

# TUITION & FEES ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

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Summary of Tuition, Fees and Other Charges

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## Executive Summary

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All tuition, fees, rates, and charges of the University of North Texas are charged and collected under specific authorization of the laws of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, the authorization in Texas Education Code Section 54.504, Section 54.017, Section 54.0513, Section 55.16, and other applicable sections.

The Board of Regents has delegated to the President of the University of North Texas the authority to establish waiver and exemption criteria and waiver and exemption approval procedures for the fees, rate, and charges in accordance with state laws, including, but not limited to, Texas Education Code, Section 54.218, Section 54.5035, and Section 54.0513.

Rates established within this document are effective for the academic year beginning with the fall 2024 semester and through summer 2025.

# Tuition

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## State Tuition and Board Designated Tuition

### **State Tuition – Undergraduate, Graduate**

Authorized under TEC §54.051.

Rate listed below is applied per semester credit hour for all university students based on the student’s residency classification and applicable state waivers. The President of the University of North Texas is authorized, in accordance with state statutes, to establish non-resident tuition at the rate determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Student Level	Residency	Fall 2024 to Summer 2025
Undergraduate	Residents	\$50.00
	Oklahoma Residents (Rate applies to Undergraduates only)	\$100.00
	Non-Residents	\$460.00
Graduate	Residents	\$50.00
	Non-Residents	\$460.00

*\*The President of the University of North Texas is authorized (Texas Education Code Section 54.014) to charge resident undergraduate students who repeat courses or have excessive hours to pay a rate in excess of the resident rate of tuition, but not to exceed the non-resident rate, regardless of residency.*

*\*\* The President of the University of North Texas is authorized (Texas Education Code Section 54.012) to require resident graduate students who exceed the cap on maximum doctoral hours to pay the non-resident rate of tuition regardless of residency.*

## Board Designated Tuition – Undergraduate and Graduate

Authorized under TEC §54.0513.

Rate listed below is applied per semester credit hour.

Board Designated Tuition (Undergraduate)	Fall 2024 to Summer 2025
Undergraduate Designated Tuition – Traditional Plan	\$230.11
Undergraduate Designated Tuition – Save and Soar Plan	\$234.71

Board Designated Tuition (Graduate)	Fall 2024 to Summer 2025
Graduate Designated Tuition	\$227.79
Graduate – Board Authorized Tuition*	\$50.00
Board Designated Graduate Tuition*	\$25.00

*\*In addition to Designated Tuition, Graduate students are also charged Board Authorized Tuition and Board Designated Graduate Tuition.*

## Differential Tuition – Undergraduate and Graduate

Authorized under TEC §54.0513.

Differential tuition is an additional charge that relates the rate of tuition to the cost of instructional delivery based on the college providing the course. Rates listed below are charged, in addition to other tuition rates, per semester credit hour for each specific student based on the College providing the course.

Student Level	College	Fall 2024 to Summer 2025
Undergraduate	G. Brint Ryan College of Business	\$15.00
Undergraduate	College of Engineering	\$16.25
Undergraduate	College of Music	\$45.00
Undergraduate	College of Science	\$24.00
Undergraduate	College of Visual Arts and Design	\$45.00
Undergraduate	Mayborn School of Journalism	\$30.00
Undergraduate	CLASS Media Arts	\$30.00
	CLASS Dance, Theatre Arts, and Communication	\$6.00
Graduate	G. Brint Ryan College of Business	
	All Graduate Programs	\$125.00
	Sports Entertainment Mgmt. MBA	\$11.00
	Doctoral Bus. Adm.	\$1,750.00
Graduate	College of Engineering	\$60.00
Graduate	College of Music	\$75.00
Graduate	College of Education (Counseling Program)	\$30.00
Graduate	College of Information, Data Science	\$7.75
Graduate	Toulouse Graduate School, ADTA	\$7.75
Graduate	Executive Master of Science (Computer Science Program)	\$523

## Fixed Designated Tuition – Undergraduate

Authorized under TEC §54.0513.

### Save and Soar Fixed Tuition Option

Incoming freshmen and transfer undergraduate students classified as Texas residents enrolling at UNT for the first time prior to their first semester have the opportunity to participate in the plan and will lock in the Board Designated Tuition Rate, including Differential Tuition, for 12 consecutive semesters. The Board Designated Tuition Rate will be locked in at 2% more than the Traditional Tuition Plan at the beginning of their first semester. Students enrolled in courses subject to Differential Tuition will also have those rates locked in for 12 consecutive semesters at 2% more than the established rates for the applicable course in effect at the beginning of their first semester.

