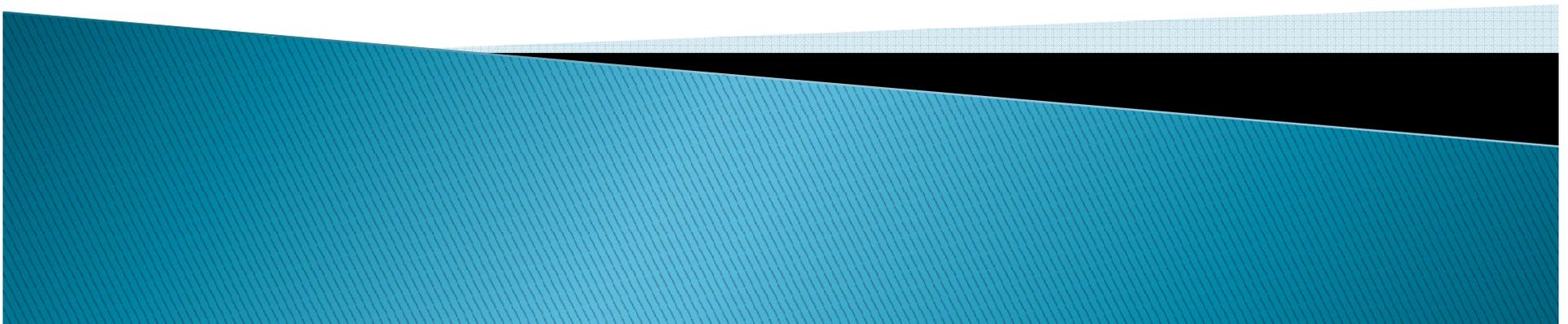


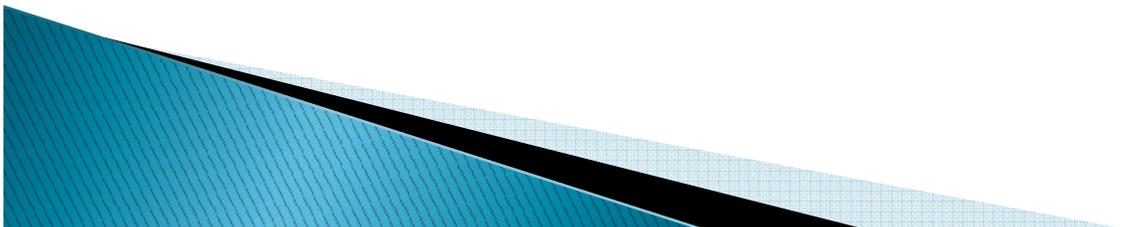
# Credit Transfer: Cornerstone of The University System of Ohio

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# Why Credit Transfer Is Important to You and Your Students

- ▶ The State of Ohio needs to be able to compete in the Knowledge Economy.
- ▶ More Ohio citizens need to pursue higher education.
- ▶ College access, academic preparation, financial assistance, and seamless college transfer can help Ohio reach its goals.



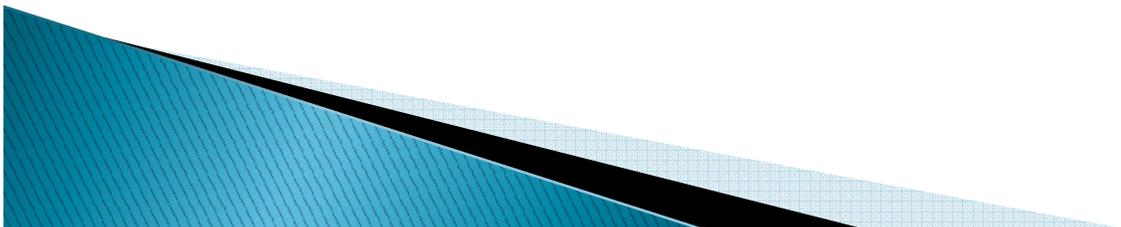
# What You Need to Know About Credit Transfer

- Policy Website
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- Ohio Transfer Module
  - <http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/modules/>
- Transfer Assurance Guides
  - <http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/tags/>
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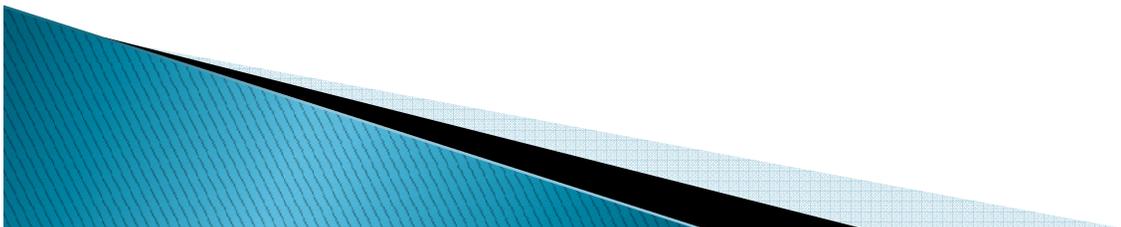
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- Electronic Exchange of Transcripts
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- Technical Credit
  - <http://regents.ohio.gov/careertechtransfer/>
- AP Standardized Cut-Off Scores
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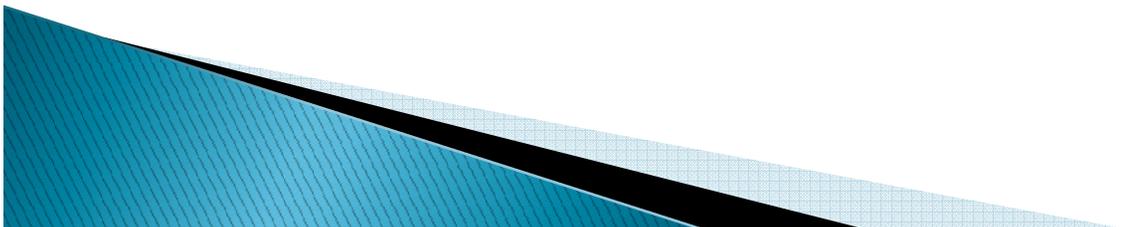
# Policy Highlights

- ▶ Any Ohio resident who completes an AA/AS and the Transfer Module, all with at least a 2.0, is guaranteed admission to an Ohio Public College or University.
- ▶ Transfer students are guaranteed to be treated as equals with native students.
- ▶ Every campus has its own transfer credit appeals process.



