

# DRAFT

## **Resolution Specifying the Minimum Number of Hours to Graduate after the Transition from Quarters to Semesters**

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Whereas in October 2008 the Ohio University Board of Trustees, in response to the suggestion from the Ohio Chancellor, approved the transition of the University from quarters to semesters for 2012-2013 academic year; and

Whereas the current general education requirements are expressed in terms of quarter hours and will no longer be applicable after the transition to semesters in Fall 2012; and

Whereas, as pointed out by the Academic Calendar and System Committee, under a semester system with a majority of the courses being 3 semester hours a student would need to average more than five courses per semester in order to graduate in four years if the current minimum number of hours to graduate with a bachelor's degree (192 quarter hours) is simply multiplied by  $\frac{2}{3}$  to determine new requirement (128 semester hours); and

Whereas 120 semester hours in a four year bachelor's program could be satisfied by taking five 3-hour courses each semester; therefore

Be it resolved that the minimum number of semester hours to graduate with a bachelor's degree be 120 semester hours to be effective Fall 2012.

Be it further resolved that the minimum number of semester hours to graduate with a associate's degree be 60 semester hours to be effective Fall 2012.

Be it further resolved that the registrar develop and insert language into the appropriate catalogs that implements this resolution.