Extramural Study

A student who enrolls at another institution to pursue study relevant to the Ph.D. for a period that overlaps substantially with a University fall or winter term may be eligible for extramural study status (extramural study is not an appropriate status for a student who is engaged in fieldwork or archival research, or who has an internship but is not enrolled in a formal course of study at another institution).

A student may seek approval for extramural study and will be considered to meet the registration requirement if:

- The graduate chair in the student’s program has approved the course of study as directly relevant to the student’s ability to complete the Ph.D.;
- Tuition or fees are being paid to the other institution;
- The course of study is seven weeks or longer during a fall or winter term, but no more than six full terms; and
- The student is in good academic standing after having completed at least one fall or winter term of study.

A student may pursue extramural study more than once, but for no more than a cumulative total of six full terms over the graduate career.

The student must seek authorization in advance from Rackham Academic Records and Dissertations (OARD) for extramural study, providing documentation confirming acceptance to the course of study and assessment of tuition or fees. If a student intends or needs to pursue study at another institution for longer than six full terms, the student would withdraw and seek reinstatement when ready to return. A student not authorized by Rackham Academic Records and Dissertations (OARD) for extramural study and not registered for the term or on a leave of absence will be considered to have withdrawn and will be discontinued from the program.

U.S. visa regulations may constrain extramural study options for international students. International students considering extramural study must consult with the International Center.

A student on academic probation is not eligible for extramural study.