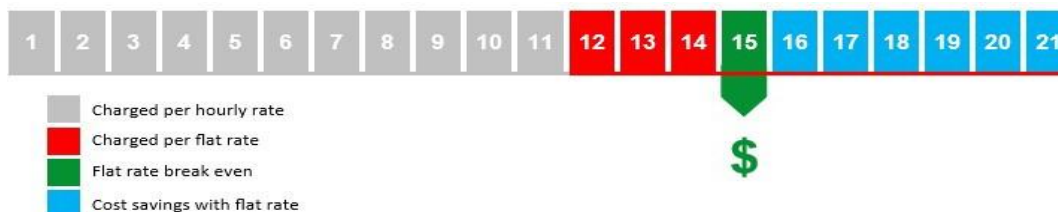
Save and Soar Tuition Plan participants will be eligible to receive a discount of \$100 per semester credit hour in Board Designated Tuition for enrollment in the Winter Session if they were enrolled for 14 or more semester credit hours. Participants will be eligible to receive a discount of \$100 in Board Designated Tuition for enrollment in the Summer semester if they were enrolled for 14 or more semester credit hours in the previous Spring semester.

Additionally, participants who are first-time freshmen living in UNT Housing and enrolled in at least 14 semester credit hours during the previous spring semester will receive a 40% discount in the housing rates during their first summer semester.

## Full Time, Flat Rate Undergraduate Tuition

Authorized under TEC §54.051.

UNT assesses Undergraduate Tuition based on a full-time, flat rate methodology. Undergraduate students enrolled in up to 11.5 hours during a fall or spring semester are assessed tuition and fees at an hourly rate. Students enrolled in 12 or more hours are assessed the flat rate as listed below. The break-even point for the flat rate is 15 semester credit hours. Students enrolled in more than 15 hours are not assessed additional Board Designated Tuition or mandatory fee amounts.



## Mandatory Fees

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### Mandatory – Statutory

*The following fees are assessed for university-related services available to students.*

#### International Education Fee

Flat fee – A fixed international education fee is collected from each enrolled student to be used in support of an international education financial aid fund. This fund allows an equal opportunity for all students to participate in student exchange and study abroad programs.

- Students will be charged \$4 per semester. Prorated in Summer sessions *See Appendix, page 19 for specific statutory authority language*

#### Medical Services Fee

Flat fee – The fixed medical services fee is collected from each enrolled student to operate, maintain, improve and equip the Student Health and Wellness Center.

- Students will be charged \$66.85 per semester. Prorated in Summer sessions *See Appendix, page 19 for specific statutory authority language*

#### Recreational Facility Fee\*

Flat fee – A fixed Recreational Facility fee is collected from each enrolled student for the purpose of constructing and operating the Recreational Facility on campus.

- Students will be charged \$85.78 per semester. Prorated in Summer sessions *See Appendix, page 19 for specific statutory authority language*

#### Student Services Fee

Student service fees are assessed in proportion to the number of semester credit hours for which a student registers to cover the cost of student services that directly involve or benefit students, including, but not limited to, recreational activities, artist and lecture series, cultural entertainment series, debating and oratorical activities and student government.

- Students will be charged a \$13.41 fee per hour  
*See Appendix, page 20 for specific statutory authority language*

## Student Union Fee\*

Flat Fee – A fixed Student Union fee is collected from each enrolled student for the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving and equipping the Student Union. Activities financed by the student union fee are limited to those in which the entire student body is eligible to participate.

- Students will be charged \$167.00 per semester. Prorated in Summer sessions. *See Appendix, page 21 for specific statutory authority language*

## Environmental Services Fee\*

Flat Fee – The Environmental Services Fee is used to fund environmentally related projects/activities on campus such as energy and water conservation, waste reduction and recycling, sustainable campus dining and student projects. The fee is waived for students taking all of their courses off campus and is not charged for summer sessions.

- Students will be charged \$5.00 per semester.  
*See Appendix, page 24 for specific statutory authority language*

## Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*

Per Semester Credit Hour Fee – This fee is assessed in proportion to the number of semester credit hours for which a student registers to cover the cost of UNT athletics programs, capped at 15 hours.

