

Limitations on number of courses that may be dropped under certain circumstances.

Overview

A recent change to the Texas Education Code stipulates that students attending Texas institutions of higher education for the first time fall 2007 and later may not withdraw from more than six courses during their undergraduate academic career. (Senate Bill 1231)

Proposal

Modify page 13 of the current Academic Catalog with the following statement:

Withdrawing from a course:

It is the responsibility of the student to officially drop or withdraw from a course. Failure to withdraw may result in a grade of "F" for the course. A grade of "W" will be given for student-initiated withdrawals that are submitted on or before the withdrawal deadline. (Please refer to your WebAdvisor account for "My Important Course Section Dates" to obtain withdrawal deadlines.) Students may withdraw via WebAdvisor, by meeting with their academic advisor, by meeting with Advising and Counseling Center staff, or at any of the Assistance Center counters. Withdrawal requests will not be accepted by telephone.

The Texas Education Code stipulates that students attending Texas institutions of higher education for the first time fall 2007 and later may not withdraw from more than six courses during their academic career, including courses from which transfer students have withdrawn at other Texas institutions of higher education. There are certain exceptions to this policy and petitions for exceptions should be directed to the Registrar.

Purpose

Notify students of this policy and establish a procedure for students to petition for an exemption.

Recommendation

Adopt the statement above for the 2008-09 catalog and allow the Registrar to approve/deny requests for exceptions beginning with the fall 2007 semester.