

# A Resolution on Changes to Undergraduate Catalog Language on Requirements for Graduation With Honors, Final Examinations, and Senior for Graduate Credit

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## Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committee

**Second Reading & Vote** **Whereas:** Some undergraduate catalog language still refers to quarter system credit hour and deadline requirements;

**Be It Resolved:** That the language of the following sections of the catalog be changed. The affected sentences are written in Italics and the corrected numbers or dates crossed out and replaced with the updated information:

### Graduation with Honors

The GPA requirements for graduation with honors are: cum laude (with honor), 3.5 to 3.749; magna cum laude (with high honor), 3.75 to 3.899; and summa cum laude (with highest honor), 3.9 to 4.0. The Latin honors notation will appear on your diploma and in the commencement program. Note: The commencement program honors notation for spring ~~quarter~~ **semester** graduates is calculated based on your most recent accumulative GPA prior to spring ~~quarter~~ **semester**. After spring grades are calculated the final honors are calculated and will appear on your transcript and diploma.

*To be eligible for graduation with honors, you must complete a minimum of ~~48~~ **30** hours of coursework with letter grades that affect your GPA in residence at Ohio University. Successful completion of a special honors program of study is noted in the commencement program and on your diploma. Graduation with honors does not apply to associate's or graduate degrees.*

### Final Examinations

Final examinations for classes are held during a formal examination period at the end of the academic term. You are required to take the examinations according to the schedule published by the Office of the University Registrar in ~~the quarterly~~ **each semester's Schedule of Classes**, which is available online at <http://www.ohio.edu/registrar/>.

Each final examination is scheduled for two hours. Final examinations are given in the regularly scheduled classroom unless the instructor is giving a combined sections examination. Instructors will notify students in courses having combined sections examinations of the time and location of the classroom where the examination will be given.

Students will not be required to sit for more than three final examinations in one day. Should a student be scheduled for more than three examinations in one day, the student may seek relief from the instructor with the examination scheduled latest in the day. *This process must be initiated and completed by the 9<sup>th</sup> 13th week of the quarter semester.* The instructor will provide an examination for the student at a mutually agreed on time during the examination week.

The final examination for departmental honors work must be taken before the opening of the regular examination period. Consult your departmental honors program coordinator for more information.

**~~Senior for Graduate Credit.~~ Graduate Credit for Seniors.** *If you are an Ohio University student, or a well-qualified senior attending another university, and within nine six hours of completing all requirements for a bachelor's degree, you might be eligible for graduate study as a senior.* You must have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and obtain written permission from the graduate chair of each department offering the graduate courses and from your college student services office. Permission to take such courses does not constitute admission to a graduate degree program. If you are admitted as a senior for graduate credit, you will pay undergraduate fees and will not be eligible for graduate assistant or graduate scholarship support. Generally, no more than two graduate courses may be taken in this way, and graduate courses will not fulfill any undergraduate requirements. The graduate credit becomes part of your graduate record only; it does not affect your undergraduate course requirements, hours earned, or GPA.

Senior for Graduate Credit paperwork should be completed and submitted to the Graduate College prior to the start of the ~~quarter~~ **semester** for which that status is sought.

Request this option through the Graduate College, Research and Technology Center room 220, before registering. A \$10 application fee is charged, and admission is granted for one ~~quarter~~ **semester** only.