May Session 2014:
Questions and Answers

Dates, Credit Eligibility, Registration, Fees, Financial Aid Eligibility and Graduation.

Question: What are the beginning and end dates for May Session, and is it considered part of the Spring Semester or Summer Term?
Answer: May Session begins Monday, May 5th and ends Friday, May 30th. It is the first month of Summer Term, which overlays the period of time covering both the May Session and Summer Session.

Question: Can a student take May Session classes for “free?”
Answer: Any student who has been enrolled full-time (12 credits for undergraduate students; 8 credits for graduate or graduate-professional students) during the Spring Semester, and who is not graduating (with the exceptions of an associate degree, or a student enrolled in more than one degree program in the Spring Semester and is completing only one of them), will receive a tuition credit for a maximum of 3 credits in the May Session. The tuition credit will cover only General, Instructional, and Non-Resident Fees. The student must pay all other fees.

Question: If the student is a post-candidate doctoral (PCD) student and was enrolled only for 3 credits during Spring Semester (considered full-time by OSU), is he or she eligible for the May Session credit?
Answer: Yes.

Question: If a student is full-time based on combined credits from OSU plus another institution (consortium) during Spring Semester, will that student be eligible for May Session credit?
Answer: No.

Question: If a graduate student will be enrolled just for research credits in the Summer Term, can the student register for 3 credits in the May Session and 5 hours in the Summer Session (for a total of 8 credits – e.g. full-time for financial aid purposes)?
Answer: Yes. The aid eligibility will be based on the total enrollment for Summer Term (i.e. May Session plus Summer Session), but the tuition waiver/credit will be “credited” against the final financial aid award.

Question: Can a student who graduates Spring Semester take a May Session course for “free?”
Answer: No. A student who is graduating at the end of Spring Semester will not be eligible for a tuition credit during the May Session – with the exception of receiving an associate degree or a student who is already enrolled in more than one degree program in the Spring Semester and is completing only one of them (i.e., both program stacks are currently open).

Question: My understanding is that enrollment/financial aid for Summer Term will include the combination of all credit hours from the entire Summer Term, May Session and Summer Session. So, if a student is taking classes only in the entire Summer Term or for only the Summer Session, do those “free” 3 credits still apply, or are they specific to only May Session courses?
Answer: The tuition credit does not apply to courses offered over the entire Summer Term or only during the Summer Session; the credit is specific to May Session only.

Question: As an example, a student wants to take math, chemistry and two Gen Ed courses for a total of 16 credits, all meeting on a Summer Term pattern of May through July. If s/he adds 3 credits for the May Session, what will s/he be billed for?
Answer: If a student was enrolled full-time for Spring Semester, is enrolled in 16 credits for Summer Term, and adds a 3-credit May Session course to that schedule, s/he will have enrolled in a total of 19 credits, which means s/he will be billed for 12 credits (full-time) plus a 1 credit overload (over 18
hours), but will also have a 3-credit tuition credit for the May Session class \((12 + 1 = 13 - 3 = 10)\). However, the student should understand that this will be a very challenging course load.

**Question:** In terms of billing, how will the credit for the 3 credits be applied? Would students see it on their statement of account automatically, or is there some kind of application/form that they need to complete/submit?

**Answer:** The Student Information System (SIS) will automatically manage when the student is eligible and the student will not have to apply or initiate anything. The SIS will validate the eligibility and the record will be noted accordingly. The student should review his/her Student Center to view notification of eligibility.

**Question:** What if a student registers for 1 credit in the May Session and 11 credits in the Summer Session so that s/he is full-time for the summer. What will be his/her fee assessment?

**Answer:** Fees will be assessed for 12 credits, and the student will have a tuition credit for the 1-hour May Session class.

**Question:** What if an undergraduate student wants to complete a May Session study abroad course, and then take 10 credits during Summer Session. Is s/he considered full-time for summer? What tuition rate would s/he be charged; full-time or based on 10 credits?

**Answer:** Assuming that the May Session study abroad course was at least 2 credits, the student’s total "summer" enrollment would be 12 credits and therefore would be full-time. Full-time fees would be assessed initially, and then subsequently the account would be credited for the number of May Session credits (up to a maximum of 3 credits).

**Question:** When are fees due for May Session?

**Answer:** The fee-payment deadline for May Session, Summer Session, and the entire Summer Term, is Monday, May 5th. Students dropping classes during May Session, Summer Session or the Summer Term will be subject to the applicable refund dates. The May Session free credit is also subject to the published refund dates, and students dropping after the 100% refund period will be required to make repayment for the portion of the class(es) they attended.

**Question:** Beyond General and Instructional fees, are there other fees for the May Session?

**Answer:** As with any enrollment period, other fees will be assessed, as appropriate. For example, Technology, Program, Ohio Union, RPAC, COTA and Student Activity fees will be assessed, if appropriate. If the student is in university housing, residence hall fees would be assessed. Study Abroad programs also carry Program Fees in addition to tuition. And, as noted earlier, students may also be eligible for financial aid.

**Question:** If a student drops a course during week 10 of Spring Semester and the drop reduces his/her load from 14 to 9 credits, will that make the student ineligible for the tuition credit in the May Session?

**Answer:** Drops or withdrawals after the refund period for the semester or session (depending on how the course is offered) will not impact the student's eligibility for the tuition credit during May Session.

**Question:** How can a student see that s/he is eligible for the May Session credit?

**Answer:** In the “Enrollment Information” (blue box on the right side of the student’s Student Center page), a “yes” or “no” under “May Session Credit Eligibility” will appear.

**Question:** Is information available about what might be offered in May Session, Summer Session, or the entire Summer Term?

**Answer:** Courses for Summer Term, May Session and Summer Session are now available. If someone wants to focus just on May Session courses, go to “May Session” under “Additional Search Criteria” on the “Class Search” page of the SIS. Scheduling appointments for all of those opened on February 17.
**Question:** If a student takes her/his last course during May Session, does s/he graduate in Spring Semester or Summer Term?
**Answer:** A student taking her/his last course during May Session will graduate at the end of Summer Term.

**Question:** Can students take more than 3 credits in the May Session?
**Answer:** Students will be able to enroll in more than 3 credits during the May Session, but the tuition credit for qualifying students will be applied to a maximum of 3 credits. More than 4 credits of enrollment during the May Session is discouraged for practical workload reasons, though nothing beyond good judgment will prevent it. However, note that graduate students will be limited to a maximum of 4 credits during the May Session.

**Question:** How will finals work for the May Session?
**Answer:** Since many courses offered during the May Session are not likely to be “traditional” classes, the presumption is that if a course requires a final exam, it would be offered during the last day of classes – unless the instructor established otherwise - *and notified the students at the beginning of the course.* For example, it may be more appropriate to offer a final paper or other experience. If the instructor needs to schedule a room for the exam outside the regular class time, s/he should contact the Registrar’s Office. Final exams cannot be scheduled *after* the last day of classes.

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