

## **Resolution to Change Residency Requirements for Minors and Certificates**

Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee

Faculty Senate

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*Whereas* Ohio University defines residence credit as any credit earned by regular enrollment at Ohio University on the Athens campus or any regional campus or by Ohio University education abroad, any approved student teaching, online or distance education courses offered through eCampus, or any combination of these options;

Whereas Ohio University requires students to earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in residence with resident credit as defined above to earn a Bachelor's Degree and a minimum of 18 credit hours in residence with resident credit as defined above to earn an Associate Degree;

*Whereas* Ohio University requires students to earn a minimum of 50 percent of coursework taken to fulfill major concentration in residence with resident credit as defined above to earn a Bachelor's Degree; and

Whereas Ohio University offers academic minors and academic certificates to students pursuing a baccalaureate program;

*Whereas* Ohio University does not stipulate minimum residence credit for to earn certificates or minors.

BE IT RESOLVED Ohio University requires students to earn a minimum of 50 percent of coursework taken to fulfill certificate or minor requirements in residence with resident credit as defined above to earn a Bachelor's Degree.

BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the language in the OHIO University Undergraduate Catalog for 2018-19 be amended to

### **Graduation Requirements – Universitywide**

#### **Residency Requirements for Graduation**

Like most universities, Ohio University requires that you be “in residence” for a certain number of credit hours in order to graduate. Some colleges have additional residency requirements, so check with your advisor or college student service's office to make certain all requirements are being met.

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#### **Bachelor's Degree**

You must earn a minimum of 30 semester credit hours while enrolled at Ohio University; and you must earn a minimum of 50 percent of coursework taken to fulfill **each of** your major concentration, **minor, or certificate requirements** 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, **minor, or certificate** or have other additional residence requirements for a given program.

If you begin graduate study at Ohio University before completing all requirements for a bachelor's degree, your residency requirement will be reduced by as many hours as credit hours of graduate work completed. The number of hours subtracted also will be credited toward the residency requirement for a master's degree, if the credit is acceptable in the program approved for graduate work toward a degree. Residence credits used for meeting requirements for one or more bachelor's degrees may not also be used for meeting the residency requirements for the graduate degree.

The residency requirements apply even if you have been approved for graduation *in absentia* and are completing your last year in an accredited institution, except that the regulations apply to residence before you leave the University. (See the *In Absentia* section below.)

### **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.

### ***In Absentia***

To be considered for in absentia status, you must obtain permission from the student services office of your college. If you have been approved for the senior-in absentia privilege, you must complete a full year's work in an Ohio University-approved professional school and be eligible for advancement without condition to the second year to obtain your bachelor's degree in absentia. In absentia programs involve preplanned curricula and cannot be arranged on an ad hoc basis. The in absentia privilege does not apply to graduate degree programs.