

Transfer disputes may arise when a lower-division course is not accepted for credit by a Texas institution of higher education. To qualify as a dispute the course(s) in question must be offered by the institution denying the credit (receiving institution), or in the case of upper-level institutions, must be published as a lower division course accepted for fulfilling lower-level requirements. For community colleges, the course(s) must be listed in the **Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual (Revised)**, and be offered at the receiving institution. Additionally, the sending institution must challenge the receiving institution's denial of credit.

The institution whose credit has been denied (sending institution), or the student working through the sending institution, must initiate the dispute. From the date a student is notified of credit denial (date evaluation is sent by the receiving institution), the law allows a maximum of 45 calendar days for the resolution of the dispute by the sending and receiving institutions. For additional information, contact the Vice President of Educational Services.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND STANDARDS

PRESIDENT'S HONOR LIST

A student must be taking at least three (3) semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 4.0. In addition, disciplinary or academic probation shall make a student ineligible.

VICE PRESIDENT'S HONOR LIST

A student must be taking at least three (3) semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 3.5. In addition, disciplinary or academic probation shall make a student ineligible.

HIGH HONOR GRADUATES

Graduates receiving an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Applied Science with at least 30 hours at Temple College and with a grade point average of 4.0 on all hours which count toward graduation are considered high honor graduates.

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Graduates receiving an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Applied Science with at least 30 hours at Temple College and with a grade point average of 3.5 on all hours which count toward graduation are considered honor graduates.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Temple College has adopted academic standards for continued enrollment and graduation which require students to achieve an overall 2.0 grade point average in order to be eligible for graduation. However, in recognition of the fact that academic success is a learned behavior that occurs over time, Temple College has established the following academic standards which determine if satisfactory academic progress is being made.

Cumulative Semester Hours Attempted	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
1 – 6	1.00
7 – 12	1.25
13 – 18	1.50
19 - 30	1.75
31 - 42	1.90
42 and above	2.00

SCHOLASTIC PROBATION

Students who fail to meet either the semester GPA standard or the cumulative GPA standard or both will be placed on scholastic probation for the ensuing semester. If a student is on scholastic probation and satisfies either the semester GPA standard or the cumulative GPA standard but fails to meet the other, the student is continued on probation. Please note: For past semesters, first 6-week term and second 6-week term were evaluated together to determine scholastic probation.

SCHOLASTIC SUSPENSION

A student on scholastic probation who fails to meet both the semester and cumulative GPA standards will be suspended from the College for the ensuing fall or spring semester and any intervening summer session. A student on scholastic suspension may apply for readmission at the beginning of any semester after he/she has been out of college for one long semester, but will be readmitted on scholastic probation. No student with an academic record reflecting three or more scholastic suspensions may be re-admitted to the college without the recommendation of the Division Director of Student and Enrollment Services and the approval of the Vice President of Educational Services.

A student on suspension may also apply in writing for a one-time exception to the suspension policy. Exceptions are considered once each semester. Contact the office of the Division Director for Student and Enrollment Services for details. Students for whom exceptions are granted are readmitted on probation.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

A transfer student who is not scholastically eligible to return to the college he/she last attended will not be eligible for regular admission to Temple College. For information on exceptions and special admission contact the Vice President of Educational Services. A transfer student who was placed on probation at the college he/she last attended will be admitted on probation to Temple College and must meet the minimum standard of work during his/her first semester of enrollment in order to continue in attendance. A transfer student whose transcript does not indicate that he/she was on probation, but whose academic record during the last semester of his/her attendance at another college did not meet the minimum standard of work at Temple College, will be admitted on probation and must meet the minimum standard of work during his/her first semester of enrollment in order to continue his/her attendance.

CLASS INFORMATION**CLASS STANDING**

A student with 0 through 29 semester hours is considered to be of freshman standing. A student with 30 through 59 semester hours is considered to be of sophomore standing.

METHOD OF WORK

Traditionally, there are sixteen weeks of instruction during the fall and spring semesters. A typical course yields three semester hours of credit. This represents three hours of instruction each week for sixteen weeks for a total of forty-eight contact hours. Work taken in summer school results in the same total contact hours, but it is completed in either a three, six, eight, ten, eleven or twelve week period of time.

COURSE NUMBERS

Temple College is a participating institution in the Texas Common Course Numbering System. Courses designed for transfer have a standardized four-letter prefix followed by a four-digit number. The four-letter prefix identifies the subject area. For example, ENGL is the common prefix for English courses, while DRAM is the common prefix for drama/theatre courses. The four-digit number following the prefix identifies specific courses within the subject area. Each digit in the four-digit sequence gives additional information about the course. The first digit identifies the course as either freshman level (1) or sophomore level (2). The second digit identifies the number of credit hours students earn upon successfully completing the course. Most often this digit will be a 1, 2, 3, or 4. The final two digits serve to establish the sequence in which courses are generally taken. Thus, General Chemistry I-CHEM 1311 is taken before General Chemistry II CHEM 1312.

Developmental courses not designed for college credit or transfer have a 0 (zero) as the first digit. Courses that are included in a certificate or an Associate of Applied Science degree are technical (terminal) courses and are not intended as transfer courses. The student should consult with the intended transfer institution to determine the transferability of technical courses. Course equivalency guides are available in the Advising Center.

