, or a class taught in Japanese.

- FALL: all fall semester only students must take one Japanese class
- FULL YEAR: over the course of the 3 ICU terms, students must take a minimum of 2 Japanese classes – taking more is allowed if the student chooses.

IMPORTANT NOTES RE: ICU CLASSES AND FULL TIME LOAD

- A full time load may be a combination of 2 and 3 credit classes at ICU
 - 2 credit classes meet 140 minutes/ week (2, 70-minute classes / week)
 - 3 credit classes meet 210 minutes/ week (3, 70-minute classes/ week)
- Each class should transfer back to Duke for 1 Duke credit
- Intensive Japanese language classes, especially those at a higher level, will be evaluated by AMES and may, in some cases, confer more than 1 Duke credit, but they would need to have a weight of at least 6 ICU credits
- Note that *many classes are taught in Japanese* and students must carefully select classes appropriate to their level of Japanese
- 1-credit HPE (Health & Physical Education) classes – frequently in Japanese dance or music practice – may be taken, but may NOT count towards the full time load/ be a part of the 15-16 credit hour load – if students take these, they will be doing so just for fun.

All existing Duke and GEO policies re: course approvals and required grades still apply:

<https://globaled.duke.edu/academics>