

GRADUATION PLEDGE

- I. Graduation Pledge. The Student agrees to perform the following actions, which shall collectively be referred to as the "Graduation Pledge":
 - (a) Sign this Agreement no later than regular registration in the Student's second long semester at the University;
 - (b) In consultation with the Student's academic advisor and prior to regular registration in the Student's second long semester at the University, select a degree program and major that is on the list of approved majors for the Graduation Pledge program;
 - (c) Complete a degree plan with the Student's academic advisor for the approved major, which shall plan for graduation in no more than five years (which is the term of this Agreement), and the Student may change majors provided that the Student must change majors into an approved major in time to fulfill the sequence of required courses during the term of this Agreement, in order to continue to receive the benefits of this Agreement;
 - (d) Earn at least 24 credit hours during each academic year (for purposes herein, an academic year includes the Fall, Spring and Summer sessions of an academic year, beginning each Fall) and earn, as determined by the University, additional credit hours during one or more regular semesters or Summer sessions if the Student's degree program requires more than 120 credit hours for a bachelor's degree;
 - (e) Register for classes during priority registration designated for students who have agreed to the Graduation Pledge;
 - (f) Meet with the Student's academic advisor at least once a semester to select courses to be taken in the subsequent semester, and contact the Student's academic advisor immediately for any academic issues of concern;
 - (g) Accept the responsibility of keeping all documentation regarding the requirements of this Agreement and monitoring the Student's own progress;
 - (h) Pay any and all University bills and charges (including without limitation all tuition charges) on the dates such bills or charges are due;
 - (i) Apply for financial aid and scholarships (if appropriate) in a timely manner;
 - (j) Complete and fulfill all requirements for graduation for the approved major, apply for graduation by the appropriate deadline and notify the Student's academic advisor if the anticipated graduation date is likely to be delayed for any reason; and
 - (k) Maintain academic and disciplinary standings acceptable to the University, in its sole discretion.

2. University's Obligations. The University agrees to provide the following services to the Student during the term of this Agreement:

(a) Institute an early registration period in which the Student may register for classes; and

(b) Offer the courses required for the Student's degree program. If the Student has otherwise fulfilled all of his/her academic requirements for an approved major, and the University does not offer a course required in such major within a reasonable period for timely graduation pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the University will, in its sole discretion, do one of the following:

(i) Permanently waive the requirement for enrollment in such course on the part of the Student;

(ii) Allow the Student to satisfy the course requirement by selecting and substituting: (1) a different course that the Student is eligible to take and that is available to the Student; or (2) an independent study assignment; or

(iii) Provide for the payment of the Student's designated tuition and fees for such course at the University as soon as such course is available at the University.

Please note that such waivers, substitutions and accommodations shall not apply if the Student is pursuing a second major or minor and the Student seeks waivers, substitutions or accommodations for classes required for such second major or minor.

(c) If the Student is receiving financial aid or scholarships from the University, provide for the payment of the Student's tuition and required fees (as appropriate) with such financial aid or scholarship funds at the time the Student is eligible to enroll in courses at the University or in an otherwise timely manner.

(d) Assign an academic advisor to work with the Student and to coordinate with other advisors regarding matters related to this Agreement and the Graduation Pledge, including without limitation maintenance of necessary documentation and paperwork relating to the matters set forth herein.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

THE STUDENT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Printed Name: _____