

Northeastern University

Office of the University Registrar

College of Professional Studies—Undergraduate Conversion from Quarters to Semesters

Understanding the Transcript

As of fall 2016, Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies undergraduate programs converted from a quarter system to a semester system. For student records including hours earned prior to fall 2016, the credit hour conversion rate is as follows:

$$\text{Quarter Hours} \times 0.75 = \text{Semester Hours}$$

For example, a 4-credit quarter course would be converted as follows:

- 4.00 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 3.00 semester hours

Below are some examples illustrating a typical student transcript.

Example 1: Transfer credit

Transfer credit on the quarter transcript:

TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED BY THE INSTITUTION:					
TransferFrom					APL
THE	1990	Elective		12.00	T
Ehrs:	12.000	GPA-Hrs:	0.000	Qpts:	0.000 GPA: 0.000

The same transfer credit as it appears on the converted semester transcript:

TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED BY THE INSTITUTION:					
Fall	2014				APL
THE	1990	Elective		9.00	T
Ehrs:	9.000	GPA-Hrs:	0.000	Qpts:	0.000 GPA: 0.000

In going from the quarter transcript to the semester transcript, only the credit hours have changed, according to the above formula:

- 12.000 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 9.000 semester hours

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Example 2: A typical term

A typical term on the quarter transcript:

Fall 2013 CPS Quarter					
ECN	1002	Principles of Microeconomics	4.00	B+	13.332
HST	1003	Civilization of Modern World	3.00	A-	11.001
Ehrs:	7.000	GPA-Hrs: 7.000	QPts: 24.333	GPA:	3.476

The same term as it appears on the converted semester transcript:

Fall 2013 Northeastern CPS Sem. Convers.					
ECN	1100	Principles of Microeconomics	3.00	B+	
HST	1003	Civilization of Modern World	2.25	A-	
Ehrs:	5.250	GPA-Hrs: 5.250	QPts: 18.250	GPA:	3.476

Quarter course ECN 1002 has been converted to equivalent semester course ECN 1100. The credits have been converted according to the formula:

- 4.00 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 3.00 semester hours

Quarter course HST 1003 has no semester equivalent, so HST 1003 is listed on the semester transcript. The credits have been converted according to the formula:

- 3.00 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 2.25 semester hours

The total earned hours for the term have been converted according to the formula:

- 7.000 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 5.250 semester hours

Note, however:

- The GPA of 3.476 has not been changed!

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Example 3: The transcript totals

Transcript totals on the quarter transcript:

***** TRANSCRIPT TOTALS *****				
	Earned Hrs	GPA Hrs	Points	GPA
TOTAL INSTITUTION	52.000	49.000	184.338	3.762
TOTAL TRANSFER	12.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OVERALL	64.000	49.000	184.338	3.762
***** END OF TRANSCRIPT *****				

The same totals as they appear on the converted semester transcript:

***** TRANSCRIPT TOTALS *****				
	Earned Hrs	GPA Hrs	Points	GPA
TOTAL INSTITUTION	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOTAL TRANSFER	48.000	36.750	138.254	3.762
OVERALL	48.000	36.750	138.254	3.762
***** END OF TRANSCRIPT *****				

The earned hours total of 64.000 on the quarter transcript has been moved to the semester transcript as transfer credit. The credit has been converted according to the formula:

- 64.000 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 48.000 semester hours

Similarly, the GPA hours total of 49.000 on the quarter transcript has been moved to the semester transcript as transfer credit. The credit has been converted according to the formula:

- 49.000 quarter hours \times 0.75 = 36.750 semester hours

Note, however:

- The GPA of 3.762 has not been changed!