NORMAL CLASS LOAD AND MAXIMUM LOAD

The regular college year is composed of two semesters. Each semester consists of 16 weeks. A full-time student is one who carries 12 or more semester hours of work for the semester. At least 16 semester hours each semester are generally required if the student plans to complete a degree in the usual two or four-year time period. The maximum amount of work that a student will be approved to carry at one time is 18 semester hours. Students will be permitted to carry more than 18 semester hours under one of the 2 following conditions: 1) the student must take additional hours to be eligible for graduation at the end of the semester, or 2) the student made no grade lower than a "B" as a full-time student the previous long semester. The approval of an advisor is required for registration in excess of this maximum load.

The summer semester is composed of one eight-week session. Classes meet four days a week, Monday through Thursday. A full-time student is one who carries 6 or more semester hours of work during the term. Permission must be obtained from an advisor to enroll in more than 8 hours during the eight-week summer session.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Approval may be granted for a student to be concurrently enrolled at TC and another institution at the same time. If granted, the student must not exceed the maximum amount of work permitted during any one semester as outlined above.

A person who has received permission for concurrent enrollment and is concurrently enrolled at another institution must submit an official transcript from that institution to the Admissions and Records Office at TC at the close of the semester if he/she is planning to enroll at TC the following semester.

ADDING AND DROPPING COURSES

See Changes of Schedules and Withdrawals under Registration.

AUDITING OF COURSES

When space is available any person 18 years of age or older may, with the consent of the instructor, enroll as an auditor in either the day or evening division of the College. An auditor is entitled to the use of laboratory equipment and supplies and to

participation in fieldwork. Students must pay any laboratory fees required whether they use such facilities or not. Students cannot audit applied music classes. The instructor is not obligated to accept any papers, tests or examinations from these students. An auditor is free from such course requirements as attendance, written work, and tests. Credit will not be granted for a course that has been audited, except by enrolling in the course at a later date and completing all of the required work. Those living in the College district will pay the regular in-district tuition and fees plus a special \$15 auditing fee for each course audited. Those living outside the College district will pay the regular tuition and fees charged students who are not residents of the College district but who are residents of the state. They will also pay a special \$15 auditing fee for each course audited. Once students pay tuition and fees they may not change from audit status to credit status. Once students pay tuition and fees and enroll for a course for credit they may not change from credit to audit status. Procedures for auditing a course will be administered by the Director of Admissions and Records. No refunds of tuition and fees are made to auditing students who withdraw from class unless the class is cancelled by TC.

AUDITING OF COURSES BY SENIOR CITIZENS

Persons over 65 years of age are permitted to audit classes at TC on a space available basis without paying the required tuition and fees. The auditor must purchase all required supplies and books, etc. Refer to the section on Auditing of Courses for additional information.

CREDIT COURSE ENROLLMENT BY SENIOR CITIZENS

Temple College will grant a student 65 or older an exemption from tuition (only) for credit courses. The College must give preference to students paying tuition, and the discount is based on the availability of space in the class. Also, to qualify for exemption, the courses must be tax supported.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual class attendance is expected at Temple College since it is assumed that students are enrolled for the serious purpose of furthering their education. Excessive absenteeism is defined as being equivalent to two weeks of instruction in a sixteen week semester and may result in the receipt of a failing grade or involuntary withdrawal from the course.

Faculty members will discuss the attendance policy at the beginning of each semester and maintain an official record of attendance for each course primarily to remain in compliance with federal financial aid regulations and requirements. At the discretion of the instructor or as may be required by THECB (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) policy and law, the attendance policy for certain courses may be more stringent than the general policy. Students are responsible for reviewing the first day handout for each class and for knowing the attendance requirements. Class rosters will be certified at 60% of the semester by all instructors, and students not in attendance will be dropped.

Further, the college empowers individual faculty members to effect the withdrawal of a student from any course in which he/she has failed to meet attendance expectations. Faculty members are encouraged, but not required, to notify students in jeopardy of being withdrawn from a course. However, since attendance is absolutely the responsibility of the student, such notification is a courtesy, not a requirement. Administrative withdrawal for excessive absence is the prerogative of the faculty member and, as such, students are encouraged to contact their teachers and/or the Admissions Office to confirm enrollment status.

Students who expect to be absent because of religious holy days should contact the Vice President of Educational Services for details concerning Texas Education Code 51.911. Refer to "Attendance" in the Student Handbook.

GRADES

The standing of a student in his/her work is expressed by grades made up from class work and from examinations. There are nine grades: A (Excellent), B (Good), C (Fair), D (Pass), F (Failure), W (Withdrawal), X (work continuing), XF (Failure due to academic dishonesty), and I (Incomplete). The grades of X, W and I are not counted as hours attempted in computing the student's grade point average. A "W" grade is given for an instructor-or student-initiated course withdrawal through the 12th week of the sixteen-week semester. During the summer semester, a W is given through the 4th week for the 6-week session, the 6th week for the 8-week session and the 9th week for the 12 - week session.

To pass a course it is necessary to secure a grade of at least a "D". In some AAS degree programs a grade of "D" is unacceptable if earned in a major course. When a "D" grade is earned in such a course, the student must repeat that course and earn a grade of "C" or higher. In some AAS degree programs the grade of "D" is not given in major courses. Grades in those courses are: "A.....B," "C.....F." Students enrolling in a program where either of these policies is in effect are informed in advance of the departmental grading policy.

An incomplete grade not removed within 30 calendar days of the first class day of the subsequent term will become an "F". An extension beyond this time frame may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Approval for the extension must be granted by the instructor in writing and must be submitted to the Director of Admissions and Records for approval. Students who remove incomplete grades in courses that are required for graduation must do so within 30 calendar days from the graduation date in order to be considered a graduate for that term. Students who wait until the subsequent term to clear the incomplete will be considered for graduation in the term in which the incomplete was cleared. This policy does not relieve students from meeting course prerequisites.