Title: Self-Paced Online Courses as Resident Credit (formerly Correspondence as Resident Credit)  
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**Policy Statement:** College credit earned through the self-paced online course (SPOC) format on the University of Central Oklahoma campus may be used to satisfy the 30 hour resident credit hour requirement for graduation purposes. Students may apply a maximum of 30 hours of self-paced online study toward any degree at UCO. There is a 180 calendar day time limit to complete courses earned through self-paced online format.

**Background:** The University of Central Oklahoma was granted an institutional exception to section 3.14.5.C.2 of the Undergraduate Degree Requirements policy by Chancellor Glen Johnson on April 28, 2008. This action was ratified by the Oklahoma State Regents at the May 2008 meeting. Rationale for this exception included:

1. Self-paced online/correspondence courses display the same rigor and have been vetted through the same course approval process as traditional courses;
2. UCO considers the self-paced online/correspondence format to be an alternative course delivery method, rather than a separate category of coursework;
3. This request is consistent with the Academic Calendar policy that supports the master core competencies regardless of “seat time.”

**Purpose:** To allow traditional and non-traditional UCO students the option to use course credits earned through the self-paced online format to satisfy the 30 hour resident credit requirement.

**Implementation Date:** Upon approval (April 28, 2008).

**Related Procedures:**

**Coordinating Offices:**

**Point-of-Contact for Academic Affairs:** Associate Vice President/Registrar for Enrollment Management.

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