

1           **Resolution on the Transition of General Education Requirements from**  
2                                   **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  
7       suggestion from the Ohio Chancellor, approved the transition of the University from  
8       quarters to semesters for 2012-2013 academic year; and  
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10       Whereas, the current general education requirements are expressed, in part, in  
11       terms of quarter hours and will no longer be applicable after the transition to  
12       semesters in Fall 2012; and  
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14       Whereas, in 2006, EPSA conducted a review of the General Educations  
15       Requirements based on administrative issues and the practice of our peer  
16       institutions. The result of this review was the revision of the General Education  
17       Requirements instituted in Fall 2008-2009; and  
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19       Whereas, in 2007, the General Education Outcomes Committee proposed a set of  
20       outcomes for general education and a taskforce is just beginning the process of  
21       assessing student performance on those outcomes; and  
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23       Whereas the quarters to semesters transition time line calls for departments to  
24       begin the development of their new programs by Spring 2009; therefore  
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26       Be it resolved that there be no substantive changes in the general education  
27       requirements in the transition from quarters to semesters.  
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29       Be it further resolved that the general education requirements for all students  
30       seeking Bachelor degrees entering Fall 2012 and later will be:  
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32               One course approved as fulfilling the Tier I quantitative skills requirement  
33               (1M) or placement level PL3.  
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35               One approved first-year composition course (1E) and one approved  
36               advanced junior-level composition course (1J).  
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38               A total of 21 credit hours from the approved lists of courses in the following  
39               six distribution areas:

- 40                       • Applied Science and Mathematics (2AS)
- 41                       • Cross-Cultural Perspectives (2CP)
- 42                       • Fine Arts (2FA)
- 43                       • Humanities and Literature (2HL)
- 44                       • Natural Sciences (2NS)
- 45                       • Social Sciences (2SS)

1 No more than 8 of the 21 hours can be from courses from the same  
2 department/school. At least two credit hours must be taken in each of the six  
3 areas and no more than two of the required six areas may be satisfied with  
4 courses from the same department/school.

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6 No more than two approved Tier II courses in the student's major  
7 department/school or area of concentration (for B.S.S. students) can be used  
8 toward partial fulfillment of the Tier II requirement.

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10 Complete at least 3 hours in Tier III or Tier III-equivalent  
11 course(s). At least 2 of the 3 hours must be taken at senior rank  
12 (90 hours).

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14 Be it further resolved that programs offering courses intended to fulfill general  
15 education requirements under semesters, develop those courses such that the  
16 proportion of student's programs devoted to general education requirements (in  
17 terms of courses and credit hour) is not significantly changed.

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19 Be it further resolved that the University Curriculum Council develop and enforce  
20 guidelines to implement this resolution.

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