

Preface:

Ohio Northern University will change the offering of its academic programs to a semester-based calendar effective for the 2011-2012 academic year. The first semester will be fall 2011.

The conversion of academic programs to a semester-based academic calendar will be guided by these seven principles.

1. The redesign of programs and the conversion of courses should result in curricula that are coherent, as measured by the overall intellectual content of undergraduate and professional degrees.
2. The conversion of a program should respect the intellectual content of the program and the result in a coherent curriculum as evaluated by the appropriate college or department.
3. A program's instructional hours over an academic year should be approximately the same after the semester conversion as on quarters.
4. The impact of the conversion on overall faculty and instructional staff workload should be neutral.
5. The necessary support provided by a program to other programs should be preserved.
6. A semester-based program should not require greater financial resources than its quarter-based predecessor and should make reasonable use of classrooms and other University resources.
7. The conversion should not hinder the progress of students toward completion of degree requirements.

Note: Two points are worth highlighting:

- a) The conversion will provide an excellent opportunity to review and adjust program requirements (given that all programs engage in an on-going process of planning, evaluation, and assessment for continuous improvement).
- b) The conversion will provide a unique opportunity to revise the university general education program.