

Day division UG students taking day division online courses

Background

Provost Council request:

- Create a joint working group composed of representatives from Provost Council and the Student Experience Committee

Working Group:

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- Make recommendations for online course policy for day division undergraduates
- Review of recommendations by Provost Council and SEC

Working Group Process:

- Reviewed the parameters that frame the task
- Benchmarked policies of other institutions

Goals for policy recommendations:

- Student Success
 - Ensure quality and convenience (flexibility and ease) to aide in persistence and completion
 - Be transfer friendly
 - Facilitate opportunities such as study abroad, study away and enrichment experiences

Working Group recommendations for online course policy for day division undergraduates:

This policy pertains to day division undergraduate students, who may be eligible to enroll in a PhilaU day division online course during the academic year and/or summer.

- Students with 24 credits or more completed (except for first time freshman) may take any day division online course.
- First time freshman, students on academic probation and students with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 are not eligible to take day division online courses without permission from the student's program director.
- The number of PhilaU day division online courses that a student may take towards degree completion is not limited, pending financial aid and other external variables (see list).

External Variables:

- If a student is receiving financial aid from the State of Pennsylvania, (s)he will abide by PHEAA guidelines, which currently restrict the percentage of online courses taken to 50% of the total credits attempted in any given term.
- Financial aid during the summer needs to be reviewed for impact, in particular out of state student (home rules) PHEEA
- If online courses are taken during a study abroad semester, study abroad credit requirements need to be followed.
- MSCHE (current) definition of distance education (i.e. online):
50% or more of instruction is delivered online.
 - PhilaU day division undergraduate program:
120 credits minimum
59 credits (less than 50%) would be the allowable upper limit