**Meningitis Information**

Senate Bill #31, of the 77th. Texas Legislature, requires all public institutions of higher education in Texas to notify all new students about bacterial meningitis. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has strongly encouraged institutions to also provide the information to currently enrolled students.

For more on information Meningitis Vaccination Requirements, please visit the Student Health Center.

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**Limitation of Q Drops**

Students will be allowed to drop (Q-drop) no more than five classes during their academic career at Sam Houston State University. Classes dropped prior to the 12th class day will not be included in the calculation of the accumulated five Q-drop count. Students who have met their limit of five Q drops will need to petition the University Registrar for permission to drop any additional classes. If the Registrar denies the request to drop a class above the five Q-drop limit, the student will be required to remain in the class for the remainder of the term.

This policy will take effect with the start of the Fall 2004 semester. Any drops accumulated prior to the Fall 2004 will not be included in this calculation. However; section 51.907 of the Texas Education code was enacted by the State of Texas in spring 2007 and applies to students who enroll in a public institution of higher education as first-time freshmen in fall 2007 or later and limits the number of courses a student is permitted to drop. Any course that a student drops is counted toward the limit if:

1. the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty
2. the student's transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course
3. the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution

Some exemptions for good cause could allow a student to drop a course without having it counted toward this limit, but it is the responsibility of the student to establish that good cause.

Any college student affected by this statute that has attended or plans to attend another institution of higher education should become familiar with that institution's policies on dropping courses.

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**FERPA and Buckley**

Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students have the right to:

- Inspect and review educational records
- Seek to amend education records
- Have some control over the disclosure of information from education records (Buckley Amendment)
- File a complaint for an alleged violation of FERPA rights

Sam Houston State University offers the option to invoke the Buckley Amendment for students who want to restrict the disclosure of their directory information. This process is handled in the Registrar's Office. For additional information, please go to www.shsu.edu/ferpa.

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**Registration Information Notice**
Registration information is available to you via the Registrar's website. These informational pages contain instruction on Registration, Payment deadlines, Add/Drop deadlines, Resignation deadlines, and other pertinent information.