As part of the transition from quarters to semesters, your cumulative quarter credits have been converted to semester credit equivalents and can now be viewed in SIS. You can view the conversion by logging in to the SIS, generating an unofficial transcript, and looking at the 2013 Conversion Term.

Some background:

- With RIT’s conversion to the semester calendar most courses that are currently offered as 4-credit quarter course will, beginning next year, be offered as 3-credit semester courses.
- Bachelor degrees that traditionally required a minimum of 180 quarter credits now require a minimum of 120 semester credits. Each program’s academic requirements are distinct. For specific information about your program requirements, please review your IAP (Individual Advising Plan).
- Graduate programs have also been revised to follow semester credit guidelines. Because of the varied nature of our graduate degree programs, please review your IAP (Individual Advising Plan) for specific information about your remaining program requirements.
- To coincide with these changes the cumulative quarter credits for each student have been converted to semester equivalents.

Here is additional information about the conversion process.

In general, the conversion process converted cumulative credits to semester credits by multiplying by .6666667*.

Examples:
- 180 quarter credits = 120 semester credits
- 100 quarter credits = 66.66667 (rounded up to 67)
- 151 quarter credits = 100.66667 (rounded up to 101)

Note: All fractional results will be rounded up.

1. Cumulative GPAs remain unchanged.
2. Year-levels were recalculated using the semester cutoffs and the resulting year-levels remain unchanged. Below are the semester credit hour cutoffs.

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3. From this point forward, any changes to grades or credit hours prior to fall 2013 will trigger the recalculation of this conversion, which will occur at least nightly. As a result you may need to wait until the next day to see the changes take effect.
4. All calculations for the conversion are maintained in a special academic term in SIS which is coded as 2013 Conversion Term (2130), which falls between summer 2013 (2124) and fall 2013 (2131).

*This is a very simplistic summary of the conversion. There are actually five possible buckets of credit for a student. Each is individually converted and then summed up to calculate the total cumulative credits earned. As a result, the semester credit results can vary slightly from the simplistic calculation noted above. The five buckets are:

– Credits Included in GPA. *(To preserve the GPA separate enrollment records are created in the 2130 term to capture the gpa units for each grade value.)*
– Credits Not Included in GPA (Thesis, S/F, X). *This bucket is also used to add credit to the “credits include in GPA” calculation to have a rounded result.*
– Transfer Credit
– Test Credit (used for AP credit since fall 2012)
– Other Credit (used for credit by experience since fall 2012)

If you would like to see some screen shots of what you should expect to see in SIS you may follow this link: "Student View of Credit Conversion".

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