

## Quarter courses and the EMNTC

### Question: How are quarter courses contributing to the MnTC (EMNTC audit)?

Most MnSCU schools converted from quarters to semesters in fall, 1998. Two MnSCU schools converted earlier. Southwest Minnesota State University (002375) converted in 1996, and Minnesota State University Moorhead (002367) converted in fall 1995.

The driver program in DARwin automatically changes the quarter credit values to the semester equivalent values when the courses feed into the audit without any special processing. Individual course conversions, where quarter courses become semester courses (i.e., SPCH 100 converting to COMM 1111) only occurs with additional encoding. Quarter courses in the EMNTC occur when campuses use one of the following processes.

1. using the **Convert Table**
2. using **A Lines**
3. using the **Convert Table and A Lines**
4. using a **Home-to-Home Articulation**
5. **Quarters are still Quarters**

### 1. CONVERT Table




13 schools use Convert

When quarter courses are processed via the DARwin Convert table, both the quarter and semester course are identified. In the example below, the quarter course ENGL0101 has been converted to ENGL1101. Default text for the converted course's new value is "PROCESSED AS". The driver program in DARwin calculates quarter credits to semester credits, and the Convert Table converts the course.

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OK      MTC Communications
        Two composition courses and one speech are required

S 97 ENGL0101      2.6 B      Engl Comp I
                                PROCESSED AS: ENGL1101
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If the semester course ENGL1101 is defined in DARwin as a MnTC Goal 1 course, with no date restrictions, then any ENGL0101 quarter course taken by a student at this institution will be converted to ENGL1101.

The Convert Table is a one-to-one relationship table. It supports duplicate checking. It identifies the quarter and semester course. If quarter courses on the Convert table do not include Effective Dates, then MnTC courses are grandfathered-in.

The Convert Table does not allow for many-to-one, or many-to-many conversions. It does not identify every quarter course. It only identifies the courses listed on the Convert Table.

Schools using the Convert Table for quarter to semester conversions, should use the MNTC 's respective INCLTOP requirement to identify how quarter course conversion occurs. Include a contact name, email address, or phone number.

Requirement: INCLMNT 19993

INCLMNT

Requirement Name: INCLMNT FYT: 1999 3 LYT: 9999 99

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Pseudo Name: INCLTOP Requirement Type: T - Text

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Common Reporting Reference/Other **Text** Limits (X-line) Used By

Header		OK	No
21	*****		
22	Quarter courses have been converted to semester courses and		
23	credits. If you have questions about quarter courses on this		
24	audit, please contact:		
25			
26	*****		

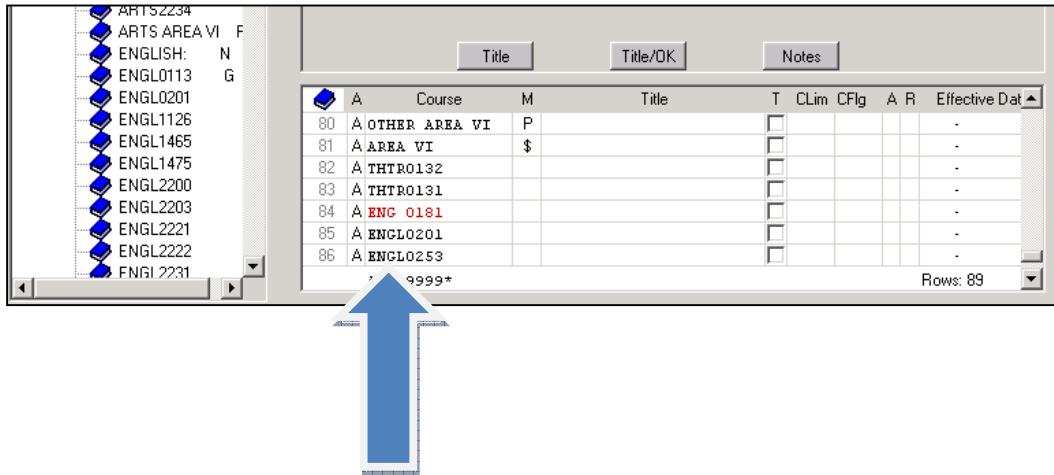
or

**Quarter courses appear on this audit via the Convert Table. Converted Quarter courses appear on this audit at: PROCESSED AS: If you have questions about quarter courses on this audit, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_**

