

Course Overloads

Undergraduate students with a 3.0 GPA or higher may be allowed to take a maximum of 21 semester credit hours during any long semester and 12 semester credit hours during the combined summer semesters. Taking of courses simultaneously at another institution or by distance education which would cause the student's total workload to exceed the maximum overload will not be permitted. If a student persists in registering at another institution without approval of the Dean of the respective college or school, the work taken may not be acceptable for transfer to Prairie View A&M University.

Independent Study Courses

Independent study courses are permitted on a highly selective need basis. Any student enrolling in an independent study course must have the prior approval of the supervising faculty member, the Department Head in which the course is to be taken, Dean of the College and the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. No more than 6 such credit hours may be counted toward a degree.

Course Auditing

When space is available and the Department and Dean consent, any person may audit a course by paying the \$10 per course audit fee. An individual sixty-five years of age or older is exempt from paying the fee. Credit is not awarded for any audit course. Individuals who audit courses do not submit papers, take examinations, participate in discussions, or receive evaluations in courses audited. Those wishing to audit may register only after late registration but prior to the 12th class day of a regular semester or the 4th class day of a summer session. A student who audits a course may not change registration during the semester to take the course for credit.

Classification of Students

Freshman: A student who has enrolled in regular college work but has earned fewer than 30 semester credit hours. Developmental/Remedial/Study Skills courses do count towards full-time status and course loads, but not classification.

Sophomore: A student who has earned 30 to 59 semester credit hours.

Junior: A student who has earned 60 to 89 semester credit hours.

Senior: A student who has earned at least 90 semester credit hours.

Registration and Advising

Registration is the selection of classes following appropriate advisement. A student has not completed registration and is not entitled to University privileges until required fees have been paid. Persons planning to register for classes at Prairie View A&M University for the first time or who are returning to the University after being disenrolled for one or more previous regular semesters (fall or spring) should be sure that they have met the University's admission requirements. It is recommended that students provide immunization documentation to include TB screening. Applicants for any category of admission will not be permitted to register in courses offered at the main campus in Prairie View, Texas or at any distant site where courses are offered, if admissions requirements have not been met.