- Students will be charged \$17.85 per semester credit hour *See Appendix, page 24 for specific statutory authority language*

## Mandatory – Incidental

The following fees are authorized under TEC §54.504 and TEC §55.16 (*See Appendix, page 22*). The rate of the fee must reasonably reflect the actual cost to the University for associated materials or services. Incidental fees do not include a fee for which a governing board makes a charge under the authority of any other provision of the law (statutory fees).

## Transportation Fee\*

Per Semester Credit Hour Fee – The transportation fee supports the shuttle bus systems that transports students to, and around, various locations on campus. - Students will be charged \$3.50 per semester credit hour

## Master's Advising Fee

Flat fee – Applies to students in the Colleges of Engineering; Health & Public Service; Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism; Education; Information; as well as programs offered by the Toulouse Graduate School (Advanced Data Analytics, Interdisciplinary Studies, graduate nondegree seeking and graduate preparation programs).

- Students will be charged \$49.50 fall/spring.

### Learning Support Fee (Undergraduate)

The Learning Support Fee is collected in proportion to the number of credit hours for which a student registers to defray costs associated with technology, library, academic advising, as well as university printed and electronic communications. The fee also provides critical resources which enable student success as well as enhance research and learning outcomes.

Students will be charged \$43.00 per semester credit hour

### Learning Support Fee (Graduate)

The Learning Support Fee is collected in proportion to the number of credit hours for which a student registers to defray costs associated with technology, library, academic advising, as well as university printed and electronic communications. The fee also provides critical resources which enable student success as well as enhance research and learning outcomes.

Students will be charged \$36.00 per semester credit hour

### International Student Fee

Flat Fee- A fixed international student fee is charged to all non-immigrant visa students for each term in which they enroll in UNT.

Students will be charged \$115.00 per semester

*\*The following fees are waived if students are only enrolled in courses at locations other than the Denton campus: Property Deposit, Transportation Fee, Environmental Services Fee and Intercollegiate Athletics Fee.*

## Instructional Fees

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Instructional fees vary by course and fall into the following two fee categories. Please note that for billing purposes, these fee categories are grouped together and billed as one instructional fee.

- **Academic Fees** - Academic Fees are assessed at the college/school level based on the estimated costs of goods and services related to instruction at the college/school level. Academic fees are charged to cover consumable supplies, syllabi, tests, classroom guest lecturers, salaries and wages of employees who assist in the preparation, distribution, and supply of classroom materials and some equipment purchases related directly to student participation in the classroom.
  - **Laboratory Fees** - Laboratory fees are only applicable to courses which require students to register for a laboratory section. Laboratory fees are collected to cover the cost of materials and supplies used by students in the laboratory. The laboratory fee may not be less than \$2 nor more than \$30 for any one semester or summer term.
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Please see below for a listing of academic fees by College:

*\*Fees listed are charged per hour*

**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences - 1**

2024-2025 Rate: \$11.10

Course Prefixes: ARBC, CHIN, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, ITAL, JAPN, KORE, LANG, LATI, PHIL, PSCI, RUSS, SGNL, SOCI, SPAN, SPST, WLLC

**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences - 2**

2024-2025 Rate: \$20.00

Course Prefixes: AERO, ANTH, ARCH, COMM, ECON, GEOG, GEOL, JOUR, PSYC, TECM, WGST

**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences - 3**

2024-2025 Rate: \$60.60

Course Prefixes: DANC, MRTS, RTVF, THEA

**College of Education**

2024-2025 Rate: \$23.30

Course Prefixes: COUN, EDBE, EDCI, EDEC, EDEE, EDHE, EDLE, EDLL, EDME, EDRE, EDSE, EDSP, EDUC, EPSY, HDFS, HLTH, KINE, PHED, RECR, RESM

**College of Engineering - Undergraduate**

2024-2025 Rate: \$52.70

Course Prefixes: BMEN, CNET, CSCE, EENG, ELET, EMGT, ENGR, MEET, MFET, MSET, MTSE, NUET

**College of Engineering - Graduate**

2024-2025 Rate: \$73.70

Course Prefixes: BMEN, CNET, CSCE, EENG, ELET, EMGT, ENGR, MEET, MFET, MSET, MTSE

