

TITLE 40 SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE
PART 15 TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
CHAPTER 461 VETERANS EDUCATION
SUBCHAPTER A EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS (THE HAZLEWOOD ACT)
RULE §461.30 Hazlewood Act Exemption

Section:

(e) The Legacy recipient will receive an exemption for the number of **degree certified hours** reported by the institution for that term or semester. Maximum degree certified hours awarded to the Legacy recipient will be dependent upon the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled for that term or semester and shall be consistent with the program length as defined within the school catalog as approved by the regional accreditation commission (Texas Government Code 434.0079(c)(1))

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=40&pt=15&ch=461&sch=A&rl=Y](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=40&pt=15&ch=461&sch=A&rl=Y)

Degree Certified Hours Definition from Rule §461.20

(4) Degree certified hours-- Hours for which the student is registered as of the census date of a term or semester.

See website below for full definitions in the law

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=40&pt=15&ch=461&rl=20](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=40&pt=15&ch=461&rl=20)

TTU MVP Policy:

1. Sum of all transferred and attempted hours which fit into a Legacy Student's degree plan count against the maximum degree certified hours awarded to the Legacy recipient.
2. All previous hours (transferred and prior TTU hours) including attempted hours are counted when determining excess hours.
3. Legacy recipients are responsible for taking only those hours which will apply to their degree plan.
 - a. Semester credit hours completed include transfer credit hours that count toward the person's undergraduate degree or certificate program course requirement but exclude:
 - i. Hours earned exclusively by examination
<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.2001>
 - ii. Hours earned for a course for which the person received credit toward the person's high school academic requirements
 - iii. Hours earned for developmental coursework that an institution of higher education (such as TTU) required the person to take under Section [51.3062](#) or under the former provisions of Section 51.306."
4. Maximum degree certified hours awarded to the Legacy recipient will be dependent upon the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled for that term or semester and shall be consistent with the program length as defined within the school catalog as approved by the regional accreditation commission (Texas Government Code 434.0079(c)(1))
5. Hazlewood Legacy cannot be used for dual programs or second degrees in excess hours.

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