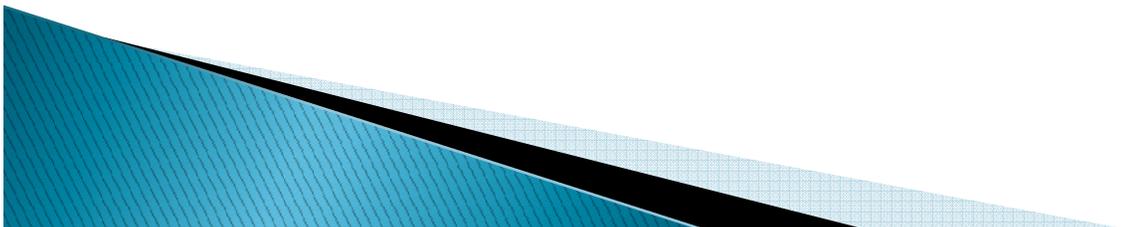
# Ohio Transfer Module

- Designed in 1990
- A collection of general education courses in five subject areas:
  - English
  - Math
  - Arts and Humanities
  - Social Sciences
  - Natural Sciences and Physical Sciences
- Now can transfer on a course by course basis



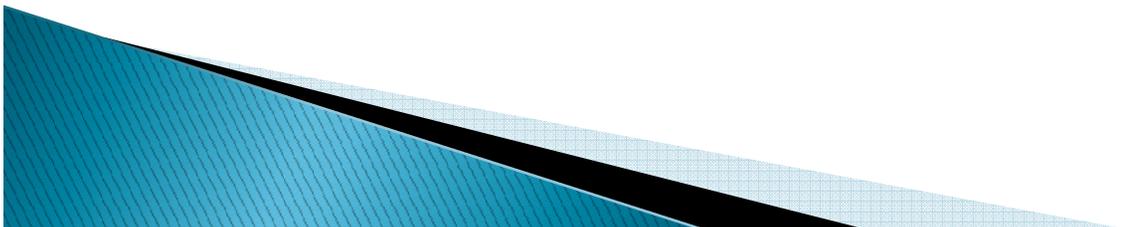
# Transfer Assurance Guides

- ▶ In 2004 House Bill 95 passed which called for a course equivalency system.
- ▶ Thirty-eight Transfer Assurance Guides developed by faculty panels went into effect in fall 2005.
- ▶ Causing the largest curriculum reform in Ohio's public institutions of higher education