**G. Brint Ryan College of Business\***

2024-2025 Rate: \$15.50

Course Prefixes Includes subjects formerly housed under the College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism: ACCT, BCIS, BLAW, BUSI, DBAS, DSCI, FINA, FIPL, ITDS, LGAV, LSCM, MGMT, MKTG, MSCI, OPSM, REAL, RMIN, SENM

**College of Music**

2024-2025 Rate: \$50.20

Course Prefixes: MUAC, MUAE, MUAG, MUAM, MUAS, MUCE, MUCM, MUCP, MUCS, MUED, MUEN, MUET, MUGC, MUJS, MULB, MUMH, MUPH, MUSM, MUTH

**College of Health and Public Service**

2024-2025 Rate: \$18.40

Course Prefixes: AARS, ADDS, AGER, ASLP, BEHV, CJUS, EADP, EMDS, HLSC, HLSR, HLSV, PADM, PUBH, RHAB, SOWK, (All HPS Courses)

**College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism**

2024-2025 Rate: \$10.40

Course Prefixes: CEXM, CMHT, DRTL, EDEM, FADM, HFMD, HMGH, MDSE, RETL.

**College of Information**

2024-2025 Rate: \$13.80

Course Prefixes: DTSC, INFO, LING, LTEC

**College of Visual Arts and Design**

2024-2025 Rate: \$43.80

Course Prefixes: ADES, ART, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU

**Honors College**

2024-2025 Rate: Please see specific Program Fees section below.

Course Prefixes: HNRS

**College of Science**

2024-2025 Rate: \$33.10

Course Prefixes: BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, COS, MATH, PHYS, TNTX, UGMT

**New College**

2024-2025 Rate: \$6.70

Course Prefixes: ACSO, BAAS, INDS, NCPS, SPDA

**Advanced Data Analytics**

2024-2025 Rate: \$24.70

Course Prefixes: ADTA, INSD, IPAC

## Discretionary Fees

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### Discretionary – Incidental Fees

The Board of Regents has delegated to the President of the University of North Texas the authority to approve all discretionary, incidental fees. Approved fees are published on the [UNT Student Accounting website](#).

### Admission Application Fee

Flat Fee – This fee provides funds to support costs associated with providing, receiving, and processing student admissions and financial aid operations.

- Students will be charged a \$75 non-refundable fee (undergraduate & graduate)

### Late Application fee

\$90 for undergraduate students

### Property Damage Deposit

All students, except those enrolled in only off-campus courses or covered by other specific waivers, must pay a \$10.00 General Property Deposit at the time of first registering at the university. The deposit may be forfeited to cover any outstanding financial obligation at the university. The fee will otherwise be refunded to the student upon withdrawal or graduation from the university. If the deposit has not been refunded to the student within 4 years of the last enrollment, it will be forfeited as specified by state law. *See Appendix, page 22 for specific statutory authority language*

### Late Registration Fee

A flat fee of \$75.00 will be charged to students registering at any time during the designated late registration period.

### Credit & Debit Processing Service Fee

A 2.79% service fee will be assessed on all payments made by credit and debit card. **There is no service fee for paying by eCheck.**

### Credit by Exam Fee

UNT awards undergraduate college credit on the basis of local and national examinations, subject to general limitations. Examinations are offered by several UNT departments. A \$53.00 fee is collected from those students who take credit by examination at UNT.

## University Center at Dallas Fee

Students enrolling for upper-division undergraduate courses or graduate courses offered by the partner universities of the University Center at Dallas, may enroll at their home institution for courses offered by the other UCD universities. UCD is located in downtown Dallas. A \$15.00 per hour fee is collected from students who are enrolled at UCD.

## Collin Higher Education Center Fee

Through Collin College, UNT offers one bachelor's degree, 2 master's degrees and 2 doctoral degrees at the Collin Higher Education Center. A \$30.00 per hour fee is collected for students enrolled in UNT classes there.

## International Student Health Insurance

Health insurance is required for international students and will be assessed automatically at the time of registration for classes. For further information, please contact the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center.

## Optional Practical Training Fee

All F-1 international students who choose to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), will be required to pay the OPT Case Management Fee. This fee is separate from the USCIS application fee. This fee will be used to subsidize the costs associated with the mandatory case management for students on Optional Practical Training after graduation.

