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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENTS, AS OF FALL 2007 - SIX DROP RULE

- New legislation, beginning fall 2007, limits the number of college courses that may be dropped. This pertains to all new incoming freshmen (sophomores, juniors and seniors are not affected by this new rule).
- Beginning this fall, new undergraduate students in Texas public colleges and universities will see a cap on the number of courses they may drop. The 80th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1231 limiting the number of courses an institution of higher learning may allow an undergraduate student to drop. SB 1231 will affect any student enrolled as a first-time freshman at Lamar University and all other Texas universities and colleges, beginning in the fall 2007 semester.
- The bill requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt and enforce new rules established in the bill. The coordinating board defines a "dropped course" as a course an undergraduate student at an institution of higher education has enrolled in for credit but did not complete.
- The new rules prohibit an institution of higher education from allowing a student to drop more than six courses during their undergraduate program, including any courses a transfer student has dropped at another university.
- A student will only be allowed to drop more than six courses if he or she can show "good cause" for dropping more than that number.
- "Good cause" includes situations that would affect the student's ability to satisfactorily complete a course, including: a severe illness or debilitating condition; a student's responsibility to care for a sick, injured or needy person; the death of a member of the student's family; active duty service by the student or a member of the student's family; a change in a work schedule beyond the student's control; or other good cause as determined by the college or university. Petition forms for exemptions are available from advisors or the Records Office.
- The new rules also say a course that a student is enrolled in concurrently with a lecture course, such as a lab, is not considered to be a course separate from the lecture course in determining the number of courses dropped.
- The rules established by this bill include guidelines for the refund or adjustment of tuition and mandatory fees for dropped courses and student withdrawals. The amount of money a student is refunded after dropping a course depends on the number of days they attended a course before dropping it.

After the 12th class day, you must go to Room 102 in the Wimberly Building to drop or withdraw from classes. Please call (409) 880-8542 or (409) 880-7529 if you have any questions.

TO WITHHOLD DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended, allows a college or university to release certain pieces of information if that college or university has published that it will release information. Lamar University has published in its catalog that the following information will be available to the public: name, current and permanent address, e-mail*, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major, classification, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received with dates and the last educational agency or institution attended.

If you do not want this information published or given out, come by the Records Office in Wimberly 112 and sign a Directory Hold form. This should be done by the census day of each term. If you sign a directory hold form your last term and do not revoke it in writing, your records remain sealed which includes future employers checking your degree. Please be aware that a directory hold prevents anyone from receiving information about you.

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ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Lamar University offers several distance education programs through the Academic Partnerships. These are the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences, the Master of Education in Educational Administration, the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership, and the Master of Education in Educational Technology Leadership. Students admitted to these programs register for courses through special academic partnerships program advisors, and the courses are not listed in this schedule. For information about admission or registration in these programs, go to <http://www.academicpartnership.com/lamar>.

MINI-SESSION POLICIES

STATE POLICIES:

1. All mini-session courses shall consist of the same number of class contact hours as similar courses offered in a semester or summer session; that is, normally 45-48 contact hours.
2. All mini-session courses shall have the same objectives, requirements, and quality of instruction as semester or summer session courses.
3. Students may not carry more courses at a time in a shortened format than will give them total credit of one semester credit hour per week of instruction.
4. No mini-session course shall consist of fewer than nine days of classes offered over not fewer than three weeks.
5. All requirements pertaining to three credit hour courses shall apply proportionately to courses for other credit hour values.
6. The Commissioner of Higher Education is authorized to permit exceptions to these requirements for research purposes or to determine the efficacy of teaching a specific course in a shortened format.

LAMAR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Mini-session credit hours shall **NOT** be included as semester or summer session hours in the University's "Maximum Course Load" policy.
2. Course scheduling, classroom assignments, book/material orders and related instructional activities will follow the same university policies and procedures as those for semesters and summer sessions.
3. Late registration and the first class day will be December 17, 2009. The audit day will be December 18, 2009. The last class day for the Winter Mini will be January 8, 2010. Excluding weekends, there will be 12 available class days.
4. A minimum enrollment of 20 on December 18, 2009 will be required for a course to be offered.
5. No financial aid, installment plans, or student loans will be available for the mini-session.
6. TSI-restricted students must consult with the Office of Developmental Studies prior to registering for a mini-session course.

