

**Resolution to Allow OHIO Honors Students to Enroll in Graduate-Level Courses**  
Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee  
Faculty Senate  
May 7, 2018 – Second Reading

*Whereas* Ohio University does not allow undergraduate students to take graduate courses (courses numbered 5000 or above) for credit unless the student is participating in one of the programs specified in the “Taking Graduate-Level Courses” sub-section of Academic Policies and Procedures section of the Ohio University Undergraduate Catalog;

*Whereas* Ohio University allows students participating the Honors Tutorial College (HTC) and Departmental Honors program to take graduate-level courses for credit as specified in the Ohio University Undergraduate Catalog;

*Whereas* President Nellis identified an expanded undergraduate honors program as one of his strategic priorities for the university; and

*Whereas* Ohio University will launch a pilot of the OHIO Honors program in fall 2018 with a small cohort selected from entering first-year students.

BE IT RESOLVED Ohio University allow students participating in the OHIO Honors program to take a maximum of three graduate courses during their junior and senior years (i.e., after earning 60 or more semester hours of undergraduate credit).

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

**Academic Policies and Procedures**

**Taking Graduate-Level Courses**

As an undergraduate student, you are not eligible to take graduate courses (courses numbered 5000 or above) for credit unless you participate in one of the following programs:

**Honors Tutorial College (HTC).** Students in HTC may complete graduate courses for credit. Graduate courses (courses numbered 5000 or above) will automatically become part of their undergraduate records (transcripts and DARS reports). If the HTC student wants the graduate course(s) to become part of his/her graduate record, he or she must contact the HTC to complete the appropriate application form. This paperwork should be completed prior to the semester in which graduate credit is sought.

**OHIO Honors.** Students in the OHIO Honors program may take a maximum of three graduate courses during their junior and senior years (i.e., after earning 60 or more semester hours of undergraduate credit). Hours earned in these courses will count toward total hours required for the undergraduate degree only; the grades will be calculated into the undergraduate GPA. Registration in graduate courses requires written permission from the instructor. Participation in

this option is at the discretion of the department or school. Qualified students can be registered by obtaining permission from the Director of OHIO Honors or his or her designee and submitting the approval form to the registrar's office for processing.

**Departmental Honors.** Students in a recognized departmental honors program may take a maximum of three graduate courses in their major departments/schools during their senior years (i.e., after earning 90 or more semester hours of undergraduate credit). Hours earned in these courses will count toward total hours required for the undergraduate degree only; the grades will be calculated into the undergraduate GPA. Registration in graduate courses requires written permission from the instructor. Participation in this option is at the discretion of the department or school. ~~Students process this special registration~~ Qualified students can be registered by obtaining permission from the departmental honors coordinator and submitting the approval form to the registrar's office for processing.

**Graduate Credit for Seniors.** If you are an Ohio University student, or a well-qualified senior attending another university, and within 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/school 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.