



# Do you have a story to share?

The Texas state legislature has made some recent changes to educational requirements that imply a rather traditional view of students.

- The 120-hour rule reduces degree requirements to a maximum of 120 hours.
- The 30-hour rule requires students who go over 150 hours to pay extra tuition.
- The six-course drop rule prohibits students from dropping more than six courses during their undergraduate careers.

Taken together, these rules reflect an assumption that students go straight from high school into college, never change majors, and never drop classes.

Would you like to present a different perspective on who pursues a higher education in Texas?

## Write a student profile that explains who you really are!

By answering some or all of the questions below, you can share your unique story.

- What are your educational goals?
- How many colleges did you attend before you came to UHCL?
- Why did you choose UHCL?
- How are you funding your education?
- Do you have a job outside the university?
- Do you have family responsibilities?
- Have you attended college continuously?
- Are you a non-native speaker of English?
- Are you a first-generation college student?
- Have you ever changed your major?
- What have you gained from your education so far?
- What other challenges do you think you might face as you work on your goals?

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or an editing strategy conference.**

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