

Resolution to Clarify Faculty Handbook Language regarding “Course” and “Class”
Professional Relations Committee
Faculty Senate
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Whereas the Ohio University Faculty Handbook (hereafter “Handbook”) should have clear definitions for important keywords,

Whereas the Handbook uses the keywords “course” and “class” in the academic context multiple times in various sections and contexts,

Whereas the colloquial interchanging of “course” and “class” occurs regularly in the discussion of Ohio University academic operations,

Whereas the Handbook does not formally define “course” or “class” with respect to their use in Ohio University academic operations,

Whereas misunderstanding occurs when colloquial usage of words comes into conflict with the Handbook’s usage of words,

Be it resolved that the Handbook be amended as follows:

XII - Appendix D – Keyword Definitions

This appendix contains the definitions for keywords in the Handbook. A definition in this appendix does not preclude another section of the Handbook from modifying definition(s) for a specific purpose in that section or related sections. Consult the Professional Relations Committee regarding any perceived or actual ambiguities, or conflicts, regarding keyword usage.

Class. A “class” is an instance of a course defined by a class number from the University Registrar.

Course. A “course” is defined by an entry in an Ohio University Course Catalog with a course prefix (e.g., MATH) and a course code (e.g., 1200) along with a descriptive name (e.g., “College Algebra”).

Keyword. A “keyword” is word or phrase used the Handbook that has a specific meaning in the context of Ohio University.