

## **COLLEGE OF DUPAGE FACILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - CONVERSION TO SEMESTERS**

### **When will the college convert to semesters?**

The College begins semesters on Aug. 31, 2005 (fall semester 2005). Courses are offered on the quarter system through the summer 2005 term.

### **How will the calendar differ under semesters?**

Semesters last sixteen weeks, with the last week set aside for final exams.

Fall semesters begin in mid-August and end in mid-December, and spring semesters begin in mid-January and end in mid-May.

Please link to the College of DuPage "Semester Conversion" web site at: <http://www.cod.edu/semester1> to view the 2005-2006 Semester Calendar.

There may also be 12-week and 8-week terms offered within each semester.

### **Does this conversion affect when I register?**

Yes, registration for fall semester begins in May 2005.

### **How many classes should I register for under semesters?**

If you usually registered for three 5-quarter credit classes (15 credit hours) you need to register for five 3-semester hour courses (15 credit hours). Another way to think of it is, if you used to register for nine courses per year (three courses in each of three quarters), under semesters you should register for 10 courses per year (five courses in both of two semesters).

### **Will my grade point average (GPA) be affected by the conversion from quarters to semesters?**

No. A student's GPA is combined and weighted proportionately for the amount of quarter and semester credit earned.

### **Will course credit change under semesters?**

Yes. Many five-quarter credit hour courses have become three semester credit hour courses. Five (5) quarter credit hour courses are converted to 3-1/3 semester hours for determining degree/certificate completion.

### **How will credits earned under the quarter system be converted to semester credits?**

To convert credits from quarters to semesters, divide the number of quarter credits by 1.5. For example, a student who has earned 60 quarter credits has earned 40 semester credits: **60 quarter credits divided by 1.5 = 40 semester credits.**

### **I am working toward earning a degree/certificate. Must I complete all of the required courses before the college converts to semesters?**

No, you are not required to complete all of your degree or certificate course requirements before conversion! If you do not finish all of them, take the semester course that is “equivalent” to the quarter course.

*However, if you are in the process of taking any “sequence courses,” you should attempt to complete them prior to the end of the 04-05 academic year. (Examples of sequence courses include English 101, 102 and 103; Accounting 151, 152 and 153; and Accounting 211, 212 and 213.)*

### **How will I know if I’m “on track” to complete my degree/certificate?**

You can request a **degree audit** from the Records department, then make an appointment to meet with the Facility Management program coordinator to review your current degree progress.

### **Will classes have new numbers under the semester system?**

All courses have been renumbered; four-digit numbers are used for all semester courses. (Three-digit numbers were used for quarter courses).

### **Have degrees and/or certificates changed due to the conversion?**

Yes, some degrees and certificates have changed due to the conversion. You can consult the C.O.D. *Catalog* for the new degree requirements or you can contact the Facility Management program coordinator at 942-3275.

Our A.A.S degrees have gone from 96 quarter credit hours to 65 to 68 semester credit hours.

### **Will the cost of a degree change under semesters?**

Your total degree costs are about the same. The main difference is that instead of paying three times per year you now pay two times per year. Book costs are also about the same, but you pay for five books at a time instead of three books at a time (assuming a full class load under both formats).