

# **Your Choice: Enrollment Options in the Year Ahead**

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Academic Advisors

# The 4 Quarter System

Students are expected to enroll in classes for 3 quarters. Your 4th quarter is then a Flex Term (optional quarter) where no enrollment is necessary.

Previously, your 3 quarters of enrollment were always Autumn, Winter, and Spring. Summer was always an optional quarter.

Under the new 4 quarter system, you can choose which 3 quarters you want to be enrolled, and which 1 quarter you want to be your Flex Term.\* For example:

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Hermione	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>
Harry	<i>Flex Term</i>	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled
Ron	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>	Enrolled	Enrolled
Ginny	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>	Enrolled

*\* International students should consult with Bechtel before considering a Flex Term. In most cases, international students must be enrolled for three consecutive quarters before taking their Flex Term.*

# Flex Term and Leaves of Absence

**Everyone gets one Flex Term**, even if you plan on taking a Leave of Absence (LOA) for multiple quarters. You can choose which quarter is your Flex Term.

You can have *both* a Flex Term *and* 1-3 quarters of Leave of Absence in a single academic year. Some examples:

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Draco	LOA	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>
Cho	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>	LOA
Fleur	Enrolled	<i>Flex Term</i>	LOA	LOA
Victor	<i>Flex Term</i>	Enrolled	LOA	LOA
Cedric	<i>Flex Term</i>	LOA	LOA	LOA

## Flex Term

You only get **1 Flex Term** in a single academic year.

### During a Flex Term:

- you are eligible to take up to five free units.
- You will designate your Flex Term as part of the Quarterly Check-In process.
- No tuition charge for the units will be assessed during a Flex Term.
- You will be able to enroll in **ONLY** one to five units.

### During a Flex Term:

You can participate in Stanford activities and organizations\*, pursue part-time opportunities funded by Stanford, and use Stanford resources. You can also participate in full-time Stanford programs (e.g. Cardinal Quarter, research programs) in Spring or Summer *after completing two enrolled quarters in the current academic year.*\*\*

## Leave of Absence (LOA)

You can have anywhere from **0-4 Leave of Absence quarters** in a single academic year.

**During a Leave of Absence**, you can't enroll in any courses.

If you apply for an LOA by the preliminary study list deadline on the first day of the relevant quarter, you are not charged tuition.

**During a Leave of Absence**, you can't participate in most Stanford activities, organizations or programs. You cannot take a leadership role or vote in student organizations, though you can still attend public events. Apart from your Stanford email, most university resources (e.g. remote library resources) will be unavailable for use.

\* Varsity student-athletes should consult with AARC advisors regarding athletics participation.

\*\* Details about Flex Term and full-time Stanford programs are still under development. Please stay tuned for more news.

Remember, you can only participate in a full-time Stanford research or experiential learning program ***after you have completed two enrolled quarters in the current academic year.\****

Some examples:

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Hermione	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Research Program (Flex Term)</i>
Ginny	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Research Program (Flex Term)</i>	Enrolled
Cho	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Cardinal Quarter (Flex Term)</i>	LOA
Draco	LOA	Enrolled	Enrolled	<i>Research Program (Flex Term)</i>
Parvati	Enrolled	LOA	Enrolled	<i>Cardinal Quarter (Flex Term)</i>
Percy	Enrolled	Enrolled	LOA	<i>Research Program (Flex Term)</i>

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