

Third Attempt Enrollment Information

Effective Fall 2006, Houston Community College will charge a higher tuition to students who are registering for a class for the third or subsequent time for the majority of credit and continuing education courses. Developmental studies and some other courses will not be charged a higher rate.

For a list of the semester hour classes other than developmental that are exempt from this charge, please refer to this [list](#). This list may be updated from time to time, but students are responsible for knowing if a course can be repeated for credit.

A third attempt is any class that is reflected on a student's transcript with a grade of A-F, I or W. Attempts include only courses taken at Houston Community College since the Fall semester of 2002.

Students should be aware that the State of Texas financially subsidizes the education of college students. The tuition paid by any student covers only a portion of the real cost of any credit and many continuing education courses. In 2002, legislation was passed that the state would no longer subsidize a student's enrollment for a third or subsequent attempt. Students are being charged an additional fee since we cannot report enrollment to receive funding for students in a course for the third time.

Students can see a counselor or advisor to determine if they are taking a class for a third time. Students should also carefully select courses and take care in dropping a course, as the third or future attempt to retake a course will result in a higher rate.

The additional charge of \$50.00 per semester hour and \$3.00 per CEU contact hour will be charged as a flat rate regardless of your residency classification. This additional charge will be refunded on the same refund schedule as the base tuition.

There is an exception for students who in their final semester or term prior to graduation, must repeat one or more previously completed courses for the second or more times in order to meet graduation requirements. **Such students will be exempt from paying higher tuition for the repeated course(s) only in the semester or term prior to graduation and shall be permitted the exemption from paying higher tuition for the repeated course(s) for only one semester.** Students wishing to use this provision must see a counselor for certification that they meet all the above requirements. The student will then receive a form to present to the cashier to waive the additional repeat tuition charge for that final semester.