COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULES

I. BACKGROUND and/or LEGAL REFERENCE

Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Rule §4.5 Common Calendar and §4.6 Minimum Length of Courses and Limitation on the Amount of Credit That a Student May Earn in a Given Time Period

II. POLICY

A. Ordinary Course Load

To ensure the quality of student learning, students should not carry more courses in any term which would allow them to earn more than one semester credit hour per week over the course of the term. During a 16-week fall or spring semester, the normal load for a regular student should not exceed a total of nineteen semester credit hours. Students may not enroll for more than a normal load without approval from the Vice President of Instruction.

B. Summer Session and Mini Terms

The normal course load for each summer session shall be seven semester credit hours. The normal load during a mini semester shall be one three-credit hour course. Students may not enroll for more than a normal load without approval from the Vice President of Instruction.

(POLICY APPROVAL: 7-2-90, Board of Trustees, amended 8-19-14)

III. GUIDELINES

A. Complete TSI Requirements

1. Students not TSI complete in any subject shall enroll in and successfully complete the associated developmental subject prior to enrolling in college-level coursework.

a. A student who’s TSI score is within five points of showing college-readiness may co-enroll in the developmental subject concurrently with the college-level course, upon approval from an academic advisor.

b. A student meeting requisites for college-level coursework, yet not TSI complete in a different subject, may co-enroll in the college-level course and the developmental subject upon approval from an academic advisor.

2. Upon successful completion of developmental coursework, the student shall be advised to enroll in the corresponding college level course for the subsequent semester.