Proposed Clarifications to AR 12.
Proposed clarifications appear shaded and in bold.

AR 12. Withdrawal From Individual Courses Classes

Any student may withdraw from a maximum of 12\(^1\) individual OSU credit bearing courses classes throughout their undergraduate career\(^2\) at OSU\(^3\). Any student may petition for an exception from this limitation if the justification for withdrawal is clearly associated with circumstances beyond the student's control. Withdrawal from a course class with a W grade begins after the tenth day of classes and continues through the end of the seventh week of classes. After the seventh week of classes, students are expected to complete the program attempted and will receive letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, I, S, U, P, N) for all courses classes in which enrolled unless they officially withdraw from the university. Procedures for withdrawal from individual courses classes are outlined in the term Schedule of Classes.

Footnotes:
1 Complete withdrawal from the university, as defined in AR 13, is not included in the maximum of 12 individual OSU courses classes.
2 This regulation applies to undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and nondegree undergraduate students.
3 Effective for all students enrolling fall term 2012 or beyond. The maximum withdrawal count will begin for all students starting fall 2012.

Rationale:
Academic Advisors sought clarification regarding the implementation of the “maximum of 12” class withdrawals which began Fall 2012. They wondered whether the implementation of the maximum was to start only with incoming freshman and asked if continuing students were to be “grand-fathered in” or “started at zero?”

It was also noted that there may be confusion about the terms “courses” and “classes.”

As a result:
The ARC communicated with the Academic Advisors, sharing the intended implementation expectations as approved by Faculty Senate spring 2012. Footnote #3 was revised to better communicate the intent of the 2012 revision.

The terms “course/courses” were revised to read “class/classes.”
That is, a student may not withdraw from Math 111 dozens of times thinking that Math 111 is one “course” in his/her required curriculum. Rather each enrollment in a class is counted.

The phrase “credit bearing” was added for further clarification.