

**IMPORTANT NOTES about Quick THEA:**

- Score reports are guaranteed within ten (10) working days. Scores may not be produced if any or all outstanding fees that are applicable are not paid in full.
- The test session is (5) hours long. The time may be used to work on any or all three sections of the test.

All of the above information is subject to change without notice. To be assured of accuracy of information, students are encouraged to consult the Office of Testing, Tracking, Assessment and Evaluation at (936) 261-3610.

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## **General Academic Information**

### *Courses and Credits*

#### **The Course Numbering System**

Beginning with the 1984-85 academic year, Prairie View A&M University moved from a three-digit to a four-digit course numbering system. Under the new system, the first digit represents the course level (i.e., below college level/developmental 0, freshman 1, sophomore 2, junior 3, senior 4, and masters 5, doctoral 7). The fourth digit indicates the credit hour value of the course.

#### **Unit of Credit**

The unit of credit used at Prairie View A&M University is the semester hour. A semester hour is the equivalent of one lecture contact hour per week for one semester. Time requirements for the semester credit hour in activities other than lecture vary according to the nature and objectives of the activities.

#### **Course Loads**

The normal full-time course load ranges from 12 semester hours to 18-semester hours per semester during the regular academic year and six semester hours during a five-week summer term. Undergraduate students required to enroll in one or more developmental courses as a result of placement examinations are restricted to a maximum 15 credit hour course load in a regular semester and 6 semester hours in a five-week summer term. The total credit hours earned for the two summer sessions may not exceed twelve.