

Subject: Transmission of Proposal for Senate - Cover Page
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Revision to Senate rules regarding XXX-767; addition of 757

1. **Purpose for submitting:** *Submitting for approval*
2. **Type of proposal:** *Campuswide policies (including Senate Rules)*
3. **Specific action being requested:** *Change*
4. **Proposer:** *Padraic Kenney*
5. **Affiliation of proposer:**
6. **Proposal submitted on behalf of another unit or organization**

6.a. **If "Yes," name of the submitting unit/organization:**

7. **Rationale for proposal:**

The 767 course has been used in a way that contradicts Senate rules (which themselves contain some ambiguity). This proposal resolves the ambiguity; it also addresses the common mis-use of 767 by creating a new course, XXX-757, to be used by students who are planning to take their qualifying exams.

8. **Does the proposal include a change to the Senate Rules?**

Yes

8.a. **If "Yes," what section of the Senate Rules?** *Section 3 - Programs, Courses, and Curriculum Procedures*

8.b. **If "Yes," what is the requested effective date?** *Immediately, Upon Senate Approval*

9. **If asking for feedback, how will the feedback be used?**

Proposal for revision of Senate Rule 3.2.3.3.6

Current text:

Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination. Students may register for this course in the semester of the qualifying examination.

Proposed change:

Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination. Students may register for this course in the semester **after** the qualifying examination.

3.2.3.3.7 757 Pre-dissertation residency credit

Residency credit for dissertation research before the qualifying examination. Students may register for one semester of this course in anticipation of completing the qualifying examination during the semester. The course is not repeatable and is not required. (2 credit hours, counts as full-time enrollment).

Rationale:

The current text conflicts with the language in Senate Rule 3.1.2.4.1.1:

... Students are required to enroll in a 2 credit hour course after successfully completing the qualifying examination, XXX-767 (Dissertation residency credit)

Thus, 767 has two different uses according to Senate rules: as a course for the semester of the qualifying exam and as a post-qualifying exam course. To resolve this ambiguity, the Graduate School has proposed a new course, XXX-757. That course will be distinct in use from 767, as students may enroll in it for the semester when they have scheduled the qualifying exam. It will function in the same way as 767, in that its two credits will count as full-time enrollment. Unlike 767, it will not be repeatable; it will also not be required, as students in many programs complete their exams when they are not enrolled over the summer.

XXX 757: QUALIFYING EXAMINATION RESIDENCY CREDIT

Once all coursework requirements have been met, doctoral students must take and pass a qualifying examination (QE) which has written and oral components. The time required to prepare for the QE varies considerably from program to program. To provide preparation time students to date have been allowed to register for XXX-767 (Dissertation Residency Credit) the semester of the QE. Students that do not take (or pass) the QE are required to drop 767 and replace it with an equivalent number of, for example, research credit hours. In a significant number of cases however students/programs have failed to submit a drop/add request. Additionally, it has become evident that this use of 767 is not consistent with current University Senate rules.

We are proposing to develop a new course XXX-757: Qualifying Examination Residency Credit. As for 767, students will register for 2 credit hours of 757 and this will be recognized as full-time enrollment. This course will be graded S/UN and will NOT be repeatable. Students will not be able to register for 767 until the QE is passed. If the QE is not taken or passed while registered for 757 an I or UN grade may be assigned, and enrollment in up to 9 credit hours of alternative coursework will be required in subsequent semester(s) until the QE is passed. At that point an S grade may be assigned to 757.

If approved this course will be assigned to all existing doctoral programs and to new doctoral programs with the appropriate prefix. It will be a program decision whether to use 757. As with 767, there will be no syllabus associated with XXX-757. This course will be restricted to doctoral students that have completed all coursework requirements and are preparing for the QE. (In most programs, the pre-qualifying coursework requirement is 36 credit hours, but some require more).

NOTE: This proposal was reviewed by Graduate Council on November 30th and unanimously approved.