12 Month Post-Completion OPT: \$125

24 Month OPT STEM Extension: \$250

## Distance Education Fee

A distance education fee of \$35 per semester credit hour will be assessed to all distance education courses to support and enhance instructional design, management, delivery, maintenance, coaching and technology for distance education courses. The fee will be capped at \$315 per semester.

## School of Journalism Field Trip Fee

The School of Journalism faculty led field trip fee of \$1,345.29 is assessed to students who participate in a trip to New York to study the city's advertising industry. The fee covers lodging and limited group meals (Effective Fall 2018).

### [Parking Fees](#)

### [Center for Young Children](#)

**Proficiency Exam Fees**

Student Use of English: \$15.00

Foreign Language Exam (Graduate): \$15.00

**GED Exam (Cash Only)**

\$46.00

**Placement Service Fee**

\$20.00 (for 6 months/former students)

**Returned Check Service Charge**

\$25.00 per occurrence

**Late Payment Fee**

\$25.00 per occurrence

**Replacement Student ID Card Fee**

\$10.00 per occurrence

**Online Transcript Fee**

\$10.00 per occurrence

**Graduation and Regalia Fees**

Degree candidates who are planning to attend the commencement exercise must acquire the appropriate regalia from the UNT Bookstore. Late Filing Fee: \$25.00

Teacher Certification: \$75.00

Microfilm Master's/Doctorate: \$25.00

## Program Fees

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Authorized under TEC §54.504.

Program fees may be determined to be non-refundable by the administering department based on the occurrence of previously committed expenses and as published in program documentation.

### G. Brint Ryan College of Business – Masters Graduate Program Access Fee

This fee provides funds to support the expenses of Master's programs offered in the G. Brint Ryan College of Business. Expenses may include, but are not limited to, professional development activities, materials, and faculty and administrative support. This fee will only be charged to graduate students enrolled in a Master's program within the G. Brint Ryan College of Business, including those related to Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism. This fee is a flat \$500 per semester.

### College of Information Ph.D. Learning Technology students

The fee is \$1,500.00 per student. The purpose of the fee is to provide enhanced support services.

### College of Education – Educator Preparation Program

The Texas Education Agency – Educator Preparation Program has implemented a \$35 fee per admitted candidate accountability system for its technology fee. This fee is billed to the student's account in MyUNT by the College of Education and the funds are distributed to the State.

### Honors College

Honors College students are charged an honors program fee. The fee is a flat \$25 fee per semester. The purpose of the fee is to provide support services to students in the Honors College.

### Audiology & Speech-Language

Graduate students are charged a Program Fee. This fee is \$100 per semester credit hour. The purpose of this fee is to provide enhanced student support services to Audiology & Speech-Language graduate students.

## Out-of-State-Teaching Fee (OSTF)

Non-resident students living outside of Texas while taking UNT courses (typically online) are charged an Out-of-State Teaching Fee in lieu of tuition and instructional fees. This fee must cover the cost of instruction and is set by each academic department annually. The OSTF rates (per semester credit hour) effective for Fall 2024 - Summer 2025 can be found in the Explanation of Fees webpage on the [UNT Student Accounting website](#).

## Coursera BAAS Program

Students enrolled in the Coursera BAAS program will be charged \$330 per semester credit hour:

- \$50 per semester credit hour - Statutory Tuition - Coursera
- \$280 per semester credit hour - Board Designated Tuition - Coursera

## Appendix

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### International Education Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.5132.

- a) The governing board of an institution of higher education, other than The University of Texas at Austin, may charge and collect from students registered at the institution a fee in an amount not less than \$1 and not more than \$4 for each semester or summer session. The amount of the fee may be increased only if the increase is approved by a majority vote of the students at the institution participating in an election called for that purpose.
- b) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the institution's international education financial aid fund, a fund outside the state treasury. Money in the fund may be used only to assist students participating in international student exchange or study programs.
- c) The international education financial aid fund shall be used in accordance with guidelines jointly developed by the student governing body of the institution and the administration of the institution. If an institution does not have a student governing body, the president may appoint a committee of students to assist with the development of the guidelines.
- d) The fee imposed under this section may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may be charged students enrolled at the institution under Section 54.503(b) of this code.

