

## I. TUITION POLICIES

### A. *Full-Time Students at the Universities, and the Oregon Institute of Technology*

These policies apply to undergraduate and graduate students taking nine credits or more per term. At the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, the policies apply to all students regardless of carrying load, except for non-matriculated students enrolled under the part-time student policy. The Board's tuition policies for the academic year include the following:

1. Tuition is established to provide support for cost of instruction and instruction support expenditures.
2. **Effective Winter Term 2004 the State Board has approved proposals from the institutions for significant modifications to the tuition structure by compressing the number of credit hours in the plateau; eliminating the plateau completely; or implementing a modified per credit hour structure with reduced per credit increments within a specified range.**
  - a. **Undergraduate tuition structures:**
    - 1) **Tuition plateaus are set at OIT (12-15), SOU (12-16), and WOU (12-15).**
    - 2) **Tuition will be assessed on a straight per credit hour basis at EOU and PSU.**
    - 3) **Tuition will be assessed through a modified per credit hour tuition with a reduced per credit hour increment within a specified range at OSU and UO.**
  - b. **Graduate tuition structures:**
    - 1) **Tuition plateaus will be set at OIT (9-15), OSU (9-16), SOU (9-14), UO (9-16), WOU (9-12).**
    - 2) **Tuition will be assessed on a straight per credit hour basis at EOU and PSU.**
  - c. **Professional program tuition structures:**
    - 1) **OSU - Pharmacy tuition plateau is set at 12-16 credit hours.**
    - 2) **OSU - Veterinary Medicine tuition is assessed as a single full-time tuition as necessitated by the curriculum requirements.**
    - 3) **UO - Law School is assessed tuition with a plateau of 9-16 credit hours.**

**In taking action to adopt the Fee Book, the State Board approved the principles that OUS institutions may: 1) modify or eliminate tuition plateaus, and 2) develop individual plans to modify or eliminate tuition plateaus in the future on a schedule that best meets their needs and the needs of their students. These plans would be submitted to the State Board for approval.**

3. Resident and nonresident differentials apply to undergraduate and graduate students. Each institution recommends to the OUS Board its desired rate of increase.

4. Law students at the University of Oregon are assessed fees on a semester basis.
5. Tuition for academic year program courses delivered through the OSU Cascades Campus will be at OSU's Corvallis Campus rates.
6. In July 2002 the OUS Board authorized the UO to initiate a three-year pilot program of a revised undergraduate tuition structure and tuition discount program. Beginning with Fall 2002 the UO began using a modified per credit hour tuition structure. Concurrently with the revised tuition structure, a 15 percent discount on undergraduate courses taken from 3:00 PM forward was placed in effect. The UO expects to offer 25 percent of the total undergraduate credit hours in the discounted time period.

*B. Part-Time Students*

These policies, if adopted by an institution, apply to students enrolled for eight or fewer credits. These policies are not applicable at the Law School of the University of Oregon.

1. The adoption of these policies for part-time students is optional with an institution.
2. An institution that adopts the part-time policy will waive residency and admissions requirements for all such students, except at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University where the part-time policy will apply only to nonmatriculated (nondegree) students.
3. Part-time students carrying 1-8 credits will be assessed the Tuition based upon the level of the course taken. Courses numbered 001-499 will be assessed at the resident undergraduate rate, and courses numbered 500 and above will be assessed at the resident graduate rate.
4. An institution may determine whether to make health service privileges available to students carrying eight credits or fewer and whether the students have the option of participating in the health service program.
5. An institution determines the level of the Incidental Fee for students carrying eight credits or fewer.
6. The part-time student is assessed the Building Fee prorated to the number of credits taken.
7. The part-time student is assessed any applicable Resource Fees, which may or may not be prorated by credit hour, based on institutional requirements.

If an institution chooses not to adopt the part-time student policy, the Tuition is assessed based upon residency and admissions standards applied to full-time students. The Health Service Fee is then mandatory, and the Incidental Fee for students carrying eight credits or fewer must be at least 50 percent of the full Incidental Fee.

