



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3345.481 Required course registration accommodations.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible student" means an undergraduate student enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at a state institution of higher education.

(2) "Final two academic years" means the last two academic years of full-time study that a bachelor's degree program is typically designed to require, as determined by the chancellor of higher education.

(3) "Requisite course" means a course that is necessary to complete an eligible student's bachelor's degree program, but that is not a general elective.

(4) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of a state institution of higher education shall provide an eligible student with an accommodation prescribed under division (C) of this section if that student was unable to register for a requisite course in one of the student's final two academic years and all of the following apply:

(1) The eligible student has not completed the requisite course prior to that academic year.

(2) The eligible student was enrolled full time, as defined by the chancellor, in that academic year.

(3) The eligible student was unable to register for the requisite course in that academic year because of either of the following:

(a) The course was not offered by the state institution of higher education.



(b) Circumstances beyond the eligible student's control made registration for the course unfeasible, as determined by the chancellor.

(4) The eligible student successfully paid all general and instructional fees and did not receive a refund for the courses for which the student registered in that academic year at the start of that year.

(5) The eligible student did not enroll in the maximum amount of credit hours in that academic year, as determined by the state institution of higher education.

(C) A board of trustees shall offer an eligible student described in division (B) of this section one of the following accommodations:

(1) The board of trustees shall waive the eligible student's general and instructional fees for the requisite course if the student successfully registers for that course in the next academic year in which the course is offered. However, a waiver of fees shall not grant an eligible student guaranteed or priority registration for that course.

(2) The board of trustees shall reimburse the eligible student for any general and instructional fees the student paid in order to register for a course equivalent to the requisite course that is offered by an institution of higher education with a similar accreditation. To qualify for a reimbursement, the student must have registered for the equivalent course in the academic year in which the student was unable to register for the requisite course.

(3) The board of trustees shall permit the eligible student to complete an independent study that meets specified guidelines in lieu of the requisite course in order to meet the requirements of the student's bachelor's degree program.

(D) The chancellor shall establish rules to implement this section.