

<b>Title: Number of Online Courses Allowable in Full-Time Teaching Load</b>	<b>Policy No:3.9</b>
<b>Category: Academic Administrative Processes</b>	<b>Effective: Fall 2008</b>

**Policy Statement:**

The Office of Academic Affairs places no limitation on the number of online courses a full-time faculty member can teach as part of a full-time teaching load provided: 1) the faculty member and the course(s) he/she teaches online adhere to the tenants of the Academic Affairs Online Course Quality Policy (3.8), and 2) he/she fulfills all other university, college, and department obligations. Colleges may choose to place limitations on the number of online courses a full-time faculty can teach per semester.

**Background:**

An initial scan of institutions of higher education indicates variability in the explicit or implicit policies related to the number of online courses full-time faculty may teach as part of a full-time teaching load. In the few cases that have been reviewed formally by UCO, there usually are limitations placed on the number of courses faculty members may teach online in any given semester. In those cases, the limitation is based on financial losses, and/or concern about course quality. At UCO, both of those issues have been resolved.

**Purpose:** To clarify that the scale and scope of online course offerings is determined by the academic colleges.

**Implementation Date: Fall 2008**

**Related Procedures: Online Course Quality Policy (3.8).**

**Coordinating Offices: CPDE, Office of Academic Affairs**

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