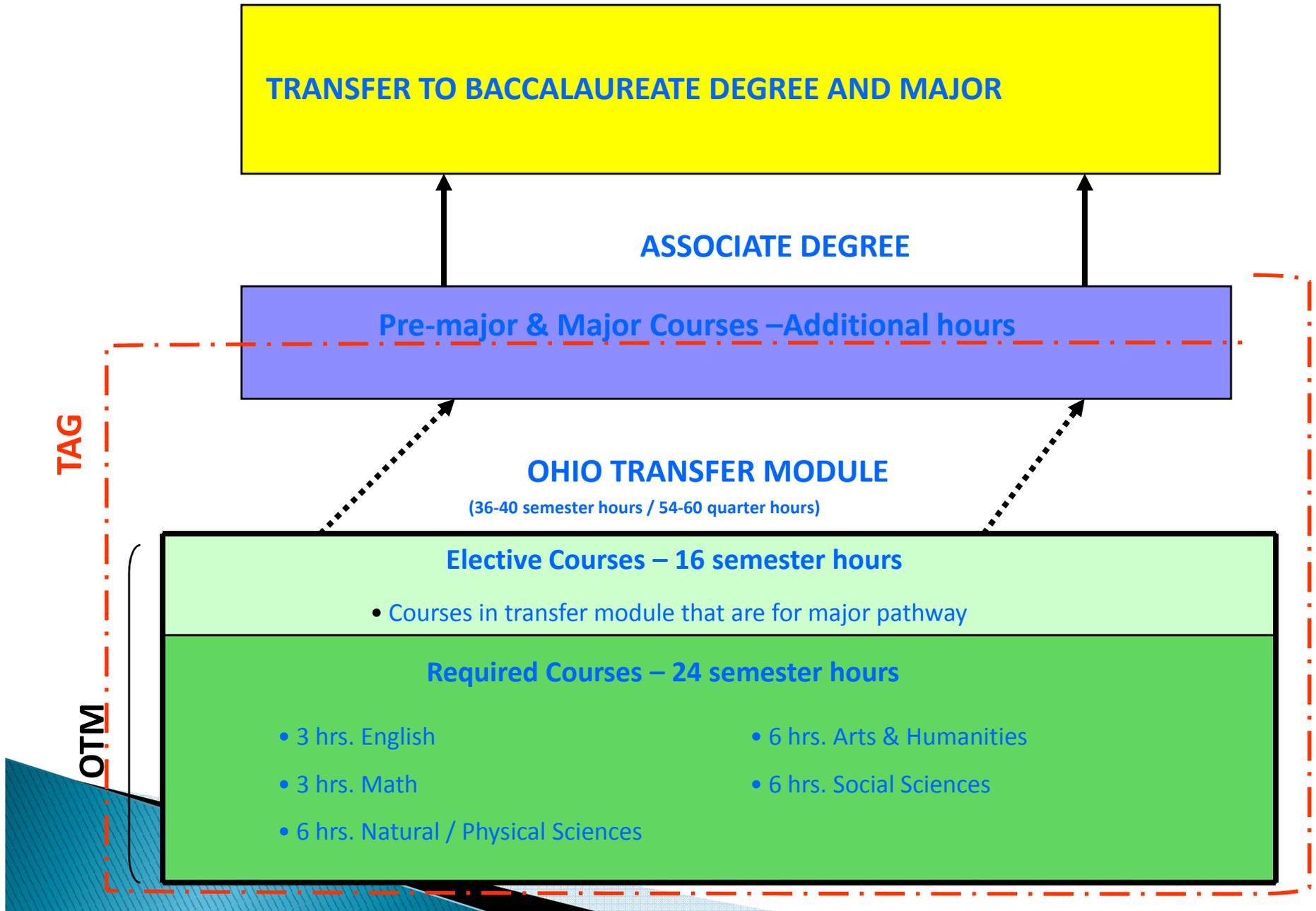


# A TAG is Composed of Four Parts

- ▶ Transfer Module with Recommendations
- ▶ Advising Notes
- ▶ Foreign Language (If applicable)
- ▶ Pre-major and Beginning Major Courses



# Semester Hour Example



# TAG Discipline Areas

<p><b><u>1. Arts &amp; Humanities</u></b>          Art History          Dance          English Literature          Fine Arts          Music          Philosophy          Theatre</p>	<p><b><u>2. Social and Behavioral Sciences</u></b>          Anthropology          Economics          Geography          History          Political Science          Psychology          Sociology</p>
<p><b><u>3. Education</u></b>          Professional Education Module          Professional Education Module with Advising Recommendations for Middle School Math          Professional Education Module with Advising Recommendations for Middle School Science          Professional Education Module with Advising Recommendations for AYA Math          Professional Education Module with Advising Recommendations for AYA Science          Professional Education Module with Advising Recommendations for Intervention Specialist</p>	
<p><b><u>4. Engineering &amp; Engineering Technology</u></b>          Aerospace, Agriculture, Civil, Mechanical          Engineering          Bioengineering, Biomedical Engineering          Chemical, Environmental Engineering          Computer, Electrical Engineering          Industrial Engineering</p> <p><u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</u>          Bachelor of Science in Technology              Electrical Engineering              Mechanical Engineering              Construction Engineering              Industrial</p> <p>Bachelor of Individualized Studies          Baccalaureate in Organizational Leadership</p>	<p><b><u>5. Science and Mathematics</u></b>          Biology          Chemistry          Geology          Mathematics          Physics</p>
<p><b><u>7. Business</u></b>          Business</p>	<p><b><u>6. Health</u></b>          Dietetics          Health Information Management          Medical Laboratory          Nursing</p> <p><b><u>8. Communications</u></b>          Communication Studies          Journalism          Public Relations &amp; Advertising          Telecommunication</p>

# Anatomy of a TAG

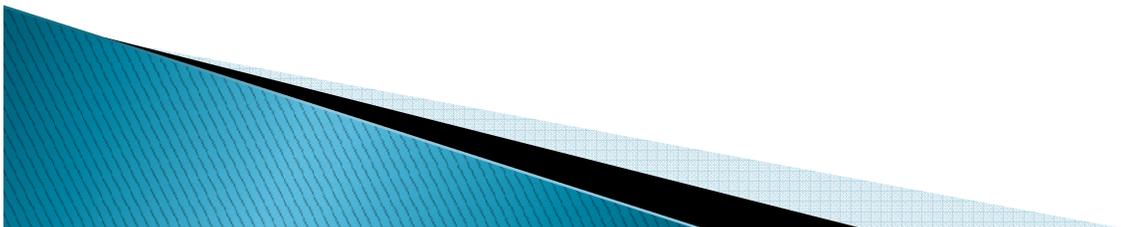
## Transfer Module with Recommendations

### 1. General Education Requirements (Ohio Transfer Module)

Discipline	Minimum Hours	Recommended Coursework
English Composition	3 sem /5-6 qtr	
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# Anatomy of a TAG

## Advising Notes

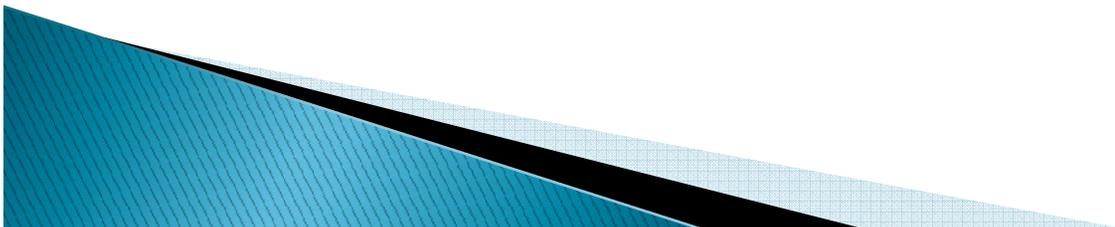
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**e. Principles of Marketing Management**

**OBU006**

3 sem. / 5 qtr.