## 2. A LINES

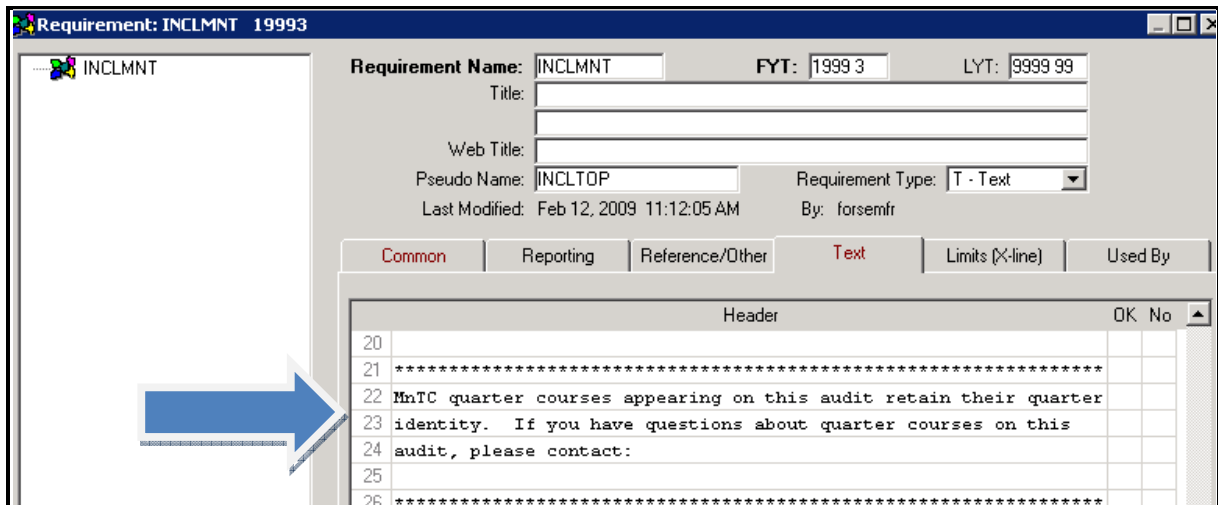
When quarter courses are processed through the sub-requirement, the quarter courses are listed on the A (Accept) lines of a sub-requirement. Normally, the quarter courses are listed below a \$ pseudo, hiding them from the Select From list.

Credit calculation (i.e., 4 quarter credits convert to 2.67 semester credits) occurs through the DARwin driver program.



A Lines do not usually identify semester equivalents. A Lines may not support duplicate checking. A Lines may not include all quarter courses. Using A Lines for quarter courses can be a maintenance issue for requirements created in the future. All future requirements with Goal courses would need to include the respective quarter Goal courses.

Schools using the A Lines for quarter MnTC courses, should use the MnTC 's respective INCLTOP requirement to identify how quarter courses appear. Include a contact name, email address, or phone number.



