

# ***Alvin Community College Policy on Six Drop Limit FAQ's***

## **1. What is the Six Drop Limit Policy?**

The Texas Legislature passed a ruling that limits the number of classes a student can drop during their years as an undergraduate student to six.

## **2. What is an undergraduate student?**

Anyone in college who has not completed a baccalaureate degree is an undergraduate.

## **3. Why was this law passed?**

The law is intended to encourage students to become more productive and responsible and graduate on time. Many students prolong the time it takes to finish their degree by dropping classes too quickly. Tax dollars are invested in every registered class. When students do not complete their classes, tax dollars are wasted.

## **4. To whom does this policy apply?**

The policy applies to any student who was a first time college freshmen fall, 2007, or later, who attends a Texas public institution of higher education. Courses dropped while attending a private or out of state college do not count toward the six drop limit.

## **5. If I drop six courses at ACC can't I just go to another college or university and drop six more courses?**

No, the six drop limit applies to **all** colleges and universities you attend until you receive your baccalaureate degree. This information will be posted to your transcript and tracked by the receiving college or university.

## **6. When did this policy take effect?**

The counter on the six drop limit began in the fall of 2007.

## **7. What happens once I reach my limit of six drops?**

The option of withdrawing from a class and receiving a neutral grade of "W" will be denied. You must complete the course regardless of the academic status and receive the grade earned.

## **8. How do I drop a course at ACC?**

You should first visit with your instructor before withdrawing. If a withdrawal is advised, follow the following steps to complete the process:

- Obtain a Withdrawal Form in the Registrar's Office.
- Obtain an approval signature from the Financial Aid Office.
- Obtain an approval signature in the Office of Admissions and Academic Advising

The withdrawal deadlines are posted in the Semester Class Schedule, the Alvin Community College Catalog, and on the ACC website [www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu).

## **9. Are there any courses in which the Limit on Drops does not apply?**

Yes. The limit on drops does not apply to the following courses or situations:

- Any course taken while a student is enrolled in high school
- All developmental courses
- Drops from private and out of state institutions
- Drops that occur before the census date (published in Semester Schedule)
- Total withdrawals (dropping all courses at the same time) from the institution
- Other possible exceptions will be assessed by the advisors and referred to the Academic and/or Technical Dean for review
- Any course dropped during an M3 term will not apply to the Six Drop Limit

## **10. How will I know how many drops I have accumulated?**

This information is available from an academic advisor or through WebACCess using the unofficial transcript option. \*W's for the current term are not posted until final grades for that term have been entered and verified by the Registrar.

## **11. Are exceptions ever granted so that my drop will NOT count against the Six Drop Limit?**

Visit with a counselor or academic advisor. They will determine if your reasons for dropping a class might qualify for a Petition for an Exception. Examples of possible exceptions include active duty military service or severe illness.