TAG – We’re It!
An Overview of Ohio’s Transfer Credit Policy

The Ohio State University

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Some Statistics......

- Total Enrollment AU’07- 60,347
- Total Undergraduate Enrollment AU’07- 46,670
- NFQF AU’07-9076
- New Transfer Students AU’07-3119
- 12,423 undergraduate transcripts evaluated in 2007.
Timeline

- August 31, 2005 – initial submission of OAN mappings to the OBOR.
- Autumn ’05- All approved TAG courses were guaranteed to transfer and apply as approved in the TAGs.
- December 31, 2005 – Responsible for insuring that courses with OAN numbers transfer and apply to appropriate majors/programs.
A Few Terms ...

- Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) – a subset of general education courses that, taken in its entirety, is guaranteed to transfer from campus to campus.
- Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) – groups of foundational courses that represent a commonly accepted pathway to a bachelor’s degree.
- Ohio Articulation Number (OAN) – common number assigned to course(s); e.g., OAH032 is British Literature Survey
Present Transfer Module - OTM

5 Disciplines
(36-40 semester hours or 54-60 quarter hours)

- English Composition and Oral Communications
- Mathematics
- Arts and Humanities
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Natural and Physical Sciences
- Interdisciplinary Studies (from multiple disciplines)
Transfer Assurance Guides-TAGS

- There are 38 Transfer Assurance Guides.
- So far, over 6500 approved courses have been approved and assigned OANs from 30 public institutions in Ohio.
- By June 2008, the approved OANS will be stable.
Transfer Assurance Guides – TAGS

☐ Contain pre-major or major courses that will transfer and apply in:
  - Arts and Humanities
  - Communications
  - Health
  - Social Science
  - Business
  - Education
  - Science/ Technology/ Engineering

☐ These courses should:
  - contain foundational competencies,
  - promote introduction and inquiry in the discipline,
  - be in the preparation for the major.
Anatomy of a TAG

Additional Preparation for the Major-Hours may vary among TAG’s

Introduction & Inquiry Courses

Foundations Requirements

36-40+ Semester hours/54-60+ quarter hours

Additional semester hours beyond OTM

Transfer Module – OTM

Arts & Humanities

Business

Communication

Education

Health

Science/Technology

Social Science
Business TAG Example

- Transfer Module Portion:

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<th>DISCIPLINE</th>
<th>MINIMUM HOURS</th>
<th>RECOMMENDED COURSES</th>
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<td>Area I. English Composition</td>
<td>5-6 qtr. hr.</td>
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<td>3 qtr. hrs.</td>
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<td>Area 4. Social Sciences</td>
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<td>Area 5. Natural &amp; Physical Sciences</td>
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## Business TAG Example

### Major and Prerequisite Courses

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<td>a. Computer Problem Solving for BUS</td>
<td>4-5 qtr. hrs.</td>
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<td>b. Introduction to Financial Accounting</td>
<td>4-5 qtr. hrs.</td>
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<td>c. Introduction to Managerial Accounting</td>
<td>4-5 qtr. hrs.</td>
<td>OBU 002-ACCT&amp;MIS 212</td>
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<td>d. Legal Environment of Business</td>
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<td>e. Business Communication</td>
<td>4-5 qtr hrs</td>
<td>OBU 005</td>
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<td>f. Principles of Marketing Management</td>
<td>4-5 qtr hrs</td>
<td>OBU 006-BUS-M&amp;L 650</td>
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How the TAG Guarantee Works

Let’s say a student decides to transfer Intro to Managerial Accounting from Ohio State University to Miami University. The student is GUARANTEED this is how their course will transfer. The student will receive credit for ACC222 and it will apply to the major as if the student had taken ACC222 at Miami University.
How has OSU implemented?

- Since the Ohio Board of Regents is in the process of going into production with the OAN supplement, in order to be in compliance OSU has:
  - Used the Transfer Articulation and Degree Audit capabilities in DARS since AU’05 to automate applicability of OANs designated by all public institutions.
How an Approved OAN Course is Mapped in DARwin TA?
The Same OAN Encoded in a Sub-requirement of a Degree Audit.
Encoding the approved OANS in the transfer articulation tables and the degree audits ensures that a student will have the approved OAN courses he/she has successfully completed at taken at other institutions apply toward his/her degree program at Ohio State.