



## **Ohio Program of Intensive English**

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### **Transition from Quarters to Semesters (Q2S) OPIE Information**

Dear Students,

Welcome to OPIE's information about the transition (change) from quarters to semesters in 2012.

As you know, Ohio University will be changing from a quarter system (10 weeks of classes + 1 final exam week) to a semester system (14 weeks of classes + 1 final exam week). This change will begin starting fall semester (August 27, 2012).

#### **OPIE Curriculum**

To prepare for the change to semesters, OPIE, like all departments on campus, has reviewed its curriculum and has adjusted its goals and objectives and assessment procedures for a fourteen-week period of study. We hope these changes will enable you to improve your academic English skills as quickly as possible provide a smooth transition to your full-time academic studies.

#### **Calendar for Semesters OPIE**

OPIE will be following the university schedule. Classes will be 14 weeks in length. Thus, OPIE's schedule for the 2012/2013 school year will be:

##### *Fall Semester*

Classes Begin: August 27 (Mon.)      Classes End: December 8 (Fri.)

##### *Spring Semester*

Classes Begin: January 14 (Mon.)      Classes End: April 26 (Fri.)

##### *Summer Semester*

Classes Begin: May 13 (Mon.)      Classes End: August 16 (Fri.)

During the fall semester, there will be a Thanksgiving break from November 21 (Wednesday) to November 25 (Sunday).

During the spring semester, there will be a spring "break" from March 2 (Sunday) to March 8 (Saturday).

As of now, we will administer the TOEFL at the end and beginning of the semesters. We will give you exact times once we confer with other offices on campus.

### **Daily/Weekly OPIE Schedule**

To provide maximum exposure and practice with English, OPIE classes will meet for 20 hours per week at the full-time level and 12 and 8 hours a week at the Bridge level (part-time academic and English classes).

Thus, if you are an undergraduate student, you will earn 20 hours of credit at the full-time level. If you are a graduate student you will earn 18 hours of credit at the full-time level.

At the Bridge level, students will earn either 12 or 8 hours of credit.

The beginning and ending of OPIE classes will generally follow the university schedule of class times. For example, the first class of the day might now begin at 7:30 AM and end at 8:25 AM. The second class might begin at 8:35 AM and end at 9:30 AM. The third class might begin at 9:40 AM to 10:35 AM.

You will notice two things:

- a) You will still have 10 minutes to go to your next class.
- b) Classes will meet for 55 minutes in length.

Once, we have our schedule of classes finalized, we will inform you.

### **Advanced Level and Bridge Level Students Advising for Q2S in Spring Quarter, 2012**

Each Advanced level student in OPIE will complete (write; fill in) a document called a "Transitional Advising Plan" (TAP). This document will help you understand the academic courses you may need to take in Fall, 2012. To complete the TAP, you will need to meet with an advisor in your College office (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Communication, etc.). You should complete your TAP by May 1, 2012.

Bridge level students should meet with their assigned academic advisor in their discipline (i.e., department). Remember that 12-hour Bridge level students should take 1 academic class and 8-hour bridge level students should take 2 academic classes.

The deadline for Advanced-level and Bridge-level OPIE students to complete their TAP and coversheet is May 1, 2012.

If you are not sure what to do, contact an OPIE administrator (Mr. Abe Reshad, Ms. Erica Coffelt, or Ms. Kathryn Hille) in the OPIE office. Tell them you need to talk about your "TAP."

**For More Information**

If you would like to visit the Ohio University web site for the transition from quarters to semesters, please visit:

<http://www.ohio.edu/q2S/>

We hope you will find the change to semesters to be a rewarding one.

Please check the OPIE web page again in the future for more updates.

Good luck in your studies!

Regards,

OPIE Faculty & Staff