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A graph is called *(α, k) -balanced* if the subgraph, H , induced by any k vertices has independence number $\alpha(H) = \alpha$. We investigate the maximum number of vertices in an (α, k) -balanced graph for fixed α, k . We show, for example, that the maximum order of an $(\alpha, 2\alpha)$ -balanced graph is $2\alpha + 2$ when $\alpha \geq 4$ and we describe all graphs of maximum order when $\alpha = 2, 3$. (Received August 07, 2007)