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT GRADUATION RATE REPORT

In compliance with the Department of Education's Student Right-to-Know Act, Lamar University will make available, to enrolled or prospective students, information regarding graduation rates as well as institutional security policies and crime statistics. Paper copies of this information may be obtained from the Office of Institutional Research & Reporting and the Lamar University Police Department. Below you will find the link to the information concerning the campus. <http://dept.lamar.edu/irr/>

IMPORTANT DATES

WINTER MINI SESSION 2009

Classes Dropped for Non-Payment after 5 pm.....	December 16, 2009
First Class Day.....	December 17, 2009
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw Without Academic Penalty....	December 22, 2009
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw With Academic Penalty.....	January 6, 2010
Last Class Day.....	January 8, 2010

SPRING 2010

Classes Dropped for Non-Payment after 5 pm.....	January 7, 2010
First Class Day.....	January 11, 2010
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw Without Academic Penalty....	February 15, 2010
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw With Academic Penalty.....	March 29, 2010
Last Class Day.....	May 5, 2010

IMPORTANT TIMES

CLASS TIMES	
M, W, F	
Period 1:	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Period 2:	9:05 - 9:55 a.m.
Period 3:	10:10 - 11:00 a.m.
Period 4:	11:15 - 12:05 p.m.
Period 5:	12:20 - 1:10 p.m.
Period 11:	7:00 - 7:50 a.m.
M, W	
Period 6:	1:25 - 2:40 p.m.
Period 7:	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Period 8:	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Period 9:	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Period 10:	8:30 - 9:45 p.m.
TR	
Period A:	8:00 - 9:15 a.m.
Period B:	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Period C:	11:00 - 12:15 p.m.
Period D:	12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Period E:	2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Period F:	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Period G:	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Period H:	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Period I:	8:30 - 9:45 p.m.
S	
Period K:	9:00 - 11:45 a.m.
NIGHTS	
Nights	5:30 - 8:15 p.m. (includes 15 minute break)
MINI SESSIONS (MTWRF, 9-15 Class Days)	
Period M1:	8:00 - 12:15 p.m.
Period M2:	12:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Period M3:	5:00 - 9:15 p.m.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
EXAM DATE	CLASS PERIOD		TIME OF EXAM
Wednesday, May 5, 2010	Final Exam Prep Day (no finals before 5 pm)		
	W only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	MW	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	W only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MW	8:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 6, 2010	S	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	TU-TH	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	TU-TH	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	3:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	TH only	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TH only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TH only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday, May 7, 2010	TU-TH	8:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MWF	9:05 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 10, 2010	MWF	12:20 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	MWF	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	MWF	10:10 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	MW	3:10 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	M only	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	M only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	MW	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11, 2010	M only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	TU-TH	12:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU only	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	TU only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MWF	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	MWF	11:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	MW	1:25 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	MW	4:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	W only	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY SPRING 2010 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

REGULAR REGISTRATION:

November 12 - January 7

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

January 8 only for students who cannot register through the WEB, go to Room 102 Wimberly Bldg.

If you do not pay 50% or more by January 7, your classes will be dropped. There will be a \$50.00 re-instatement fee & a \$10.00 late payment fee on classes dropped for non-payment.

LATE FEE REGISTRATION AND DROP/ADD:

January 11-13 by WEB, unless student has imposed requirements or problems using WEB. See instructions for registration. Students who cannot WEB register, go to 102 Wimberly Building.

Monday, January 11:

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, \$10.00 Late Fee

Tuesday, January 12 & Wednesday, January 13:

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, \$10.00 Late Fee

FIRST CLASS DAY: Monday, January 11.

LAST DAY FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Wednesday, January 13.

Students dropped for non-payment on January 7, 2010 must re-register and pay for classes by January 13, 2010

Students who register after January 7, 2010 must pay fees by January 13, 2010

LAST DAY TO DROP (NOT WITHDRAW) WITH REFUND:

January 27

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER/FALL SEMESTER

SPECIAL POPULATIONS BEGINS: April 12

OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS: April 19

NO-CLASS DAYS: January 18, March 8-12, April 2

APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATION:

Graduate students-deadline is March 3

Undergraduate students-deadline is March 30

Students should apply as early as possible.

