

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.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The grade point average is computed on the following values for each semester hour of credit: A - 4; B - 3; C - 2; D - 1; and F - 0. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the number of semester hours attempted that are used in the GPA calculation.

Prior to the Fall 2002 semester, all transfer hours with a grade of "D" or above were calculated into the cumulative GPA. Transfer hours that were not required by the degree plan but which counted as electives were also included in the cumulative GPA.

Temple College hours excluding developmental courses were also calculated into the cumulative GPA. (Developmental hours were calculated into the semester grade point average only.)

Beginning with the Fall 2002 semester, Temple College will not include transfer hours in the cumulative GPA calculation. Temple College will accept transfer hours with a grade of "D" or above as transfer credit but the grades will no longer affect the Temple College cumulative grade point average. From Fall 2002 to Summer 2005, developmental hours were not included in the semester GPA calculation. Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, developmental hours will be included in the semester GPA calculation.

REPEATING OF COURSES

Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, a student who wishes to repeat a course will only be allowed to repeat a course one time. If a student needs to repeat a college credit course for a second time (third attempt), the student must receive approval from an advisor. An additional fee will be charged for repeating the same course more than twice. If a student repeats a course, the credit hours and grade points earned from the attempt with the highest grade will be considered the grade of record and will be counted toward computation of an overall grade point average. The hours and grade points from the lower grade attempt will not be calculated in the overall grade point average. If the course repeated is identified in the catalog as a course that may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, then the topics must be the same before the course will be treated as repeated for replacement.

However, a student may not remove an earlier punitive grade (F, I) by enrolling in that course again and finishing with a non-punitive grade (W). In this case, the first attempt will continue to be included in the overall grade point average calculation. The semester grade point average will be computed as it normally would be even if a course is repeated. All courses attempted during a given semester will be used in calculating a semester grade point average, even if a course is repeated at a later date.

EXEMPTION

Students will not be exempt from final examinations.

SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS CHANGES

Temple College reserves the right to modify the class schedule when necessary. Instructors maintain the freedom to modify course syllabi when appropriate.

STUDENT LIFE

The following organizations are officially recognized by Temple College although the particular groups may not currently be active. The degree of activity varies with the interest expressed by the student body during a school year. If you are interested in a group that is not currently active, please see the Director of Student Life and Community Outreach, for more information.

CLUBS**Association of Respiratory Care Students (ARCS)**

This organization is designed to promote interest and awareness in Respiratory Care, to further awareness of technological advancements, and to broaden the scope of study in Respiratory Care. Membership is restricted to those students enrolled in the Temple College Department of Respiratory Care.

Association of Student Surgical Technologists (ASST)

This organization is designed to promote interest in surgical technology and to further members' awareness of technological advancements through workshops, meetings, and visits to medical centers. Membership is restricted to those students enrolled in the Temple College Surgical Technology program.