

2025-2026 On-Campus Employment during Official UF Breaks

F-1 International Students & J-1 Exchange Visitors

Breaks: Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, and Summer breaks when classes are not in session at UF.
Official UF Calendar: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/2025-2026/>



EMPLOYMENT

The regulations of the Department of Homeland Security/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS) and the Department of State (DOS) limit employment/training, etc. opportunities for [international students \(F visa\)](#) & [visitors \(J visa\)](#).

F-1* students and J-1** visitors who are maintaining status may work part-time on campus while classes are in session. "Part-time" means 20 hours or less per pay week (Friday-Thursday for UF; *the UF Welcome Center Bookstore and Chartwells Florida Fresh may have a different work week from UF, therefore, please verify/confirm the work week with employer prior to starting employment*). **The 20-hour weekly restriction is cumulative of all on-campus employment! Aggregate FTE must not exceed 0.50.**

* **F-1** students do not need specific authorization to work on-campus; it is automatically allowed within F-1 regulations up to 20 hours/week.

** **J-1** visitors need written authorization from their Exchange Visitor Advisor (Responsible Officer) prior to being able to work on campus.

NOTE: *All off-campus employment/training, etc., whether paid or unpaid/volunteer, optional/required, for both F-1 and J-1, is strictly prohibited without first applying for and receiving specific written authorization on the student's I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) or application to USCIS resulting in an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). "Remote" does not equate to acceptable "on-campus" employment.*

Questions? Please contact the appropriate [F-1 Advisor](#) or [J-1 Advisor](#).

- All dates are in MONTH/DAY/YEAR order.
 - Dates subject to change if the official UF calendar changes and affects when classes are in session.
 - Working over 20 hours per week during the dates allowed will not affect the F-1/J-1 international student's status.
 - This document is updated by late October/early November each year, for the Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, and Summer Breaks.

FALL: THANKSGIVING & WINTER BREAKS 2025

Thanksgiving Break is from 11/24/2025 – 11/29/2025.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Fall 2025

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the Thanksgiving Break from 11/24/2025 – 11/29/2025.

Fall 2025 classes end 12/03/2025.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Fall 2025, and
- 2) expects to graduate December 2025

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the Winter Break from 12/04/2025 – 12/12/2025.

Fall 2025 Commencement is on 12/13/2025 for most students.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Fall 2025,
- 2) will not graduate December 2025, and
- 3) expects to register in Spring 2026

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the Winter Break from 12/04/2025 – 01/11/2026.

Spring 2026 classes start 01/12/2026.

SPRING BREAK 2026

Spring Break 2026 is from 03/14/2026 – 03/21/2026.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Spring 2026

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the Spring break, from 03/14/2026 – 03/21/2026.

NOTE: Summer 2026 is not a break for students admitted to their current program in Summer 2026 or whose status became effective/reinstated in Summer 2026. It is a required semester, therefore limited to 20 hours per week.

SUMMER BREAK 2026

(See preceding NOTE applicable to some F-1 students in the Summer.)

Spring 2026 classes end 04/22/2026.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Spring 2026, and
- 2) expects to graduate May 2026

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the Spring from 04/23/2026 – 05/01/2026.

Spring 2026 Commencement is on 05/02/2026 for most students.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Spring 2026,
- 2) will not graduate May 2026, and
- 3) expects to register in Summer B/C 2026 to graduate in August 2026

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the summer, from 04/23/2026 – 08/07/2026. ***

***** If the student will only register in Summer A with degree certification in Summer A, the student may only work until 06/18/2026.**

Summer 2026 Commencement is on 08/08/2026 for most students.

A student who ...

- 1) is enrolled Spring 2026,
- 2) will not graduate May, June, nor August 2026, and
- 3) expects to enroll in Fall 2026 (regardless of if they enroll in Summer 2026)

... is allowed to work over 20 hours per week on campus during the summer, from 04/23/2026 – 08/19/2026.

Fall 2026 classes start 08/20/2026.