DROP/WITHDRAW: Last day to drop or withdraw and still receive a Q/W, even if failing a course: Monday, February 15.

Last day to drop or withdraw for the semester: Monday,

March 29. **Deadline to petition for a No-Grade (NG) is**

February 15. Confer with instructor before dropping or withdrawing.

GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN

EXAMINATION: April 1, 2010

GRADUATE ORAL EXAMS/THESIS DEFENSES:

April 5 - May 5, 2010

LAST CLASS DAY: May 5. Finals for night classes may be given on May 5th after 5:00 PM. See final exam schedule.

FINAL EXAMS: After 5:00 P.M. on May 5, May 6-12.

COMMENCEMENT: Saturday, May 15

8:30 A.M. for graduating students, 9:30 A.M. for guests

College of Arts & Sciences

College of Business

College of Engineering

12:30 P.M. for graduating students, 1:30 P.M. for guests

College of Education

College of Fine Arts & Communication

Center for General Studies

NOTE: Times subject to change.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY MAY 2010 APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Students planning to graduate May 2010 should adhere to the following procedures:

STEP 1: Have Department Head forward degree plan to the Records Office: January 14 - March 23, 2010. The Records Department must have your degree plan by March 23, 2010.

STEP 2: Undergraduates should go to the Wimberly Bldg. (Room 112) to apply for graduation, after the degree plan has been received by the Records Office (**Deadline to apply and pay** - March 30, 2010). If you do not apply and pay for graduation by March 30, 2010, you will have to complete the process at a later graduation. *Graduate students apply for graduation in the Graduate Dean's Office, Wimberly Bldg. (Room 219). (**Deadline to apply and pay** - March 3, 2010). Questions, call (409) 880-8229.

STEP 3: Beaumont undergraduate graduation fees of \$24.45 will be charged to the student's account after they apply for graduation. Beaumont students may pay fees at the Cashiering Office, Wimberly Bldg. (Room 114). For additional diplomas or postage fees, go to Wimberly Bldg. (Room 112), then pay at the Cashiering Office.

IF YOU DO NOT GRADUATE, YOU MUST REAPPLY AND REPAY FEES IN ORDER TO GRADUATE AT A LATER DATE.

GRADUATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

STEP 4: Go to the Lamar Bookstore (Setzer Student Center) to pay your Cap/Gown fees.

Undergraduate Cap & Gown (Disposable).....\$37.98 plus tax

Master's Cap, Gown (Disposable).....\$41.98 plus tax

Master's Hood.....\$33.98 plus tax

Doctoral Cap & Gown (Disposable).....\$49.98 plus tax

Doctoral Hood.....\$41.98 plus

Tax.....Add 8.25% for tax.

ATTENTION GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: IF YOU HAVE HAD A STUDENT LOAN YOU MUST ATTEND AN "EXIT" COUNSELING SESSION PRIOR TO GRADUATION. CHECK MY.LAMAR.EDU FOR TIMES & DATES. QUESTIONS, CALL - LU (409) 880-7011.

Master students' thesis binding fee due when thesis is turned in - \$45.00 for three thesis binding required by the Graduate Office.

Doctoral students' dissertation binding fee due when dissertation is turned in - \$55.00 for three dissertation binding required by the Graduate Office.

Department Copies-\$8.00 each

Additional Copies-\$10.00 each

Tax applied to additional copies only (8.25%)

Insufficient checks: \$25.00 each.

NOTE: Fees subject to change.

Questions should be directed to Graduation Coordinator at (409) 880-7569 or visit Wimberly Building (Room 112).

Academic Partnership students should be directed to Graduation Coordinator for Academic Partnerships at (409) 880-7698.

INFORMATION ALL STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from alcohol, drugs, or both) - Min: Confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 72 hours, and a fine of not more than \$2,000 or less than \$100. **Max:** Confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 30 days, or confinement in TDC for a term of not more than 5 years or less than 60 days, and a fine of not more than \$2,000 or less than \$500.

Public intoxication - Max: A fine not to exceed \$200.

