

**Resolution to Reduce Minimum Credit Hours for Thesis/Project Courses  
For International Full-Time Status**

University Curriculum Council  
Individual Course Committee  
First Reading – April 19, 2022 (**PASSED**)  
*\*Motion to suspend the rules and vote*

*Whereas* Faculty Senate approved and the Provost signed a policy requiring Ph.D., Ed.D., and MFA students to continuously enroll for at least 0.5 hours in two semesters of each academic year; and

*Whereas* that resolution directed such offices as necessary to lower the minimum credit hours for dissertation or other appropriate courses from 1 hour to 0.5 hours in order to implement continuous enrollment; and

*Whereas* Ph.D., Ed.D., and MFA courses currently counted as full-time for student visa purposes with 1 hour enrollment will now be reported as full-time for visa purposes at 0.5 hours; and

*Whereas* the Senate resolution made no provision for reducing the minimum credit hours in other courses currently counted as full-time for visa purposes at 1 hour; and

*Whereas* reducing minimum enrollment for Ph.D., Ed.D., and MFA international students without reducing minimum enrollment for other international graduate student introduces unintended inequities:

*Be it resolved* that thesis courses and other such courses designated by academic programs be administratively reduced to a minimum of 0.5 credit hours, to be reported by the university as full-time for visa purposes with that enrollment.