

“New 6-Drop Rule”

This official notification to students explains the new legislation that impacts all incoming new students in the fall of 2007. The legislation is: A student cannot drop more than six courses during the lifetime of their undergraduate enrollment while attending any public institution in Texas. Under section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, “an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education.” This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in spring 2007 and applies to students who enroll in a public institution of higher education as first-time freshmen in fall 2007 or later. Any course that a student drops is counted toward the six-course limit if “(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty; (2) the student’s transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.” Some exemptions for good cause could allow a student to drop a course without having it counted toward this limit, but it is the responsibility of the student to establish that good cause. Contact the Office of the Registrar for more information before you drop a course.

Policies and procedures for implementation of this statute have been developed and will be published in the catalog and Student Handbook.