

**Resolution to Establish a Limit on Ph.D. Transfer Credit**  
Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee  
UCC General Education Committee  
Faculty Senate  
Ohio University  
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*Whereas* there is currently no university-wide limit on transfer credits or courses used to fulfill the requirements of an Ohio University Ph.D.; and

*Whereas* the effective minimum number of credits completed at Ohio University is 1; and

*Whereas* there have been cases in which Ohio University has granted the Ph.D. for programs of study in which the majority of both total hours and didactic coursework were completed at other institutions; and

*Whereas* the State of Ohio and the Higher Learning Commission expect degrees conferred by Ohio University to be substantially completed at Ohio University; and

*Whereas* all other public universities in Ohio have policies requiring a maximum of the doctoral program to be completed in academic residence; and

*Whereas* the Graduate Council has approved this policy; therefore

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the following revisions are made to the Graduate Catalog:

## Doctoral degrees

Doctoral students may transfer a limited number of credit hours, subject to the eligibility requirements above and approval by their individual program and college dean. The maximum number of hours eligible for transfer may be no more than one-fourth of the total graded coursework requirements for the degree.

Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Dean of the Graduate College upon the recommendation of the student's department chair or graduate program director and the associate dean of the student's college.