Purchase of alcohol by a minor - Min: Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200. **Max:** For a subsequent alcohol offense, a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Consumption of alcohol by a minor - Min: Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200. **Max:** For a subsequent alcohol offense, a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Possession of alcohol by a minor - Min: Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200. **Max:** For a subsequent alcohol offense, a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Sale of alcohol to a minor - Min: Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or confinement in jail for not more than 1 year, or both. **Max:** For a subsequent alcohol offense, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or confinement in jail for not more than 1 year, or both.

Conviction of a violation of the alcohol beverage code by a person under 21 years of age - Max: Suspension of driver's license.

PENALTIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Manufacture, distribution, or dispensing drugs (includes marijuana) - Min: A term of imprisonment not more than one year, and a minimum fine of \$1,000. **Max:** A term of life imprisonment without release (no eligibility for parole) and a fine not to exceed \$8,000,000 (for an individual) or \$20,000,000 (if other than an individual.)

Possession of drugs (including marijuana) - Min: Civil penalty in amount not to exceed \$10,000. **Max:** Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or not less than 5 years, a fine of not less than \$5,000 plus cost of investigation and prosecution.

Operation of a Common Carrier under the influence of alcohol or drugs - Max: Imprisonment for up to 15 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATION TO ALL APPLICANTS OF LAMAR UNIVERSITY

MEASLES

(aka. Rubeola, Red Measles, Hard Measles, 10-day Measles)

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease for which antibiotics are not effective. It has been responsible for many hospitalizations and several deaths among the college-aged population. The measles vaccine is usually given in combination with vaccines for mumps and rubella (MMR). It is strongly recommended that students of Institutions of Higher Education receive two doses of the vaccine prior to beginning classes. Many young adults have received only one dose.

TETANUS (aka. Lockjaw)

The illness caused by tetanus results from the poison produced by a bacteria. Again, this is a very difficult illness to treat once it occurs and prevention is the most appropriate choice. The vaccine is effective for about 10 years and needs to be boosted at that interval. It is now common for older adults to develop Tetanus in the United States as many adults do not receive the recommended 10 year boosters. The Tetanus vaccine should be given in combination with the diphtheria vaccine.

POLIOMYELITIS

In the United States, polio immunization is not routinely recommended for persons 18 years of age or older. However, if travel to other parts of the world is planned, a physician should be contacted for specific recommendations.

Immunization is an integral part of your health care. This part is called PREVENTION. It means that you must do something before you become ill to stay healthy! Don't be part of the PROBLEM . . . be part of the SOLUTION. Make sure that your immunizations are current NOW!

For more information on immunizations, contact your physician, public health clinic, or: **Lamar University Health Center**

**P. O. Box 10015
Beaumont, TX 77710
Phone: 409-880-8466**

Health students must contact their advisor for specific information.

MANDATORY NOTICE ON HAZING

HAZING

The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action against individual students and/or groups who are involved in hazing activities. Such disciplinary action may be taken independent of state and local prosecutorial actions regardless of the outcome of such prosecutorial actions. Hazing on the part of students, faculty or staff is strictly forbidden, whether on or off campus. The state law providing penal sanctions in the event of a conviction of hazing is set forth in sections 4.51-4.58, Texas Education Code. Full policy is available in the student affairs office in 115 Wimberly Building.

Member of The Texas State University System

Lamar University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educational institution and employer. Students, faculty, and staff members are selected without regard to their race, color, creed, sex, age, handicap or national origin, consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 as issued and amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

INFORMATION ALL STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Information for Students Regarding Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Section 5.2 of Chapter VI of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, provides for disciplinary action against any student who engages in conduct prohibited by law and for illegal use and for unauthorized use of intoxicating beverages, and illegal use of any drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.

Section 5.9 of Chapter VI of the regents; rules provides that a student who has been found guilty of the illegal possession, use, sale, or distribution of any drug, narcotic, or controlled substance, whether the infractions if found to have occurred on or off campus, shall be suspended for a period of not less than the remainder of the semester in which the infraction occurred plus the following long semester.

If the semester in which the infraction occurred has ended by the time a student is found guilty, the student shall be suspended for a period of not less than the following two long semesters.

The student conduct code prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in all university workplaces.

