Melissa:

The proposal from Engineering seems unlikely to have any effect on University Exploration or, for that matter, any other academic advising unit. It appears more related to residency and course work in ENG for purposes of accreditation.

The retention plan for Public Health will likely have a larger impact on Exploration, though it’s hard to say how much. In terms of the lowest acceptable grade in any given course, the retention requirement (a grade of C- or higher) is less rigorous than the admission standard (which requires a grade of C or higher). The plan itself seems quite complicated, but that isn’t our concern. We are glad to see they will allow a student a probationary term to try to get back on track, rather than just dismissing the student from the program (as, for example, Nursing does), which should lessen the impact on Exploration. The Environmental Public Health specialization involves considerably more math and science than the Public Health Sociology specialization, and if the college will permit students who are struggling (and who want to make the shift) to move from the one track to the other before reaching the point of disenrollment, that may help with retention to the college and lessen the need for students to seek a new major elsewhere.

Thanks very much for the opportunity to respond to these requests.

Best,

John
Date: 6 December 2012

To: Randy Smith  
    Vice Provost, Office of Academic Affairs

From: Ed McCaul  
    Secretary, College of Engineering Committee on Academy Affairs (CCAA)

Subject: Transfer Student Residency Requirement for Graduation

CCAA reviewed and approved the attached policy for Transfer Student Residency Requirement for Graduation on the 6th of December 2012. I am forwarding it to you so that it can be approved by the Council on Academic Affairs. If you have any questions concerning this proposal please let me know.
College of Engineering
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Approved by CCAA 6 December 2012

The Ohio State University, under the University Faculty Rule 3335-9-30, requires that all students complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at Ohio State through regular course enrollment before they can receive an undergraduate degree from the university. In order for a student to receive a degree from the College of Engineering, the 30 hours required by the university must be hours that have been approved by the program from which the degree is offered.