15 TO FINISH INITIATIVE

In order to graduate on time, students must complete at least 15 credits per semester or 30 credits per year. The majority of full-time students are taking credit loads that automatically put them on a five-year plan for a bachelor’s degree. Further complicating the matter, federal financial aid policies require students to be enrolled in just 12 credits each semester to be eligible for assistance, creating the impression that 12 credits is “full-time.”

THE RESULT:
- Students graduate late and rack up unnecessary time and debt in the process.
- SFA students are advised to enroll in 15 credits each semester (or 30 credits per year, including summer enrollment), putting them on track to graduate on time.
- Research shows: Students who take 15 credits do better academically and are more likely to persist.

FLAT-RATE TUITION PLAN
- **Flat Rate:** $5,300 a semester; $10,600 an academic year
  - $100 course and lab fee is included
- **Eligibility:** Any undergraduate student enrolled in 12 hours or more
- **Begins FY 2021 (i.e. Fall 2020)**
- **Specific rate amount could change each year but flat-rate would apply to 12 to 21 semester credit hours each semester**

GUARANTEED PRICE PLAN
- A semester cost for tuition: $5,675
- Fixed at 12+ credit hours
- $100 course and lab fee is included
- **Eligibility:** Certain first-year students (requirements below)
- **Begins FY 2021 (i.e. fall 2020)**
- **Rate will continue up to four years**

TO DETERMINE WHAT RATE A STUDENT IS QUALIFIED FOR, ASK THE STUDENT:

**Question 1:** Are you a resident of Texas?
- **Yes** – Proceed to next question
- **No** – Eligible for non-resident rates or border-state rates

**Question 2:** Are you a transfer student?
- **Yes** – Possibly eligible for an annual flat-rate tuition associated with year of high school graduation.
- **No** – Proceed to next question.

**Question 3:** Are you a graduate student?
- **Yes** – Eligible for Texas resident graduate school rates.
- **No** – Proceed to next question.

**Question 4:** Are you an incoming, first-time freshman?
- **Yes** – Proceed to next question.
- **No** – Ineligible for guaranteed price plan, but automatically billed at the annual flat rate for 12+ hours at $5,300 per term.

**Question 5:** Do you qualify for tuition and/or fee exemptions related to Hazlewood, etc.?
- **Yes** – Ineligible for guaranteed price plan, but automatically billed at the annual flat rate for 12+ hours at $5,300 per term.
- **No** – The student is eligible to participate in the guaranteed price plan, which is flat at 12+ hours up to four years at $5,675 per term.