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## GLOSSARY

**Academic Advisor**

A professional who helps students with academic and career planning.

**Academic Calendar**

A calendar indicating key dates and deadlines for important academic requirements and/or activities including, but not limited to, the start and end dates of classes, holidays, exam days, and registration dates.

**Academic Year**

The time frame from the start of a fall semester until the start of the subsequent fall semester. It typically is divided into the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

**Accreditation**

An endorsement from an oversight organization indicating that the educational institution and/or academic degree program meets or exceeds specific measures of quality.

**Advanced Courses**

Courses with content designed to be taken during the junior or senior year. At SHSU, these courses are numbered in the 300s or 400s.

**Advanced Credit**

Credit earned for advanced courses at universities. Courses transferred from a community college do not earn advanced credit.

**Audit, Course**

Enrollment in a course as a non-credit seeking student, with no record on the transcript.

**Bachelor's Degree**

An academic credential from a university earned after completing a specific program of study. Typically, the program of study will include a general education component, a major, degree related requirements, and electives and/or a minor. The minimum number of credits is 120 hours.

**CID Number**

A unique four-digit Course Identification Number used to identify a specific course offering. The CID number is used to select courses when registering.

**CLEP**

College Level Examination Program. A series of tests available to students to demonstrate proficiency in various college subjects. CLEP exams may be used to earn college credits for select courses.

**Classification**

Indication of a student's progress toward degree completion based upon the number of hours completed. The categories of undergraduate classification are Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior

**Class Day**

Any day in the academic semester when university classes are scheduled. The number of class days is used for drop dates, resignation dates, and tuition refund schedules. When determining the number of class days (e.g., 12th class day), start counting with the first day of on-campus daytime courses and increase by one each day the university has scheduled classes.

**Closed Classes**

Classes that have reached the designated maximum enrollment capacity or are not available for on-line registration.

**Commencement**

An event during which degrees are awarded to graduating students. SHSU holds commencement ceremonies every May, August, and December.

**Concurrent Enrollment**

Enrollment in courses at two institutions during the same semester.

**Core Curriculum**

**Second Degree**

The pursuit of a degree at the same level of a degree previously awarded (e.g., baccalaureate).

**Section, Course**

A number used to distinguish between multiple offerings of the same course. On a student's schedule, the section is the number after the period following the course number (e.g., ENG164.02 indicates section 2 of ENG 164).

**Semester**

Period of time during which academic courses are offered. SHSU offers fall, spring and summer semesters.

**Semester Credit Hour**

See Credit Hour

**Senior**

The classification of a student who has completed 94 or more semester credit hours.

**Sophomore**

The classification of a student who has completed 32 to 63 semester credit hours.

**Suspension**

An academic standing imposed on undergraduate students with a SHSU or overall GPA less than 2.0 for two or more successive semesters. Students on suspension are not allowed to enroll in classes without the permission of the appropriate academic dean.

**Syllabus**

A document containing academic and administrative information about a course. The syllabus is provided by the instructor at the beginning of the semester and typically includes a lesson schedule, dates of exams, and quizzes, assigned books and readings, e-mail/phone number and the best time to reach the instructor, and an explanation of how the final grade will be determined.

**Transcript, Official**

A university approved document providing information about a student's academic performance, including but not limited to, semester by semester listing and grades of courses attempted, credits earned, academic standing, GPA, TSI status, and admission exams.

**TSI (Texas Success Initiative)**

A Texas law requiring all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in mathematics, reading and writing unless the student qualifies for an exemption.

**Tuition**

A per credit hour charge per course. There is a different rate for Texas residents and non-Texas residents.

**Undergraduate**

A student pursuing a bachelor's degree.

**Withdrew Failing (WF)**

A mark indicating a student was not performing at a passing level at the time of resignation. This mark is used only for students resigning after the first nine weeks of a regular semester or after the first two weeks of a summer session.

**Withdrew Passing (WP)**

A mark indicating a student was performing at a passing level at the time of resignation. This mark is used only for students resigning after the first nine weeks of a regular semester or after the first two weeks of a summer session.