**Advising Notes:** Prerequisite or co-requisite of one course emphasizing microeconomics

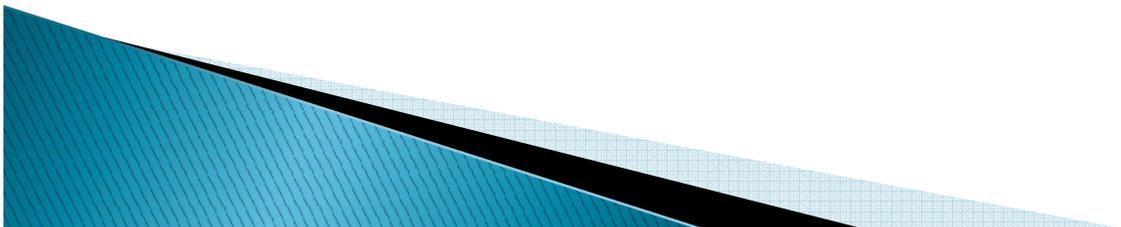


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Foreign Language (if applicable)

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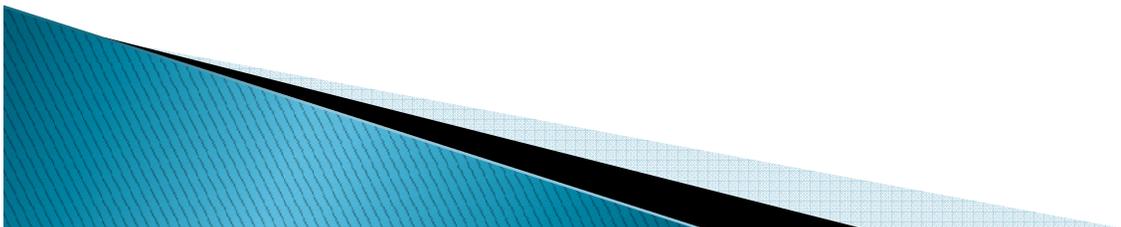


# Anatomy of a TAG

## Pre-major and Beginning Major Courses

### 3. Introduction to the Major

Course	OAN number (s)	Credit Hours
a. Introduction to Financial Accounting	OBU001	3 sem. / 5 qtr.
b. Introduction to Managerial Accounting	OBU002	3 sem. / 5 qtr.
c. Legal Environment of Business	OBU004	3 sem. / 5 qtr.
d. Business Communication	OBU005	3 sem. / 5 qtr.
e. Principles of Marketing Management	OBU006	3 sem. / 5 qtr.
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## Transfer Assurance Guide

### Business

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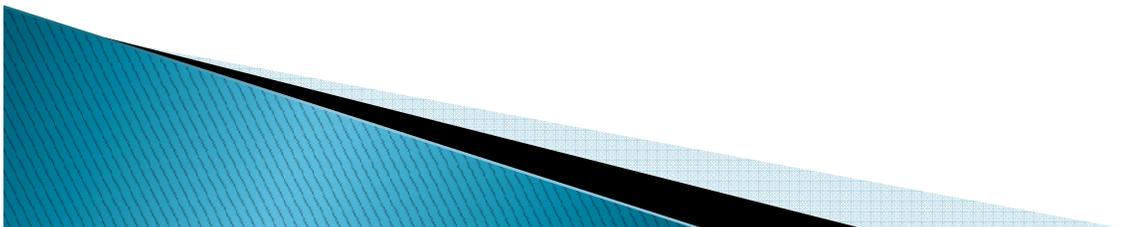
#### TAG Total Guaranteed Credits (range)

* Ohio Transfer Module	36-40 sem.	54-60 qtr
* Foreign Language	0-16 sem.	0-24 qtr
* Introduction to the Major	0-16 to 20 Sem.	0-24 to 30 qtr.

**Institutional Requirements:** For entrance and graduation, a transfer student must meet all institutional requirements which would include, but may not be limited to: minimum grade point average, residency requirements, upper division credits attained, minimum grades in specific courses, performance requirements (ex. dance, music); and, other requirements of native students from the same institution.

# Importance of a TAG Course

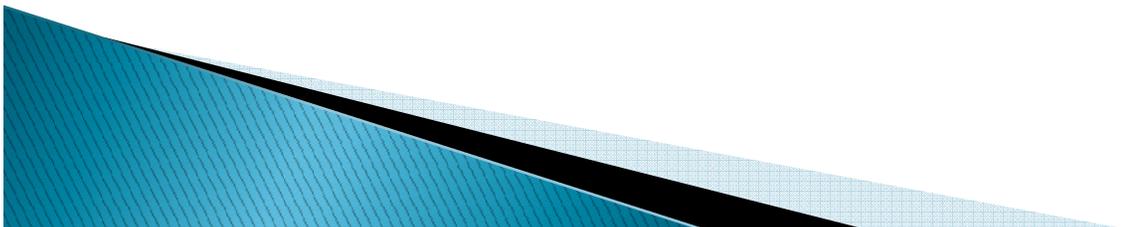
- ▶ Approved TAG Courses have the guarantee that they will transfer and apply as major credit.
- ▶ Each TAG course has a title, an Ohio Articulation Number (OAN) code, and the credit hour range the course is guaranteed to transfer.



