

# PAYMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

## Important Information Regarding Your Cost of Higher Education

Like all public universities in Texas, UHD is funded by the state of Texas. Funds generated from tuition and fees cover only a portion of the cost of instruction at the university, while the majority of funding comes from state itself according to rules established by the Texas legislature. Because of its role in funding universities, over the years the State has grown more interested in encouraging students to complete their degrees as quickly as possible. In order to accomplish this, they have imposed restrictions on the funding they are willing to provide universities.

### Current Restrictions that Effect Tuition and Fees

#### Third Repeat of Course Tuition/Fee Increase Rule

Some of you have already been affected by the third repeat rule and/or the excessive developmental hours rule. Per Texas Education Code 61.0595, the State will not support more than three attempts of the same course or more than 18 hours of developmental course work. These students will be charged \$65 per hour for classes that exceed the approved limit.

#### 45 Hour Excess Tuition/Fee Increase Rule

In addition, based on Texas Education Code 61.0595, the State will not support excess hours attempted. Students who enrolled for the first time in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall 1999 semester or after, and who have attempted more than 45 hours than required for completion of their degree plan will be considered as enrolled in excess hours. These students will be charged \$65 per hour for classes that exceed the approved limit.

### Do these Restrictions Apply to Me?

The 45-hour restriction applies to students who began college at a public institution in Texas Fall 1999 or later. Students who start college in Texas Fall 2006 or later will be limited to 30 hours over the number required by their degree plan.

### What Classes Are Counted Toward the Restriction?

Any class you have **attempted** other than those listed below. An attempt includes any class that appears on your transcript even if you received a W or an F. If you have repeated a class, both attempts count toward your limit. Also counted toward the restricted limit are additional hours that are required for a minor or a double major.

### Are There Exemptions to the Restriction?

Certain courses are exempt from this rule. They are:

- Coursework taken by students who have already obtained a bachelors degree
- Credit earned by exam (i.e. CLEP and AP)
- Developmental credit (though developmental credit is limited to 18 under its own restriction.  
<http://www.uhd.edu/admissions/register/tuition.htm#eca>)
- Credit taken at private or out-of-state colleges or universities

### What Should I Do?

In order to minimize the cost of your education, you should:

- make every effort to not drop nor repeat classes unless absolutely necessary
- declare your major as soon as you are allowed
- follow the degree plan outlined by your college
- meet with an advisor regularly to make sure you are not taking unnecessary classes

### Texas Statutes

Texas State Education Code 61.0595

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/ED/content/htm/ed.003.00.000061.00.htm#61.0595.00>