### Medical Services Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.5081.

- (a) The board of regents of the University of North Texas System may charge each student registered at a component institution of the University of North Texas System a medical services fee not to exceed \$75 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$37.50 for each six-week or shorter term of the summer session.
- (b) Before charging a medical services fee at a component institution, the board must give students and administrators an opportunity to offer recommendations to the board as to the type and scope of medical services that should be provided.
- (c) The board may not increase the amount of the medical services fee charged at a component institution by more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students at the institution voting in a general election held at the institution for that purpose.
- (d) A medical services fee charged at a component institution of the University of North Texas System under this section may be used only to provide medical services to students registered at that component institution.
- (e) The fee imposed under this section may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may be charged students enrolled at a component institution of the University of North Texas System under Section 54.503(b).

### Recreational Facility Fee:

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Authorized under TEC §54.5091.

- (a) If approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general election held at the university for that purpose, the board of regents of the University of North Texas may impose a recreational facility fee on each student enrolled in the university in an amount not to exceed \$75 per student for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$37.50 per student for each six-week or shorter term of the summer session. The fee may be used only for constructing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping a recreational facility or program at the university.
- (b) Revenue from a fee imposed under this section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the "University of North Texas recreational facility fee account" under the control of the student fee advisory committee established under Section 54.5031.
- (c) The student fee advisory committee annually shall submit to the board of regents a complete and itemized budget for the recreational facility with a complete report of all recreational facility activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The board may make changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary. After approving the budget, the board, in accordance with this section, may impose the recreational facility fees for that year in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the recreational facility. If the budget approved by the board contains an expenditure for the construction of a facility, the board may contract for the construction of the facility.
- (d) The board may not increase the amount of the recreational facility fee by more than 10 percent in any academic year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students participating in a general election held at the university for that purpose.
- (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other use or service fee authorized to be imposed.
- (f) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fees that may be imposed under Section 54.503(b).

#### Student Services Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.503.

(a) For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Student services" means activities which are separate and apart from the regularly scheduled academic functions of the institution and directly involve or benefit students, including textbook rentals, recreational activities, health and hospital services, medical services, intramural and intercollegiate athletics, artists and lecture series, cultural entertainment series, debating and oratorical activities, student publications, student government, the student fee advisory committee, student transportation services other than services under Sections 54.504, 54.511, 54.512, and 54.513 of this code, and any other student activities and services specifically authorized and approved by the governing board of the institution of higher education. The term does not include services for which a fee is charged under another section of this code.
- (2) "Compulsory fee" means a fee that is charged to all students enrolled at the institution.
- (3) "Voluntary fee" means a fee that is charged only to those students who make use of the student service for which the fee is established.

- (b) The governing board of an institution of higher education may charge and collect from students registered at the institution fees to cover the cost of student services. The fee or fees may be either voluntary or compulsory as determined by the governing board. The total of all compulsory student services fees collected from a student at an institution of higher education other than The University of Texas at Austin or a component institution of the University of Houston System for any one semester or summer session shall not exceed \$250. All compulsory student services fees charged and collected under this section by the governing board of an institution of higher education, other than a public junior college, shall be assessed in proportion to the number of semester credit hours for which a student registers. No portion of the compulsory fees collected may be expended for parking facilities or services, except as related to providing shuttle bus services.
- (c) The provisions of this section do not affect the building use fees or other special fees authorized by the legislature for any institution for the purpose of financing revenue bond issues.
- (d) All money collected as student services fees shall be reserved and accounted for in an account or accounts kept separate and apart from educational and general funds of the institution and shall be used only for the support of student services. All the money shall be placed in a depository bank or banks designated by the governing board and shall be secured as required by law. Each year the governing board shall approve for the institution a separate budget for student activities and services financed by fees authorized in this section. The budget shall show the fees to be assessed, the purpose or functions to be financed, the estimated income to be derived, and the proposed expenditures to be made. Copies of the budgets shall be filed annually with the coordinating board, the governor, the legislative budget board, and the state library.
- (e) Repealed by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 359, Sec. 16(2), eff. January 1, 2012.
- (f) If the total compulsory fee charged under this section is more than \$150, the increase does not take effect unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election held for that purpose or by a majority vote of the student government at the institution. In subsequent years, an election authorizing a fee increase must be held before the fee can be increased by more than 10 percent of the fee approved at the last student election.
- (g) If a student registers at more than one institution of higher education within a college or university system under concurrent enrollment provisions of joint or cooperative programs between institutions, the student shall pay all compulsory student services fees to the institution designated as the home institution under the joint or cooperative program. The governing board of the college or university system may waive the payment of all compulsory student services fees at the other institution or institutions.
- (h) Except for Subsection (g) of this section, this section does not apply to The University of Texas at Austin or a component institution of the University of Houston System.
- (i) General revenue appropriations, other educational and general income, and funds appropriated under Article VII, Section 17 or 18, of the Texas Constitution may be expended on a proportional use basis to support the services, activities, and facilities provided for in this section to the extent that the use of such funds is not otherwise restricted by the Texas Constitution or general law.