HEALTH RISKS OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Alcohol: Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver. Females who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics.

Tobacco (Nicotine): The smoking of tobacco products is the chief avoidable cause of death in our society. Smokers are more likely than nonsmokers to contract heart disease. Some 30 percent of cancer deaths (130,000 per year) are linked to smoking. Chronic obstructive lung diseases such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis are 10 times more likely to occur among smokers than among nonsmokers. Smoking during pregnancy poses serious risks such as spontaneous abortion, preterm birth, low birth weights, and fetal and infant deaths. Perhaps the most dangerous substance in tobacco smoke is nicotine. Because nicotine is highly addictive, addicts find it very difficult to stop smoking. Of 1,000 typical smokers, fewer than 20% succeed in stopping on the first try.

Designer Drugs: Illegal drugs are defined in terms of their chemical formulas. To circumvent these legal restrictions, underground chemists modify the molecular structure of certain illegal drugs to produce analogs known as designer drugs. These drugs can be several hundred times stronger than the drugs they are designed to imitate. Many of the so-called designer drugs are related to amphetamines (MDMA, X). Bootleg manufacture creates overdose and contamination risks. These substances can produce severe neurochemical damage to the brain. The narcotic analogs (fentanyl, china white) can cause symptoms such as those seen in Parkinson's disease: uncontrollable tremors, drooling, impaired speech, paralysis and irreversible brain damage. Analogs of amphetamines and methamphetamines cause nausea, blurred vision, chills or sweating, and faintness. Psychological effects include anxiety, depression, and paranoia. As little as 1 dose can cause brain damage. The analogs of phencyclidine cause illusions, hallucinations and impaired perception.

Cocaine: Cocaine stimulates the central nervous system. The use of cocaine can cause death by cardiac arrest or respiratory failure. Its immediate effects include dilated pupils and elevated blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and body temperature. Occasional use can cause a stuffy or runny nose, while chronic use can ulcerate the mucous membrane of the nose. Injecting cocaine with contaminated equipment can increase the risk of MDS, hepatitis and other diseases. Cocaine can produce psychological and physical dependence, a feeling that the user cannot function without the drug. In addition, tolerance develops rapidly. Crack or freebase rock is extremely addictive, and its effects are felt within 10 seconds. The physical effects include dilated pupils, increased pulse rate, elevated blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite, tactile hallucinations, paranoia and seizures.

Other Stimulants: Stimulants can cause increased heart and respiratory rates, elevated blood pressure, dilated pupils, and decreased appetite. In addition, users may experience sweating, headache, blurred vision, dizziness, sleeplessness, and anxiety. Extremely high doses can cause a rapid or irregular heart-beat, tremors, loss of coordination, and even physical collapse. An amphetamine injection creates a sudden increase in blood pressure that can result in stroke, very high fever or heart failure. In addition to the physical effects, users report feeling restless, anxious, and moody. Higher doses intensify the effects. Persons who use large amounts of amphetamines over a long period of time can develop an amphetamine psychosis that includes hallucinations, delusions, and paranoia.

Marijuana (Cannabis): All forms of cannabis have negative physical and mental effects. Use of cannabis may impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time and reduce ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car. Research also shows that students do not retain knowledge when they are "high." Motivation and cognition may be altered, making the acquisition of new information difficult. Marijuana can also produce paranoia and psychosis. Because users often inhale the unfiltered smoke deeply and then hold it in their lungs as long as possible, marijuana is damaging to the lungs and pulmonary system. Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke. Long-term users of cannabis may develop psychological dependence and require more of the drug to get the same effect. The drug can become the center of their lives.

Anabolic Steroids: Anabolic steroids are a group of powerful compounds closely related to the male sex hormone testosterone. Steroid users subject themselves to more than 70 side effects ranging in severity from liver cancer to acne and including psychological as well as physical reactions. The liver and the cardiovascular and reproductive systems are most seriously affected by steroid use. In males, use can cause withered testicles, sterility, and impotence. In females, irreversible masculine traits can develop along with breast reduction and sterility. Psychological effects include very aggressive behavior known as "roid rage" and depression. While some side effects appear quickly, others, such as heart attacks and strokes, may not show up for years.