# Example

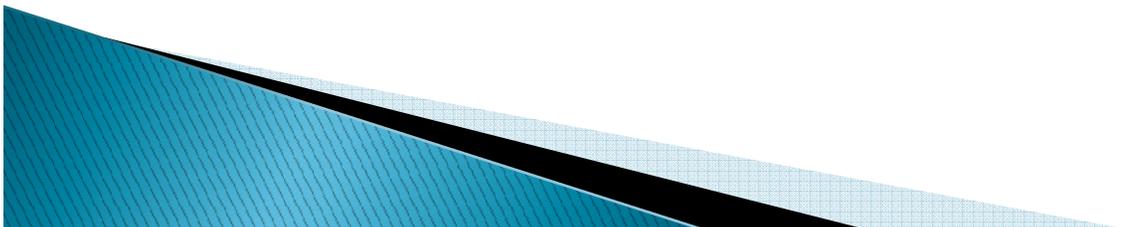
## Business TAG is made up of:

- ▶ Financial Accounting OBU001
- ▶ Intro to Managerial Accounting OBU002
- ▶ Legal Environment of Business OBU004
- ▶ Business Communication OBU005
- ▶ Principles of Marketing Management OBU006



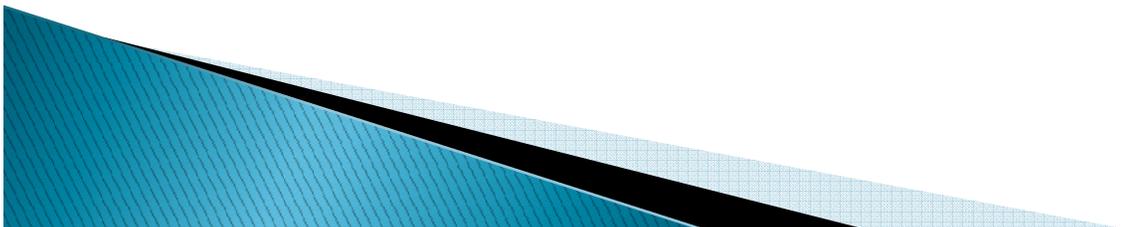
# Ohio Articulation Numbers

- ▶ Presently there are 159 OANs that represent a set of learning outcomes
- ▶ Institutions map their course(s) to the OANs. Sometimes an institution will map more than one course to an OAN. (The difference in many cases is due to the mapping done by quarter and semester institutions.)
- ▶ Faculty panels reviewed the course mappings



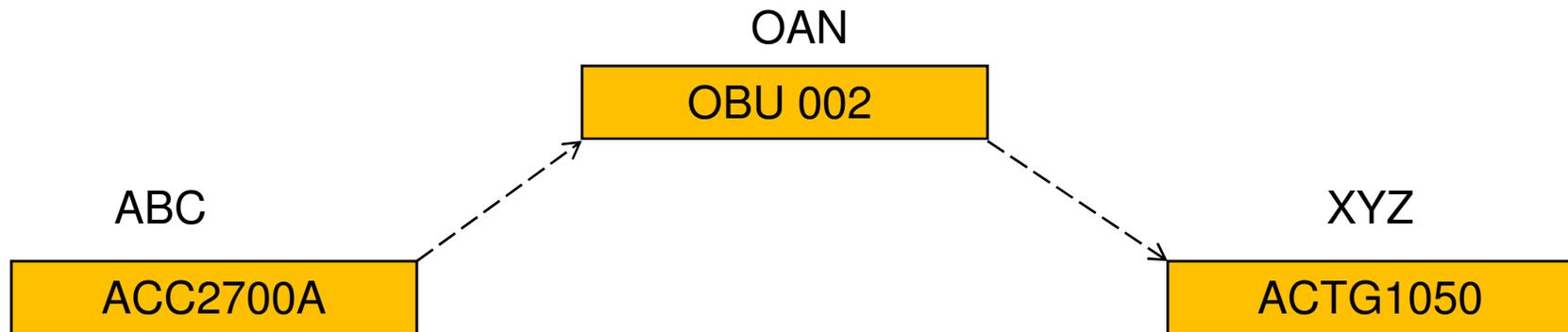
# TAG Transfer Guarantee

- ▶ If a student takes an approved TAG course then that course is guaranteed to transfer as major credit to any of Ohio's public institutions.
- ▶ TAG courses are equivalent when they have been matched to the same set of learning outcomes (OAN) and have been approved during the same time period.

