

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE**

**Senate Resolution 12/13-03: Restoration of UAH GER Integrity  
Rule**

Bill History:      10/18/12 Before Fac Sen Executive Committee for initial consideration  
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                         4/2/13 Senate Bill 369 → Faculty Senate Resolution 12/13-03

**WHEREAS,**            The Faculty respects the high quality of education provided in undergraduate General Education courses at UAH, and

**WHEREAS,**            The Faculty realizes that for our strong four-year professional programs to realize their full potential, we need to be confident that our students are experiencing effective and rigorous General Education courses in their first years on campus, and

**WHEREAS,**            The Faculty understands that its General Education courses are recruiting grounds for majors in the UAH colleges of Science and the Liberal Arts, and therefore GER courses are a key component of our efforts to retain that portion of students who will inevitably withdraw from our professional programs (given that approximately half of all undergraduates change their majors at some point) and

**WHEREAS,**            The experiment of allowing open access to junior college GER classes (a policy identical to the only upper-level two-year

institution in the state) after enrollment at UAH appears to have had no positive impact, and any impact it has had has been in the direction of inhibiting the growth of UAH enrollment and credit hours generated, and

**WHEREAS,**

The current policy limits the potential for pursuing the UAH administration's declared goal of increasing enrollment in the liberal arts, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Faculty believes that the university and its junior and senior students benefit from maximizing the number of courses they take at UAH, and

**WHEREAS,**

The UAH Faculty believes that the current Undergraduate Handbook policy encourages students to minimize enrollment in UAH GER courses, and attend junior colleges in their junior and senior years,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Faculty Senate requests that the following statement be deleted from the UAH Undergraduate Catalog (under the section *Transfer Students from Alabama Junior/Community Colleges*):

"A maximum of 64 semester hours of credit from a junior, community or two-year college may be transferred to UAHuntsville and applied toward a degree program," and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the Faculty Senate requests that the following statement be restored to the UAH Undergraduate Catalog (under the section *Transfer Students from Alabama Junior/Community Colleges*):

“A maximum of 64 semester hours of credit from a junior, community or two-year college may be transferred to UAH and applied toward a degree program. Once a student has enrolled at UAH and has accumulated a total of 64 semester hours of credit from all sources, no additional credit may be transferred to UAH from a two-year Institution. Exceptions to this policy must be approved prior to taking additional coursework. Requests for exceptions must be in writing and approved by the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.”