

1 **Resolution on the Number of Semester Hours per Undergraduate Course and**
2 **Undergraduate Course Meeting Times for the Transition from Quarters to Semesters**
3 **Educational Policy & Student Affairs**
4 **Passed April 13, 2009**
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6 Whereas, in October 2008 the Ohio University Board of Trustees, in response to the suggestion
7 from the Ohio Chancellor, approved the transition of the University from quarters to semesters
8 for 2012-2013 academic year; and
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10 Whereas, most undergraduate courses at semester schools are 3 credit hours; and
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12 Whereas, a standardized 3 hours of lecture per course would facilitate a uniform scheduling
13 system and would allow for more efficient use of classroom space; and
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15 Whereas, a normative course credit helps students (and their advisors) develop schedules
16 involving a standard number of courses each term; therefore
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18 Be it resolved that, as a norm, undergraduate lecture courses shall be 3 semester hours.
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20 Be it further resolved that, as a norm, the three hours of lecture will be scheduled for one hour on
21 Monday, Wednesday and Friday or one and one half hours on Tuesday and Thursday during
22 prime course offering times on the Athens Campus.
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24 Be it further resolved that the regional campuses will create a scheduling system addressing the
25 credit hour obligations and the specific academic needs of their constituents.
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27 Be it further resolved that exceptions to these norms will be allowed on the basis of pedagogical
28 justification specific to a course or course sequence. Such justifications may include, but are not
29 limited to, reference to disciplinary standards for such a course, or the ability for students to take
30 subsequent courses in a timely fashion while maintaining curricular component neutrality in the
31 transition.
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33 Be it further resolved that the University Curriculum Council develop and enforce guidelines to
34 implement this resolution.
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