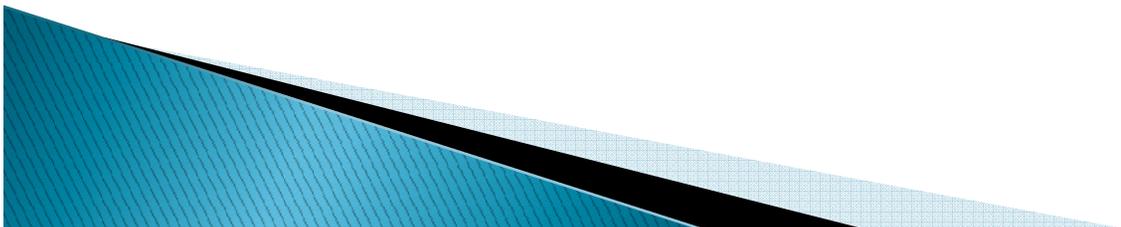


# How the TAG Process Works (cont'd)

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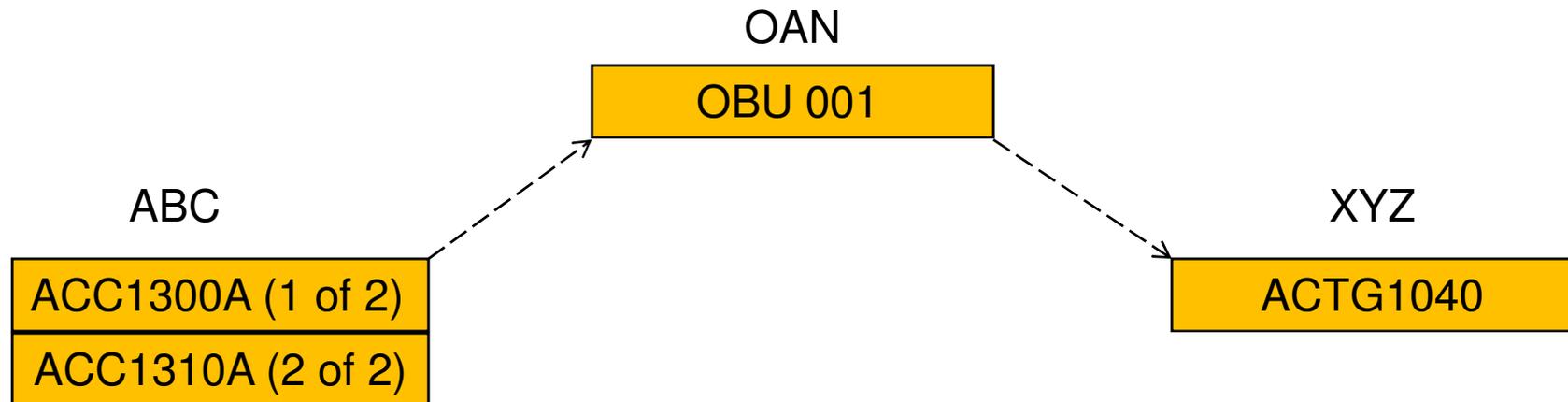


The student is GUARANTEED this is how their course will transfer. The student will receive credit for ACTG1050 and it will apply to the major as if the student had taken ACTG1050 at XYZ University.



# How the TAG Process Works (cont'd)

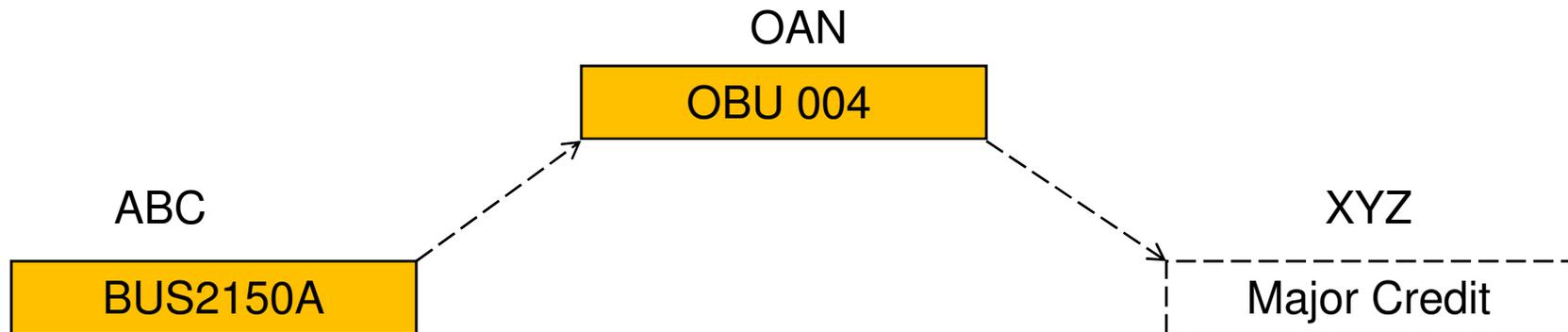
Now, let's say a student decides to transfer Intro to Financial Accounting from ABC College to the XYZ University....



- The student **MUST** take both courses at ABC College to guarantee the transfer to XYZ University.
- The Business TAG guarantees 3 Semester Hours will transfer as major credit. Any time over this is up to XYZ University discretion on how it transfers – major or elective

# How the TAG Process Works (cont'd)

Let's say a student decides to transfer Legal Environment of Business from ABC College to the XYZ University....



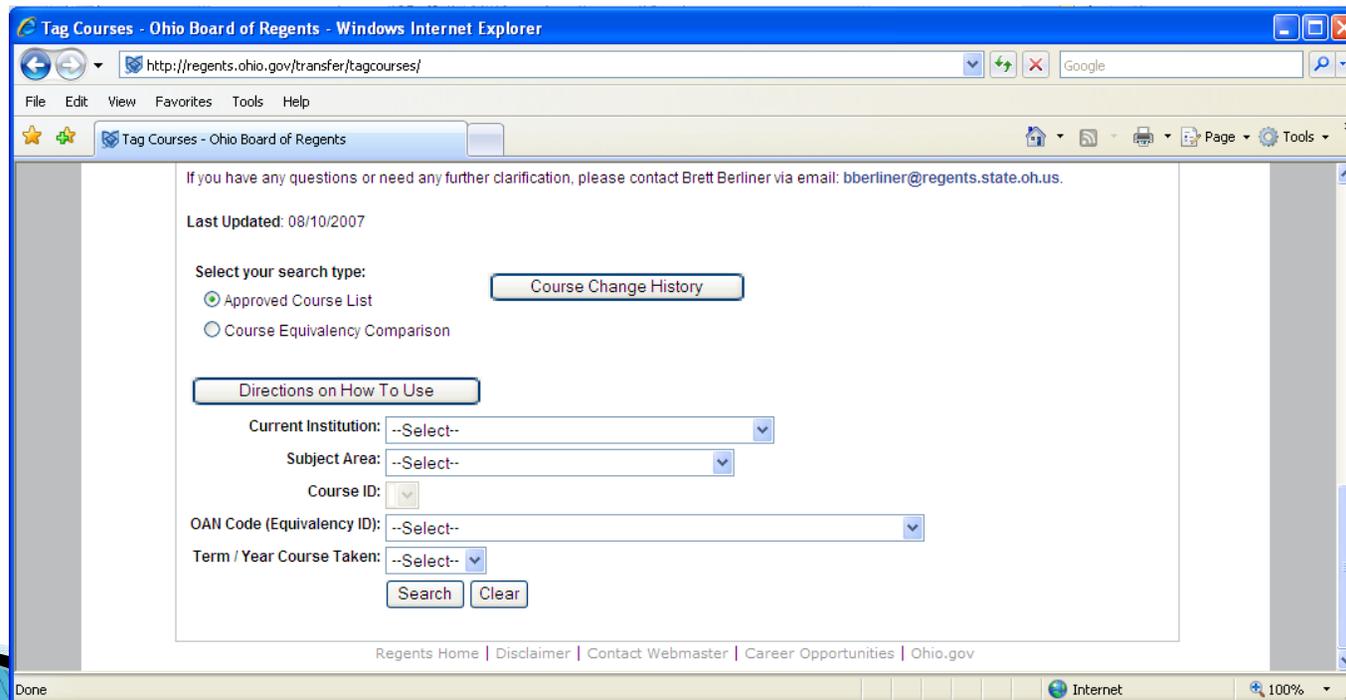
In this situation, XYZ University does not have a course matched and approved with OBU004 currently. Because of that, any student transferring from ABC College will be guaranteed major credit, but there is no guarantee to the exact course it will transfer in as.



