

## II. TUITION AND FEE POLICIES

Enrollment Fees, which are Tuition and Fees that students must pay in the pursuit of their chosen degree, are recommended by the institutions and approved by the Board. The Fees included in this category are: Energy Surcharge Fee, Resource Fee, Building Fee, Health Service Fee, and Incidental Fee. Technology Fees are a form of Resource Fees. The University of Oregon Recreation Center Bond Fee is a special fee. There may be differentials for some of these fees based on residency or some other criteria.

### A. *Tuition Structure and Assessment*

1. Tuition is established to provide support for instructional programs and instructional support expenditures. Tuition rates vary in general based on student level and residency. In some cases, tuition rates are based on course level or the cost of providing a course.

Tuition rates for students admitted to regular academic programs are based on student classification and residency:

Student level – Undergraduate and Graduate

Residency – Resident and Nonresident

Under the Part-time Fee Policy, tuition for students enrolled for eight credit hours or less is assessed by:

Course level – graduate or undergraduate courses

Assessed at the resident rate

For Summer Session, tuition may be assessed by:

Course Level or Student Level

May be assessed at the resident rate

For Self-Support Courses, tuition may be assessed by:

Course Level or the Cost of providing the Course

No residency differential

2. Historically full-time students in regular academic programs paid a fixed amount of tuition, regardless of their number of credit hours. The tuition “plateau” was 12-18 credit hours for undergraduates and 9-16 credit hours for graduate students. Effective Winter Term 2004 the State Board 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 will be assessed on a per credit hour basis at EOU, OIT, and PSU.
    - 2) Tuition will be assessed through a modified per credit hour tuition with a reduced per-credit hour increment within a specified range at OSU, SOU and UO.
    - 3) A tuition plateau from 12 – 15 hours will be in place at WOU.

- b. Graduate tuition structures:
  - 1) Tuition plateaus will be set at OSU and UO (9-16), WOU (9 -12), and SOU (9-16) modified.
  - 2) Tuition will be assessed on a per credit hour basis at EOU, OIT, and PSU.
- c. Professional program tuition structures:
  - 1) OSU – Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine tuition is assessed as a single full-time tuition as necessitated by the curriculum requirements.
  - 2) UO - Law School is assessed tuition with a plateau of 9-16 credit hours on a semester basis.

In taking action to adopt the 2003 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.

4. The 2003 Legislature placed expectations on tuition and fee increases for the 2003-2005 biennium through the following Budget Note:

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*The approved budget, except for a reduction in Other Funds expenditures to reflect the reduction in employer contribution rates for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), accommodates tuition and fee revenue projected under the rate structure approved by the State Board of Higher Education for the 2003-04 academic year, and the rates proposed for the 2004-05 academic year. The Subcommittee expects that the Board will not increase rates on tuition and other fees that generate funds for the Education and General limited budget beyond these levels, if the General Fund appropriation to the Department is not reduced after adjournment of the 2003 regular legislative session. The Subcommittee notes that the Emergency Board may increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Education and General program if enrollment levels exceed those currently projected.*

**B. Optional Part-Time Fee Policy**

These policies, if adopted by an institution, apply to students enrolled for up to eight credits. The adoption of these policies for part-time students is optional with an institution. An institution that adopts the part-time fee policy will waive residency and admissions requirements for all such students, except that institutions may choose to apply the part-time policy only to nonmatriculated (nondegree) students.

Part-time students carrying eight or fewer credits will be assessed the Tuition based upon the level of the course taken. Undergraduate courses will be assessed at the

resident undergraduate rate, and graduate courses will be assessed at the resident graduate rate.

### **C. *Students in Self-Support Courses for Credit - Other than Summer Session***

These policies apply to students in credit-bearing courses that are identified by the institution to be supported by tuition and fee revenue and accounted for separately. Charges for self-support courses are set at levels necessary to cover the direct costs of providing the course. These policies do not apply to Summer Session courses (see Summer Session Fee Book for summer fees and policies).

1. Self-support Tuition and Fees will be assessed to participating students regardless of the enrollment fees paid for other courses.
2. Self-support Course Fees are 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 self-support courses is an institutional decision.
3. No residency classification is required for self-support credit courses.
4. The staff, and graduate assistant fee privileges do not apply to self-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 self-support. (See Summer Session Fee Book for summer fee privileges.) The OUS/School Partnership Co-Pay fee policy may apply to self-support 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 fee 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 students in the program seek graduate credit.

### ***E. Oregon College of Engineering and Computer Sciences***

The Oregon Center for Advanced Technology Education (OCATE) a subdivision of the Oregon College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (OCECS), coordinates graduate level engineering courses for the high technology industry. OCATE is not a separate institution, but is a division of the Office of the State Board of Higher Education. OCATE sponsors instruction of classes by entering into contracts with the various institutions conducting classes.

To receive credit toward a graduate degree for OCATE classes, a student must be admitted to one of the participating institutions

Residents and nonresidents are charged the same rate for OCATE classes. Tuition and Programmatic Resource Fees will be at the resident tuition rate of the institution providing the instruction of the course

There is no assessment for Building Fee, Health Service Fee, or Incidental Fee, nor are any of the associated services of these fees provided.

Refunds will be granted in accord with the refund policies of the institution providing the instruction for the course.

The Oregon Master of Software Engineering (OMSE) program moved to PSU in September 2003 and will follow PSU tuition and fee policy.