Student Union Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.515.

- (a) The governing board of each institution of higher education may charge each student registered at the institution a student union fee not to exceed \$20 for each regular semester and not to exceed \$10 for each term of the summer session for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building. The fee may not be imposed, and may not be increased above \$10 for each regular semester and \$5 for each term of the summer session, unless the imposition or increase is approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general election. The fees authorized by this section are in addition to any other use or service fee authorized by law to be charged and collected by the institution.
- (b) The fees collected under Subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in a designated account and shall be placed under the control of and subject to the order of a student advisory committee. The student advisory committee annually shall submit to the governing board of the institution a complete and itemized budget to be accompanied by a full and complete report of all activities conducted during the previous fiscal year and all related expenditures made during that year. The governing board shall make any changes in the budget as it considers necessary before approving the budget and shall charge and collect the fees as provided by this section in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the student union building and within the limits authorized by this section.

Mandatory - Incidental Fees:

Authorized under TEC §54.504.

- (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education may fix the rate of incidental fees to be paid to an institution under its governance by students and prospective students and may make rules for the collection of the fees and for the distribution of the funds, such funds to be accounted for as other designated funds. The rate of an incidental fee must reasonably reflect the actual cost to the university of the materials or services for which the fee is collected. In fixing such rate, the governing board may consult with a student fee advisory committee which the governing board may establish if such student committee does not presently exist.
- (b) The board shall publish in the general catalog of the university a description of the amount of each fee to be charged.
- (c) In this section, "incidental fees" includes, without limitation, such fees as late registration fees, library fines, microfilming fees, thesis or doctoral manuscript reproduction or filing fees, bad check charges, application processing fees, and laboratory breakage charges, but does not include a fee for which a governing board makes a charge under the authority of any other provision of law.

Board Responsibility:

Authorized under TEC §55.16.

- (a) Each board shall be authorized to fix and collect rentals, rates, and charges from students and others for the occupancy, services, use, and/or availability of all or any of its property, buildings, structures, activities, operations, or other facilities as provided by this section.

(Text of subsec. (b) as amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 769, Sec. 13)

- (b) Unless it is expressly provided by law that specified funds under the control of a board are not considered revenue funds, a provision in this title or another law that limits the purpose for which funds under the control of the board may be spent does not impair a board's ability to

pledge and use all revenue funds under the board's control to secure and pay obligations of the board under this chapter or other law.

(Text of subsec. (b) as amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1432, Sec. 2)

- (c) Unless expressly provided by law that specified money under the control of a board is not considered revenue funds, a provision of this title or another law that limits the purposes for which money under the control of the board may be spent does not impair the board's authority to pledge and use any revenue or money under the board's control to secure or pay obligations of the board under this chapter or other law.
- (d) A board shall fix each rental, rate, charge, or fee that the board has authority under this title to fix in an amount determined to be necessary to pay or provide, for each activity or service, all associated capital costs, including debt service, operation and maintenance costs, including associated overhead costs of a system or institution, and prudent reserves. Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), this section does not authorize a board to impose a rental, rate, charge, or fee at an amount exceeding a limit imposed by another provision of this title.

(Text of subsec. (c) as amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1432, Sec. 2)

- (e) A board shall fix each rental, rate, charge, or fee that the board is authorized by this title to fix in an amount the board determines necessary to pay or provide, for each activity or service for which the rental, rate, charge, or fee is imposed, all associated capital costs, including debt service, operation and maintenance costs, including associated overhead costs of a system or institution, and prudent reserves. Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), this section does not authorize a board to impose a rental, rate, charge, or fee in an amount that exceeds any applicable limit imposed by another provision of this title.

