Header-Body Checks

# Overview

There are two limits that can be specified in the header part of a Scribe Block: MaxCredits and MaxClasses. These limits tell how many classes and/or credits can be applied to satisfying the requirements given in the body (rules) part of this block. In addition to the number of credits and/or number of classes, each limit gives a list of courses to which the limit applies. These course lists may include wildcards (@) for the subject and catalog numbers of the courses, and the catalog number can be given as a range (using a colon). Furthermore, there can be a list of courses that are exempt from the limit. Finally, each course can be subject to a “with-restriction” that specifies properties that govern the applicability of the limit.

## Examples

## MaxClasses 3 in PHYS 1@

## MaxCredits 4.5 in @ (With DWTransfer = 'Y') except PSY 200:299

No more than three 100-level Physics courses may be used to satisfy the requirements in this block.

No more than 4.5 credits in any course having the *DWTransfer* property with the value 'Y' may count towards the block’s requirements, but this limit does not apply to Psychology courses at the 200-level.

# The Question

How important is it to show these limits when displaying the block’s requirements?

There are at least two cases where they can safely be ignored:

1. The courses listed are mutually exclusive anyway. Actually, there are three sub-cases:
   1. Two courses may be “cross-listed.” In PeopleSoft, a single course can be offered with different subjects and/or catalog numbers (same course-id but different offer-numbers). Students can’t get credit for taking the two different versions.
   2. Courses may be part of an equivalence group. Here, students can’t get credit for taking more than one course within the group.
   3. Inactive courses can be replaced by equivalent new courses. Students who took the now-inactive version are not allowed to register for the new version.[[1]](#footnote-1)
2. The limits specified in the header may be redundant to restrictions present in the body.

# Methodology

1. The active and inactive versions have the same course-id and offer-number, but might have different subjects, catalog-numbers, titles… [↑](#footnote-ref-1)