

Reduced Tuition Policies

B. Reduced Tuition Benefit for Academic and Classified Employees

The academic term rate for employees is 30% of resident undergraduate tuition assessed at the teaching institution, rounded to the nearest dollar. For campuses where an undergraduate differential tuition structure is in effect for academic year 2011-12; the staff fee rate will be charged at the "regular" (not differential) resident undergraduate tuition rate for both undergraduate and graduate student employees.

Charges for Building, Health Service, Recreation, Student Union, and Incidental Fees do not apply; nor are employees entitled to health services or incidental fee services through this program. No Application Fee will be required for employees and no breakage or other deposit is required when registering for classes. Other fees such as lab or course fees are assessed at the full rate and no discount is provided.

Staff fees are not applicable to certain courses. For a complete reference list of excluded programs, please go to <http://www.ous.edu/dept/hr/benefits/stafffee.php>. Excluded programs are determined at the discretion of the institution's president and the notice of exclusion must be filed with the institution's Registrars' office prior to the first day of registration for a term.

1. On approval of the president or designee of the teaching institution and with the concurrence of the employee's immediate supervisor, the staff fee is available to employees appointed at half-time (.5 FTE) or more (not including temporary classified employees or other student employees).
2. To qualify for this fee, the staff member must meet the criteria no later than the first day of classes of the term of enrollment. The maximum number of credits to which the staff fee may be applied is 12 credits per quarter or per semester. See exception for retired employees and employees on leave, Section (d) of OAR580-022-0030. For more information please go to: <http://www.ous.edu/dept/hr/benefits/stafffee.php>.
3. Employees enrolled for more than 12 credits in one term will pay for each additional credit at the campus designated per credit tuition rate applicable to resident undergraduate or graduate students, depending upon the employee's degree status.
4. Chancellor's Office employees must have the approval of the Chancellor or supervisor before registering for credit at the staff fee rate. Per ORS 351.070, Chancellor's Office employees are *exempt* from the graduate school approval process required of academic faculty ranked employees who seek entry into a graduate program at the same campus where employed.
5. For purposes of this rule, the term "employee" may include persons with full-time courtesy appointments who provide a benefit to the institution in the form of teaching, research, or counseling, under the direction of the institution and using the facilities of the institution.
6. Retired employees and employees on leave are eligible for staff fee privileges. Subject to the approval of the president or designee of the teaching institution, the maximum credit limitation may be waived for retired employees and for employees on leave. See exception under Senior Citizen Tuition.

7. Employees who use the staff fee for courses away from their home institution are subject to staff fee policies and procedures of the instructing institution. *There is no fee plateau at any campus for employees, family and dependents, or retired staff.*
8. Employees may be permitted to take *noncredit* courses at *one-third* of the fee assessed to other registrants. Teaching units are not required to extend staff fees for noncredit courses, self-sustaining workshops, or self-support credit courses.
9. Employees on furlough or lay-off status may be eligible for staff fees in accordance with provisions of a collective bargaining agreement.
10. No tuition shall be assessed to courses enrolled in by employees with a grading option of 'audit'. Attendance under such condition must be with the instructor's consent and on a space-available basis. Institutions are required to maintain a record of the courses audited. Courses approved for audit by the instructor confer no credit to the student, are not charged staff fee rates or regular tuition, and may be used in addition to staff fee privileges during a term. However, any applicable course, lab or material fees associated with auditing for-credit classes will be assessed by the institution and is the responsibility of the employee. This provision cannot be subdivided in conjunction with the Employee Family Member and Domestic Partner Transfer provisions.
11. The benefit may be used at any Oregon University System institution, however; please note the *Concurrent Enrollment policy was eliminated January 1, 2004.*

Administrative Authority: OAR 580-022-0030 Staff Fee Privileges

C. Reduced Tuition Benefit for Family Members and Domestic Partners of Employees

To improve the recruitment and retention of high quality faculty and staff within the Oregon Department of Higher Education, the staff fee policy is extended to qualified family members, eligible dependents, as well as domestic partners and their eligible dependents on a limited basis.

The academic term rate for family members is 30% of resident undergraduate tuition assessed at the teaching institution, rounded to the nearest dollar. For campuses where an undergraduate differential tuition structure is in effect for academic year 2011-12; the staff fee rate will be charged at the "regular" (not differential) resident undergraduate tuition rate for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Qualified family members including spouse, domestic partners, and dependents receiving the transferred benefit are responsible for all mandatory enrollment fees such as Building, Health, Recreation, Student Union, Incidental, Matriculation and Other fees (Laboratory/Course Fees, Late fees, and Registration fees), if applicable. Breakage and/or other mandatory application deposits are required of the participating family member to register for classes.

Staff fees are not applicable to certain courses. For a complete reference list of excluded programs, please go to <http://www.ous.edu/dept/hr/benefits/stafffee.php>. Excluded programs are determined at the discretion of the institution's president and the notice of exclusion must be filed with the institution's Registrars' office prior to the first day of registration for a term.

1. The staff fee provisions may be transferred to a qualified family member or domestic partner of employees appointed at half-time (.5 FTE) or more (not including temporary classified employees, graduate assistants, or other student employees). Employee eligibility is verified through Human Resource System records. To qualify for this fee, the family member, domestic partner, or eligible dependent must meet the criteria no later than two weeks prior to the first day of classes of the term of enrollment.
2. For purposes of this policy, the eligible family members include spouse, domestic partner, dependent children and dependent children of domestic partners in accordance with IRS Code 152 and Section One of the Public Employees Benefit Board. If requested to do so, the employee is expected to verify family member or domestic partner eligibility by providing documented proof such as a tax return from the prior year.
3. The maximum number of transferrable credits is 12 credits per quarter or per semester. Only one staff member, spouse, domestic partner or dependent may use the staff fee benefit per term or semester. The benefit may not be subdivided among family members during a term.
4. The qualified family member or domestic partner enrolled for more than twelve (12) credits in one term must pay for *additional credits* at the per credit tuition rate applicable to resident undergraduate or graduate students, depending upon the family member's or domestic partner's degree status. All applicable credits will be charged at the relevant resident tuition rate.
5. Presidents of Oregon University System institutions may exclude certain programs from the policy. For a comprehensive list of excluded programs please visit the OUS website listed above.
6. The transfer of staff fee benefits is not available for retired employees.
7. Qualified family members or domestic partners of employees who use the staff fee for courses away from the employee's employing institution are subject to staff fee policies and procedures of the instructing institution. *There is no fee plateau at any campus for employees, retired staff, domestic partners, or eligible dependents.*
8. Qualified family members or domestic partners of employees may be permitted to take noncredit courses at approximately one-third of the fee assessed to other registrants. Teaching units are not required to extend staff fees for noncredit courses, self-sustaining workshops, or self-supported credit courses.
9. Eligibility of employees on furlough or lay-off status is subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements.
10. No tuition shall be assessed to courses enrolled in by employees with a grading option of 'audit'. Attendance under such condition must be with the instructor's consent and on a space-available basis. Institutions are required to maintain a record of the courses audited. Courses approved for audit by the instructor confer no credit to the student, are not charged staff fee rates or regular tuition, and may be used in addition to staff fee privileges during a term. Any applicable course, lab or material fees associated with auditing for-credit classes will be assessed by the institution and is the responsibility of

the family member. This provision cannot be subdivided in conjunction with the Employee Family Member and Domestic Partner Transfer provisions.

11. The benefit may be utilized at any Oregon University System institution, however; please note the *Concurrent Enrollment policy was eliminated January 1, 2004*.

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