4-week Session 1 credit FAQs, 2016

Q: When is 4-week Session 1, and is it considered part of spring semester or Summer Term? A: 4-week Session 1 begins Wednesday, May 11, and ends Monday, June 6. It is part of summer term.

Q: Are 4-week Session 1 classes “free”? A: Any student who has been enrolled fulltime (12 credits for undergraduate students; eight credits for graduate or graduate-professional students; three credits for doctoral students who are post-candidacy) during spring semester, and who is not graduating (with the exception of students earning an associate degree, students in a dual degree program and students enrolled in multiple degree programs), will receive a tuition credit for a maximum of three credits only in 4-week Session 1. 
Note: The tuition credit covers only General and Instructional fees and the Non-Resident Surcharge. Students must pay all other fees applicable to them, which may include the Student Activity Fee, Student Union Facility Fee, COTA Fee, Learning Technology Fee, Recreational Fee, Program fee, and Miscellaneous Fees (e.g., room and board, health insurance, International Undergraduate Student Fee, Student Legal Services, etc.)

Q: Can the 4-week Session 1 credit be used for a course offered anytime in summer term? A: No, the tuition credit is specific to the first 4-week session only.

Q: Can I take more than three credits in 4-week Session 1? A: Yes, but the tuition credit can only be used for up to three hours. Also, because courses are condensed, taking more than four credits during any 4-week session is strongly discouraged for undergraduates and not allowed for graduate students.

Q: Can I take fewer than three credits in 4-week Session 1? A: Yes. The 4-week Session 1 credit can be used for up to three credit hours.

Q: How will I know if I am eligible for the 4-week Session 1 credit? A: To see if you are eligible for the credit before registering, log in to your Student Center via buckeyelink.osu.edu and look in the Enrollment Information box on the right.

Q: Are all courses offered in 4-week Session 1? A: No. Because the session is condensed, offerings are limited, but there are still many to choose from. Note: courses will be available to search on January 22, 2016. To search for 4-week Session 1 courses when registering:

1. Go to buckeyelink.osu.edu and click Schedule of Classes in the Academics section.
2. Select Summer 2016 from the pull-down menu and click “Go.”
3. Select a subject from the Course Subject pull-down menu and click “Additional Search Criteria.”
4. Choose 4-week Session 1 from the Session pull-down menu and click “Search.”
Q: When are fees due for 4-week Session 1?
A: The fee-payment deadline for all summer sessions and summer term is May 4.

Q: How will the 4-week Session 1 credit be applied to my bill?
A: If you enroll in a 4-week Session 1 course and are eligible for the free credit, it will appear as a “Payment/Adjustment” on your Statement of Account.

Q: Are 4-week Session 1 credits counted toward part of spring or summer enrollment?
A: Credits taken in 4-week Session 1 are counted toward summer term enrollment. For example, if you register for one credit during 4-week Session 1 and 11 credits in other summer sessions, you are considered to be enrolled fulltime for summer term at 12 credits. Fees would be assessed for 12 credits, and you would have a tuition credit for the one-hour credit for 4-week Session 1.
Note: If total credits taken summer term exceed 18 hours, an overload surcharge will apply.

Q: Am I eligible for financial aid for 4-week Session 1?
A: Yes. Aid is based on the total enrollment for summer term. Most loans require half-time enrollment to disburse. Grants and scholarships typically require full-time enrollment and may be pro-rated for less than full-time enrollment depending on the award. Summer term financial aid packages will be available mid-April.

Q: How will finals work for the summer sessions?
A: Finals for all sessions are taken on the last day of classes unless the instructor establishes otherwise. Summer Term finals are August 1-3.

Q: Beyond General and Instructional fees, what other fees may I be charged for 4-week Session 1?
A: Students pay fees for 4-week Session 1 as they would with any enrollment period. These fees include the following: Student Activity Fee, Student Union Facility Fee, COTA Fee, Learning Technology Fee, Recreational Fee, Program fee, Miscellaneous Fees (assessed based on course work and individual circumstances and can include room and board, health insurance, International Undergraduate Student Fee, Student Legal Services, etc.)

Q: Can I graduate in the 4-week Session 1?
A: No. A student taking her/his last course during any summer session will graduate at the end of summer term.

Q: Can I take 4-week Session 1 courses after I graduate?
A: Yes, but at full cost. Spring graduates (with the exception of students earning an associate degree, students in a dual degree program, and students enrolled in multiple degree programs) can take classes during 4-week Session 1, but are not eligible for the tuition credit.