*C. Students in Direct Cost-Support Courses for Credit, Other than Summer Session*

These policies apply to students in fee-supported courses identified by the institution, to be administered separately from the state-supported credit instruction program (see Summer Session Fee Book for summer fees and policies):

1. Direct cost-support Tuition and Fees will be assessed to participating students regardless of the credit hours carried or fees paid for state-supported enrollment. The concurrent enrollment policy will not apply to direct cost-support instruction.
2. Both open and closed (grant or contract) credit instruction courses are included in the direct cost-support classifications.
3. Direct cost-support Course Fees are to be established by the institution. Although individual courses may not be direct cost supporting, the rate of charge must be sufficient to assure that the total program of courses at an institution is direct cost supporting. Assessment of Resource Fees for direct cost-support courses is an institutional decision.
4. No residency classification is required for direct cost-support credit instruction.
5. The staff, and graduate assistant fee privileges do not apply to direct cost-support courses other than the regular summer session program. Exceptions may be allowed by the institution for courses deemed to have met the condition of direct cost-support. (See Summer Session Fee Book for summer fee privileges.) The **OUS/School Partnership Co-Pay** fee policy applies to continuing education courses.

*D. Postbaccalaureate, Nongraduate Student Classification*

A holder of an accredited baccalaureate degree who has not been admitted to a graduate degree program and who submits an official application for admission to pursue a second baccalaureate degree or enroll in course work not to be used for graduate credit will be called a *postbaccalaureate, nongraduate student* and will be assessed tuition at undergraduate rates.

However, fees and policies applicable under the part-time student policy shall prevail when a student classified as a postbaccalaureate, nongraduate enrolls for eight or fewer credits at an institution that has adopted the part-time student policy.

Baccalaureate degree holders who are admitted to postbaccalaureate, nongraduate status at undergraduate tuition rates are precluded from claiming graduate credits for graduate courses taken while in that status. However, individual institutions may allow the reservation of not more than six of their graduate credits per term to apply in their institution's graduate programs. Graduate credits reserved in combination as an undergraduate and postbaccalaureate, nongraduate cannot exceed 15 credits. Baccalaureate degree holders who are not admitted to postbaccalaureate, nongraduate status will be assessed graduate tuition rates.

Students who have been admitted to an advanced degree program may convert to postbaccalaureate, nongraduate student status only if the graduate degree has been awarded, if a student has been dropped from the degree program by the institution, or upon a request approved by the dean of the Graduate School for voluntary relinquishment of graduate status.

Students in the education programs who are admitted to the 45-hour standard norm certificate program are not eligible for the postbaccalaureate, nongraduate student status. Graduate tuition rates are applicable whether or not graduate credit is sought by students in the program.

*E. Oregon Institute of Technology and the Klamath Community College Service District*

This policy statement is no longer necessary and is deleted in 2003-04.

*F. Western Undergraduate Exchange Tuition Rate*

Tuition for students admitted under the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program will be assessed 150 percent of the prevailing resident undergraduate tuition rate.

The WUE program allows first-time enrolling, nonresident **undergraduate** students from participating states to pay 150 percent of resident tuition when enrolled in selected programs at Oregon University System institutions. Students participating in this program must maintain enrollment in these designated programs to retain qualification. The time spent as a WUE student cannot apply toward residency status. Students previously or currently enrolled in System schools are not eligible for this program. Neither the institutions nor the Oregon University System is obligated to notify prospective, admitted, or enrolled students who are eligible for this program. Institutions will implement this program, report WUE enrollment as directed, and validate WUE students quarter to quarter.

*G. OSU - Cascades Campus*

In January 2001, OSU was appointed by the Board to establish and manage the Cascades Campus, located on the Central Oregon Community College Campus in Bend. The OSU Branch Campus opened Fall 2001. This campus is established as a collaborative effort in which OSU will negotiate with various OUS institutions to supplement its own degree program delivery.

Students enrolled through the Cascades Campus will generally pay tuition and fee rates assessed on the OSU Corvallis Campus. (These include: Tuition, Energy Surcharge, Resource and Building Fees.) A unique incidental fee rate tailored for applicable services available at Corvallis and Cascades, for Cascades students will be assessed.

In its enabling action the Board agreed to review the Branch Campus after five years. OSU and the Chancellor's staff will prepare a report for the Board in 2007.