Hallucinogens: Lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline, and psilocybin cause illusions and hallucinations. The physical effects may include dilated pupils, elevated body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, and tremors. Sensations and feelings may change rapidly. It is common to have bad psychological reactions to LSD, mescaline, and psilocybin. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety, and loss of control. Delayed effects or flashbacks can occur even after use has ceased. Users of PCP report persistent memory problems and speech difficulties. Some of these effects may last 6 months to a year following prolonged daily use. Mood disorders (depression, anxiety, and violent behavior) also occur. In later stages of chronic use, users often exhibit paranoid and violent behavior. Large doses may produce convulsions and coma, as well as heart and lung failure.

Depressants: The effects of depressants are in many ways similar to the effects of alcohol. Small amounts can produce calmness and relaxed muscles, but somewhat larger doses can cause slurred speech, staggering gait, and altered perception. Large doses can cause respiratory depression, coma, and death. The combination of depressants and alcohol can multiply the effects of the drugs, thereby multiplying the risks. The use of depressants can cause both physical and psychological dependence. Regular use over time may result in a tolerance to the drug, leading the user to increase the quantity consumed. When regular users suddenly stop taking large doses, they may develop withdrawal symptoms ranging from restlessness, insomnia, and anxiety to convulsions and death.

Narcotics: Narcotics initially produce a feeling of euphoria that often is followed by drowsiness, nausea, and vomiting. Users also may experience constricted pupils, watery eyes, and itching. An overdose may produce slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, and possible death. Tolerance to narcotics develops rapidly and dependence is likely. The use of contaminated syringes may increase the risk of such diseases as AIDS, endocarditis, and hepatitis. Addiction in pregnant women can lead to premature, stillborn, or addicted infants who experience severe withdrawal symptoms.

Inhalants: The immediate negative effects of inhalants include nausea, sneezing, coughing, nosebleeds, fatigue, lack of coordination, and loss of appetite. Solvents and aerosol sprays also decrease the heart and respiratory rates and impair judgment. Amyl and butyl nitrite cause rapid pulse, headaches, and involuntary passing of urine and feces. Long-term use may result in hepatitis or brain damage. Deeply inhaling the vapors, or using large amounts over a short time, may result in disorientation, violent behavior, unconsciousness, or death. High concentrations of inhalants can cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the lungs or by depressing the central nervous system to the point that breathing stops. Long-term use can cause weight loss, fatigue, electrolyte imbalance, and muscle fatigue. Repeated sniffing of concentrated vapors over time can permanently damage the nervous system.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY PENALTIES

Students: The University will impose a minimum disciplinary penalty of suspension for a period of time specified in the regents rules and the Student Conduct Code, for conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of drugs prohibited by state, federal, or local law. Other penalties that may be imposed for conduct related to the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol include disciplinary probation, payment for damage to or misappropriation of property, suspension of rights and privileges, suspension for a specified period of time, expulsion, or such other penalty as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Employees: The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol will result in a disciplinary penalty of warning or reprimand, suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, or discharge depending upon the circumstances.

COUNSELING/TREATMENT

Employees experiencing a problem with alcohol or other drugs may seek counseling/referrals through the Employee Assistance Plan. Information is available in the Human Resource office. Students experiencing a drug or alcohol problem who are currently enrolled at Lamar University may seek confidential counseling/referrals through the Student Health Center.

PENALTIES UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS/PENALTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW Offense - Minimum/Maximum Punishment:

Manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (drugs) - Min: Confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) for a term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years, or confinement in a community correctional facility for not more than 1 year, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. **Max:** Confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 20 years, and a fine not to exceed \$500,000.

Possession of controlled substances (drugs) - Min: Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000. **Max:** Confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years, and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

Delivery of Marijuana - Min: Confinement in Jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000. **Max:** Confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Possession of Marijuana - Min: Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000. **Max:** Confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Falsification of drug test results - Max: 180 days in jail and/or \$1,500 fine.

Supplying materials for falsification of drug test results - Max: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine.

Conviction of a felony violation of the controlled substance act - Max: Suspension of driver's license.

Conviction of a violation of the controlled substance act by a person under 21 years of age - Max: Suspension of driver's license.