

Senate Bill (SB) 1231 Policy

TEC 51.907 Course Drop Limit Provisions

Students who enroll as entering freshmen or first-time in college students in undergraduate courses offered through an affected institution of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or any subsequent semester are subject to the course drop limit of six course drops including any course a transfer student has dropped at another affected institution.

Students Affected

Students who enroll as entering freshmen or first-time in college students in undergraduate courses offered through an affected institution of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or any subsequent semester are subject to the course drop limit restrictions. Transfer students who first enrolled at a Texas public institution during the Fall 2007 semester or subsequent semester are considered first time in college and are affected by the six course drop limit. Students who elect to use the provisions of Academic Fresh Start who have coursework prior to the Fall 2007 semester are grandfathered and are not subject to TEC 51.907. Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree at any recognized public or private institution are not considered affected students whether or not taking additional undergraduate courses.

Student Exceptions

Students may petition to drop more than the 6-course limit, or to drop a course and not have the drop count against the 6-course limit. These petitions will be reviewed by committee.

The following circumstances will be considered:

- A severe illness or other debilitating condition that affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete the course.
- The student's responsibility to provide the care of a sick, injured, or needy person such that providing the care affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete the course.
- The death of a person considered to be a member of the student's family or someone who is otherwise considered to have a sufficiently close relationship to the student.
- The student's active duty service as a member of the military or of a person considered to be a member of the student's family or someone who is otherwise considered to have a sufficiently close relationship to the student.
- A change of the student's work schedule that is beyond the control of the student and that affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete the course.
- Other good causes as determined by the University on an individual basis.

* Please note that documentation must be provided in support of any of the circumstances noted above.

Student Non-Exceptions

The following circumstances will not be considered valid reasons for requesting an exception to the 6-course drop limit:

- An attempt to avoid scholastic probation.
- Failing a course.
- Possibility of receiving a grade that will lower the grade point average.

*Please note that this policy may vary from other institutions. For more information on this policy, contact the Office of the University Registrar.