

Resolution amending the Undergraduate Catalog on major residency for the Associate of Technical Study degree

EPSA Committee

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Whereas the Associate's Degree at Ohio University requires major residency: that 50% of the coursework for the major be taken at Ohio University, and that the minimum number of credit hours that each student must take while at Ohio University is 18, and

Whereas the Associate of Technical Study degree (AS5513 and affiliated/related codes) was designed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2) to enable a student to apply a completed course of study from a technical program at the college level which would include licensure and/or industry accreditation officially approved by ODHE in line with Higher learning Commission guidelines¹ to act as a major, and complete the Technical Study degree by taking General Education courses at an institution of higher learning; and

Whereas this degree will enable Ohio University Regional Higher Education to help an underserved population to recertify and advance professionally, primarily in the fields of health care, building and industrial technology, and services technology, but

Whereas the requirements of the Associate of Technical Study degree conflict with the Ohio University major residency requirement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio University Undergraduate Catalog be amended as follows:

Associate's Degree

You must earn a minimum of 18 semester credit hours while enrolled at Ohio University, and you must earn a minimum of 50 percent of coursework taken to fulfill your major concentration in residence with resident credit as defined above. A college may require more than 50 percent of Ohio University credit to fulfill a major concentration or have other additional residence requirements for a given program.

The Associate of Technical Study program (AS5513 and affiliated/related codes) is the exception, where state transfer credit guidelines (<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3333-1-04>) conflict with these requirements. The ATS program allows for courses of study from career technical schools not offered at Ohio University but which are approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education under Career-Technical Credit Transfer to be accepted as majors without major residency under special arrangements.

¹ For majors from the technical programs approved by ODHE and their credentialing criteria, see Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT²) Descriptions: www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/ctags and One-Year Option information www.ohiohighered.org/one-year-option. For HLC guidelines for college-level credentials, see