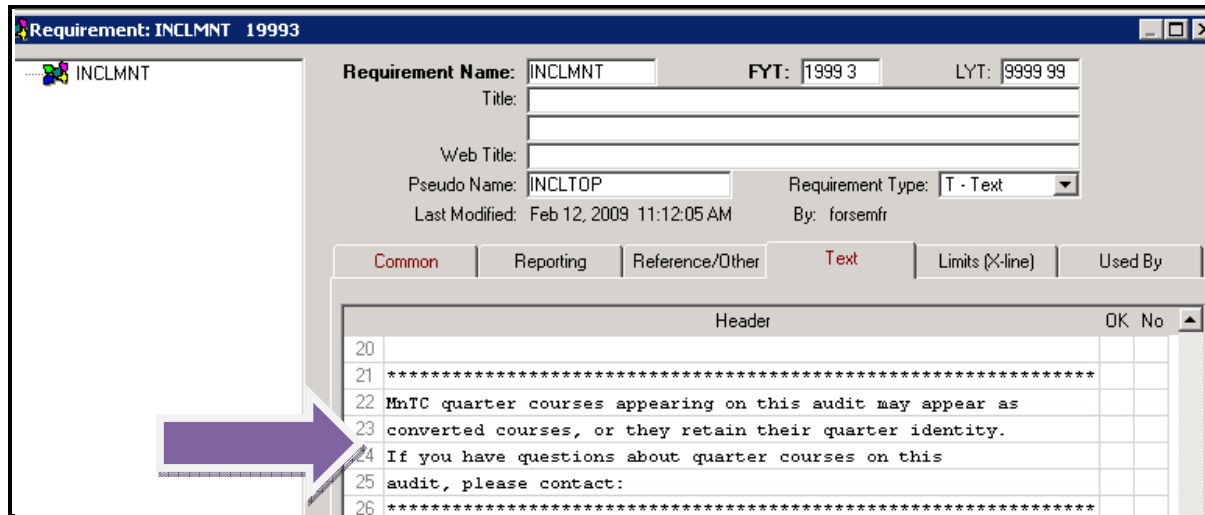
### 3. A Lines and Convert Table

Using a combination of A Lines and Convert Table may be a way to accommodate many-to-one conversions. The final sequenced course could be a one-to-one relationship on the Convert Table, and the pre-requisite courses could be listed on the A line below the \$ pseudo.

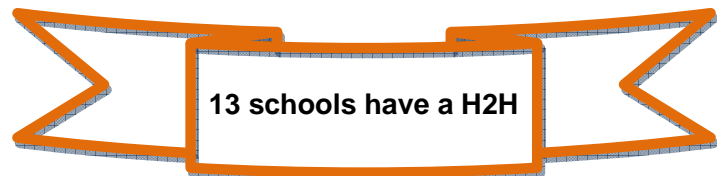
A Line and Convert Table does not identify many-to-many or many-to-one conversions. A Line and Convert Table may not support duplicate checking for A Lines. Using A Line and Convert

Table for quarter courses can be a maintenance issue for requirements created in the future. All future requirements with Goal courses would need to include the respective quarter Goal courses.

Schools using the A Lines and the Convert Table for quarter MnTC courses, should use the MNTC's respective INCLTOP requirement to identify how quarter courses appear. Include a contact name, email address, or phone number.



#### 4. Home-to-Home Articulation



When quarter courses are processed through the TA table, both the quarter and semester course are identified. Transfer processing in DARwin calculates the credit conversion.

OK	Goal 5: History, Social & Behavioral Sciences			
	At least two courses; one from each of two categories			
+ 1)	A. Economics/Geography:			
F 94	ECON1100	2.6 B	QUARTERS:	ECON0101
F 05	ELECT447	3.0 TA	Intro to Econ	

If ECON1100 is defined in DARwin as a MnTC Goal 5 course, with no date restrictions, then any ECON0101 course taken by a student at this institution will become ECON1100.

The Home-to-Home process occurs when a student's quarter academic record articulates to semester courses. In order for quarter courses to be read by the Home-to-Home rules in DARwin, they must be in a student's DARS Academic Record (Joe Cool) because they no longer feed into the audit via the DARwin driver. Historically, the Home-to-Home was applied to current students with quarter courses. All other students with quarter courses must be articulated through the Home-to-Home process.

Schools using Home-to-Home articulation of quarter courses, should use the MNTC 's respective INCLTOP requirement to identify how quarter courses appear. Include a contact name, email address, or phone number. When a student's quarter courses have not been articulated on the EMNTC, the receiving institution must request an articulation of the quarter courses.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Header		OK	No
21	*****		
22	Century College articulated all quarter to semester courses.		
23	Articulated quarter courses appear on this audit as "QUARTERS:"		
24	If this student's quarter courses are not articulated on this		
25	audit, please contact:		
26	*****		

## 5. Quarters are still Quarters

Some institutions within MnSCU did not offer MnTC courses before the conversion to semesters. These institutions do not have quarter MnTC courses appearing on the EMNTC. These schools should use the MNTC 's respective INCLTOP requirement to identify when approved MnTC courses were offered.

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Header		OK	No
21	*****		
22	Pine Technical College offered approved MnTC courses Nov., 2001		
23			
24	If you have questions about this audit, please contact:		
25			

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