Restrictions on students studying in Pittsburgh in the summer
(not applicable if you are a US citizen or green card holder):

**F-1 (STUDENT) VISA**
If you are registering for courses for the entire summer (either Summer-all courses, Summer I and II, or a combination of Summer-all, I, II), you must be registered for a minimum of 36 units for the entire summer session. This would usually be 18 units in each session, but could be, say, 24 in Summer I and 12 in Summer II.

If you are registering for just one summer session, you need to be registered for a minimum of 18 units in that session.

If you are planning on taking courses at both CMU and Pitt in summer I or II, you must be registered for a full-time load (18 units/6 credits) at one of the institutions (and have that institution issue your F-1). You can then take another course at the other institution (although that will be a lot of work, and, of course, we cannot guarantee that Pitt, or any other institution, will necessarily let you enroll in their classes). To be clear, though, you cannot combine enrollments at CMU and Pitt to achieve the minimum full-time total units.

You are permitted to work (and be paid) part-time while on an F-1, but the work is limited to 20 hours/week maximum. **Note:** if you are registered for a research or independent study course, you cannot also be paid for that same work.

**J-1 (WORK/SCHOLAR) VISA**
This is issued in collaboration with the sponsoring department (e.g., CMU-P Biology Department). You can work/do research full-time (and be paid), but are not permitted to take classes.

**TOURIST VISA**
You can travel the US and have a great time but are not permitted to take classes, do research, or work.

**TAKING COURSES AT PITT**
If you plan to enroll full-time at Pitt and you require an F1 student visa, you must apply to the Study Abroad office at Pitt. Check their page. [http://www.abroad.pitt.edu/intlnondegreeapp](http://www.abroad.pitt.edu/intlnondegreeapp)

If you are a US citizen who does not need visa documents, you must apply through Pitt’s summer program: [http://www.summer.pitt.edu/register.html](http://www.summer.pitt.edu/register.html)

Please note that Pitt does not have any on campus housing available for guest/summer students.

**Final caveat**
Make sure you are talking with OIE Qatar staff so they are aware of your plans and can help you and coordinate with the CMU-Pittsburgh Office of International Education!