

Resolution to Amend the Acceptance of D grades for Transfer Students to include Out-Of-State and Independent Institutions

Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee

Faculty Senate

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Whereas As of Fall 2005, the Ohio Department of Higher Education implemented Appendix E: Transfer of Courses with a Passing Grade Policy, which required Ohio public colleges and universities that offer D as the lowest passing grade to accept all college-level transfer courses with a grade of D or higher. OHIO's D grade policy (including D+, D, and D- grades) for students who have attended a public institution within the state is more nuanced but does allow for the acceptance of D grades after 2005,

Whereas Courses completed at independent Ohio institutions or institutions outside of Ohio with D grades may not be transferrable to OHIO in most cases,

Whereas in-state students transferring credit are held to different policies than students transferring from out-of-state or private institutions, causing disparate treatment between out of state grades received before and after 2005 without a sound reason,

Whereas this is causing confusion and deterring prospective students from exploring OHIO as an option,

Whereas OHIO's current D grade policy has exemptions distinguishing between students transferring from in-state institutions and students transferring from out-of-state/private institutions which creates confusion for transfer students and those who implement the policy,

Whereas OHIO's policies for accepting D grades from before and after 2005 does not reflect current common practices of other in-state institutions that presently accept a D grades,

BE IT RESOLVED that the current D policy be replaced with the following policy:
Grades of D+, D, or D- grades from all CHEA recognized regionally accredited institutions will be accepted, regardless of when the course was completed.

AND FURTHERMORE, we recommend that OHIO implement this new policy that allows acceptance of D+, D, or D- grades from all CHEA recognized regionally accredited institutions, regardless of when the course was completed. We recommend that the policy be implemented as quickly as possible and effective for the term the immediately follows the approval of this resolution and be applied for any new or re-enrolling student.