

UNCW Faculty Senate

Resolution

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Whereas the newly implemented University Studies curriculum requires that the *Writing Intensive* and *Information Literacy* competency requirements be satisfied by taking three courses designated as fulfilling the competency and

Whereas the decision to designate a course as fulfilling WI or IL requirements is based on whether the course fulfills the Student Learning Outcomes, with no reference to credit or contact hours, and

Whereas the sciences typically train students in writing and information literacy in laboratory courses or courses devoted to teaching these competencies that carry one or two hours of course credit

Therefore be it resolved that the current requirement of **9 credit hours** in IL and WI be changed to require **three courses** designated as fulfilling these requirements for each competency.