

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Faculty Senate**

**Resolution Regarding Legislative Mandates Affecting Numbers Of Hours  
And Course Requirements For General Education And Degree  
Programs**

Whereas

The purpose of a university is to produce well-rounded citizens exposed to a liberal arts education

Whereas

EKU has a strong record of supporting transfer students from KCTCS and other Kentucky institutions.

Whereas

Accrediting bodies and faculty have the greatest degree of expertise in their respective fields of study related to determining the core knowledge needed by students in their majors.

Whereas

Educational policy related to academic quality in higher education institutions is best determined by academicians from those higher education institutions affected rather than by the state legislature.

Whereas

Mandating the number of hours required for degrees, as specified in the proposed transfer policy, will come at the expense of liberal arts courses, as most departments will not sacrifice their major courses.

Whereas

Reducing the number of hours will have minimal impact on either graduation rates or retention rates, as other factors such as changing majors, and financial problems are more important correlates of both.

Be it resolved that the EKU Faculty Senate strongly opposes any mandate that degrees and curricula of all institutions require the same number of hours.

Be it further resolved that EKU Faculty Senate strongly opposes any legislative action that would waive program-specific course prerequisites and automatically grant admission to related upper division degree programs.

Done this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January, Two Thousand Ten, by the Eastern Kentucky University Faculty Senate.

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