DEVIATION FROM FULL COURSE OF STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS

Under U.S. federal immigration law, all F-1 and J-1 students are required to register and complete full-time studies each semester during his/her academic career. At Fordham University, registration of 12 credits is considered full-time for undergraduate students, and registration of a minimum of 9 credits is considered full-time for graduate students. The school’s mainframe system will reflect full/part time status. The law allows certain deviations from full course of study requirements. This form is designed to help the advisor to explain such exceptions.

A. To be completed by STUDENT:

Student’s Name: Mr./Ms. __________________________________________

First                   Last

School or College at Fordham: ___________________ Degree Level: __________

B. To be completed by the ACADEMIC ADVISOR: (Please read this form carefully.)

The above and following statements are true for all Fall 20__ / Spring 20__ Semester(s):

___ The student is enrolled in the IALC program. Full Time ___ Part Time ___

___ The student has completed all coursework and is working full-time on his/her master’s or doctoral project/thesis/dissertation or preparing for comprehensive examinations.

___ This is the final semester of coursework prior to the completion of the degree.

___ The student is pursuing a teaching or research assistantship and is considered to be full-time equivalent.

___ The student is unable to register full-time because of class scheduling conflicts and/or cancellations.

___ Academic Reasons:

______ • initial difficulties with reading requirements

______ • unfamiliarity with American teaching methods

______ • improper course level placement

___ Has generally maintained full-time status but advised to drop a course to avoid imminent failure.

PROSPECTIVE DATE COMPLETING ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEGREE: ____________ (month / year)

Please be specific with additional comments, if needed______________________________

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Advisor’s name (Print) ______________________________________ Dept. ______ Ext: _______

Signature __________________________________ Date ______________

C. To be completed by an Office for International Services Designated School Official (DSO)/Responsible Officer (RO)

The information stated above is acceptable for deeming this student full-time status according to: 8CFR214.2(f)(6) or 22CFR62.23(e). DSO/RO Signature____________________ Date______________