(Text of subsec. (d) as amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 769, Sec. 13)

- (f) For billing and reporting purposes, a board shall accumulate all mandatory fees or charges provided for by this section or Chapter 54 as a separate facilities and services charge. (Text of subsec. (d) as amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1432, Sec. 2)
- (g) For billing and reporting purposes, a governing board may accumulate all mandatory fees or charges authorized by this section or by Chapter 54 as a separate facilities and services charge.
- (h) If bonds have been or are issued pursuant to this title, or secured or to be secured by a pledge of part or all of the board's revenue funds, and if, at the time of authorizing the issuance of the bonds, (1) the estimated maximum amount per semester hour of such pledged revenue funds (based on then current enrollment and conditions) during any future semester necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds when due, together with (2) the aggregate amount of all such pledged revenue funds which were levied on a semester hour basis for the then current semester to pay the principal of and interest on all previously issued bonds, do not exceed the amount permitted by this title, then any necessary fees, tuition, rentals, rates, or other charges constituting revenue funds shall be levied and collected when and to the extent required by the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds in any amount required to provide revenue funds sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, regardless of any other provision or limitation provided by this title.
- (i) A board is not required to charge students enrolled in different degree programs at the institution the same rentals, rates, charges, and fees under this section.

Environmental Service Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.5041.

- (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education may charge each student enrolled at the institution an environmental service fee, if the fee has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the institution who participate in a general student election called for that purpose.
  - (b) Unless increased in accordance with Subsection (d), the amount of the fee may not exceed:
    - (1) \$5 for each regular semester or summer term of more than six weeks; or
    - (2) \$2.50 for each summer session of six weeks or less.
  - (c) The fee may be used only to:
    - (1) provide environmental improvements at the institution through services related to recycling, energy efficiency and renewable energy, transportation, employment, product purchasing, planning and maintenance, or irrigation; or
    - (2) provide matching funds for grants to obtain environmental improvements described by Subdivision
- (1).
- (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the institution who participate in a general student election called for that purpose. The fee may not be increased under this subsection if the increase would result in a fee under this section in an amount that exceeds:
    - (1) \$10 for each regular semester or summer term of more than six weeks; or
    - (2) \$5 for each summer session of six weeks or less.
  - (e) An institution that imposes the environmental service fee may not use the revenue generated by the fee to reduce or replace other money allocated by the institution for environmental projects.
  - (f) Any fee revenue that exceeds the amount necessary to cover current operating expenses for environmental services and any interest generated from that revenue may be used only for purposes provided under Subsection (c).
  - (g) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that an institution of higher education may charge.
  - (h) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the institution has issued bonds payable in whole or in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

Intercollegiate Athletics Fee:

Authorized under TEC §54.5191.

- (a) The board of regents of the University of North Texas System may charge each student enrolled at the University of North Texas an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer session unless the amount is increased as provided by Subsection (g).
- (b) A student enrolled in more than 15 semester credit hours shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or session.
- (c) The fee may not be charged before the first semester a new football stadium is available for use at the university.
- (d) If compulsory student services fees are charged to students enrolled at the university under Section 54.503, the total amount of those fees charged to a student shall be reduced by \$3 per semester credit hour for the first semester in which an intercollegiate athletics fee is charged under this section.
- (e) Revenue from the fee charged under this section may be used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or improving an athletic facility or for operating an intercollegiate athletics program at the university.
- (f) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose. The ballot for the election to approve the fee must state a maximum amount of the fee that may be charged per semester credit hour, not to exceed the maximum amount prescribed by Subsection (a).
- (g) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by 10 percent or more the amount of the fee as last approved by a student vote under Subsection (f) or this subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.
- (h) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to be known as the intercollegiate athletics fee account.
- (i) A fee charged under this section is not considered in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be charged each student enrolled at the university under Section 54.503.
- (j) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the university has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

#### General Deposits:

Authorized under TEC §54.502.

- (a) An institution of higher education may collect a reasonable deposit in an amount not to exceed \$100 from each student to insure the institution against any losses, damages, and breakage for which the student is responsible and to cover any other amounts owed by the student to the institution. The institution shall return to the student the deposit, less any such amounts owed to the institution by the student. The deposit must be returned within a reasonable period after the date of the student's withdrawal or graduation from the institution, not to exceed 180 days, that provides the institution with sufficient time to identify all amounts owed and to determine that the student does not intend to enroll at the institution in the semester or summer session immediately following the student's withdrawal or graduation or, if the student withdraws or graduates in the spring semester, in the next fall semester.