# Approved and Equivalent TAG Courses

Finding approved TAG courses

An Electronic Bulletin Board has been set up to display all of the approved TAG courses and to show how they map to each other. It can be found here: <http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/tagcourses/>

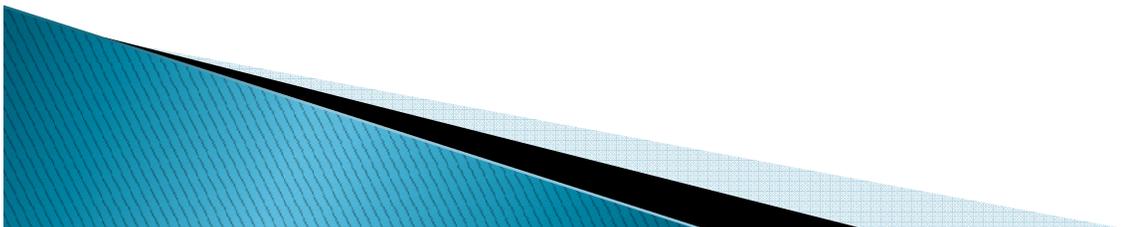


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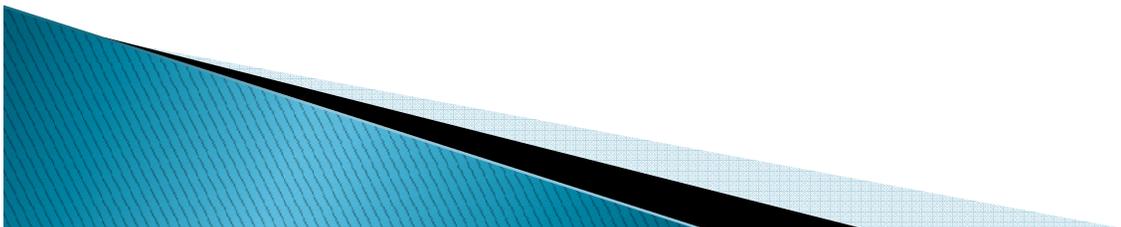
# Institutional Bilateral Agreements

- ▶ Bilateral transfer agreements identify courses that will transfer between individual institutions.
  - Bilateral agreements are developed by the institution's faculty.
- ▶ OTM and TAG courses carry a state-wide transfer guarantee.
  - OTM and TAG guarantees were developed by state-wide faculty panels.



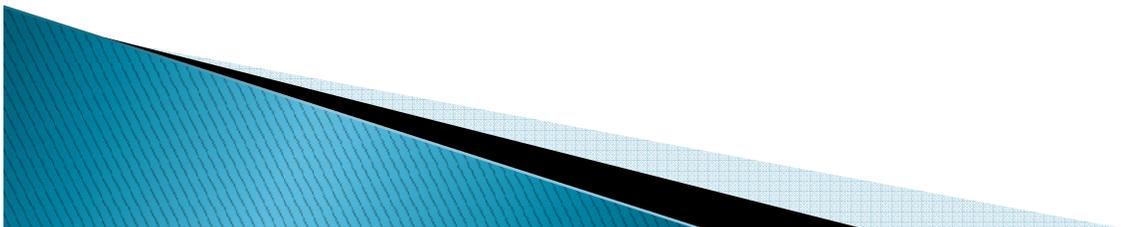
# More Information on Credit Transfer

- ▶ Credit Transfer:
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- ▶ Pathways, Ohio's Credit Transfer Newsletter:
  - <http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/pathways>



# Other Initiatives Underway

- ▶ Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse:
  - Electronic Exchange of Transcripts with Supplement Containing Information about Transfer Courses
- ▶ Career–Technical Credit Transfer:
  - Automotive, Nursing, Engineering Technology, Medical Assisting, and Networking
- ▶ Standardization of Advance Placement Scores



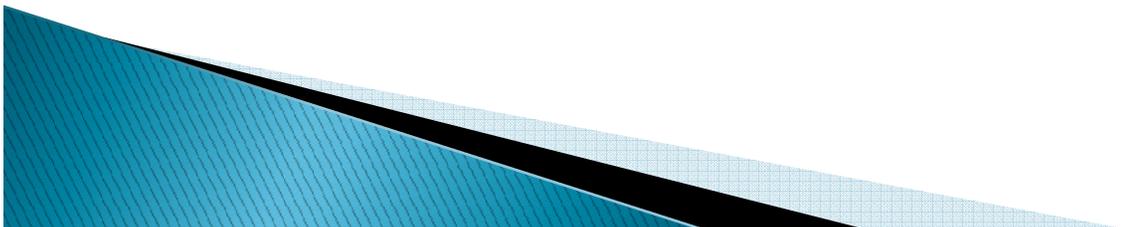
# How does this all fit together?

