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To whom it may concern:

RE: Full-time Attendance for Students at Rutgers University

Since the implementation of SEVIS, some F-1 and J-1 students at Rutgers University have expressed concern that a U.S. visa or immigration officer might erroneously interpret their transcripts as indicating only part-time enrollment. This letter is to clarify and confirm the full-time attendance policy at Rutgers University.

Graduate students at Rutgers University are considered to be full-time if registered for 9 credits while still in coursework phase of their programs. Students who have completed all required coursework are considered full-time if registered for the number of research or "matriculation continued" credits proscribed by their graduate dean's office. In most cases, this would range from 0 credits (registered, but only for "matriculation continued") to 3 research credits. This protocol is standard for graduate institutions in the U.S., since post-coursework students are engaged at all time in full-time research, even if only "registered" for 0-3 credits.

Undergraduate students at Rutgers University are considered to be full-time if registered for 12 credits throughout their degree program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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