## □ Institution

- Academic Policies
- Schools/Departments
- General Education Requirements
- Programs/Majors
- Course Catalogs
- Transcripts

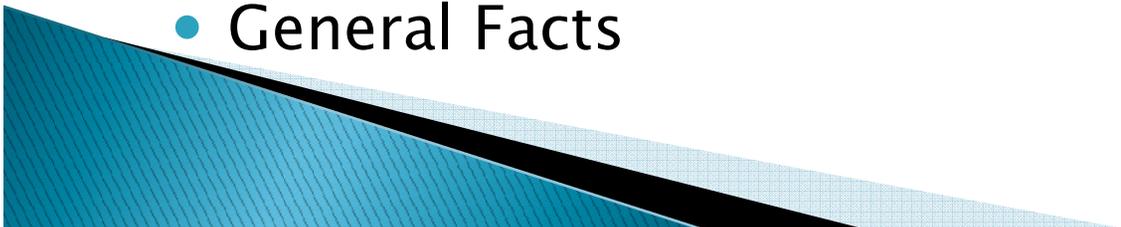
## □ Board of Regents

- Legislative Policies
- Discipline Areas
- Ohio Transfer Module
- Transfer Assurance Guides
- Learning Outcomes (OANs)
- Supplements



# College Access Information Hotline

- Works with students, parents, school counselors and the general public
- Provides professional advice
- Acts as a resource
  - List of free grant & scholarship websites
  - List of reference books
  - List of access organizations, such as OCAN, TRIO, GEAR UP and College Tech Prep
- Supplies information on
  - College preparation
  - Articulation and Transfer
  - General Facts

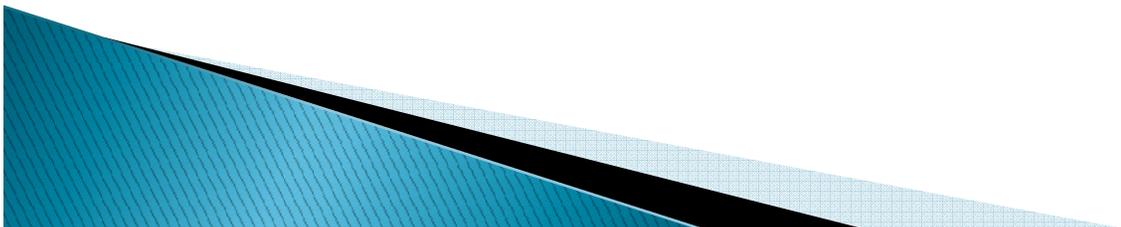


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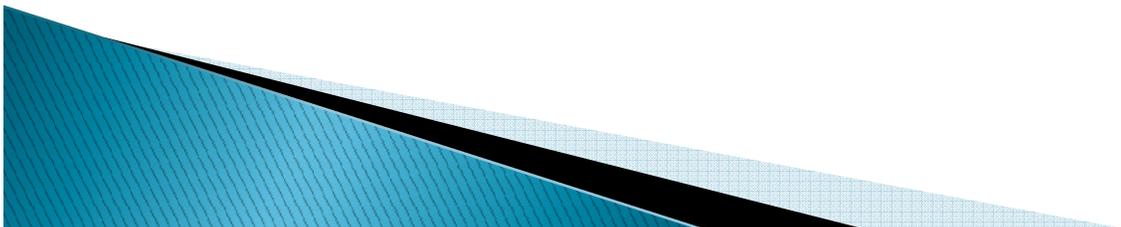
[www.OhioCAP.org](http://www.OhioCAP.org)

- ▶ One–Stop shop for college information
- ▶ Available for students, parents and adult learners
- ▶ Provides information on preparing for college
- ▶ Model: Indiana’s Learn More Resource Center website: [www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org)

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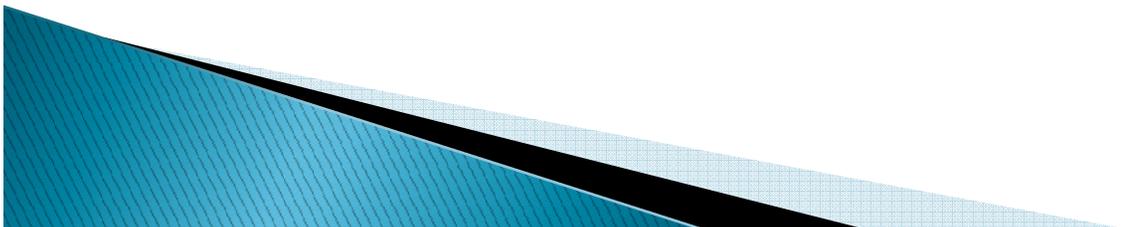
- ▶ Available TODAY!!
- ▶ Tentative marketing launch date: April 2008



# Benefits for Everyone

Hotline and Web Portal seek to:

- Provide information at your fingertips
- Increase number of in-state students
- Assist in providing a more educated workforce



# Questions?

- ▶ Presentation will be posted in Campus News at [http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/campus\\_news.php](http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/campus_news.php)
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