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Information regarding tuition and fees may be obtained at http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/.

The University reserves the right to change fees in keeping with the acts of the Texas Legislature and the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System. The payment of all fees entitles the student to admission to classes; admission to auditorium and athletic attractions; subscription to The University Star; use of the Student Center and Recreational Sports Center, health services, and Sewell Park facilities; and group use of the Wimberley Camp. These fees also help provide funds for the Associated Students, band, choir, dramatics, debate and other student activities.

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Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours

Texas Education Code §54.014 specifies that resident undergraduate students may be subject to a higher tuition rate for attempting excessive hours at any public institution of higher education while classified as a resident student for tuition purposes. Texas State students attempting hours in excess of their degree program requirements will be charged at the non-resident tuition rate for those hours, and those students are categorized as follows:

1. Students initially enrolled during or after the fall 2006 semester will be charged at the non-resident rate if, prior to the start of the semester or session, the student has previously attempted 30 or more hours over the minimum number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

2. Students initially enrolled during the fall 1999 through summer 2006 semesters will be charged at the non-resident rate if, prior to the start of the semester or session, the student has previously attempted 45 or more hours over the minimum number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

 Attempted courses include those courses attempted at Texas State or any Texas public institution of higher education. The following types of credit hours will count toward the excessive hour limit if they are normally eligible for formula funding:

- major courses;
- dual degree;
- minor courses;
- certificate courses
- teaching certification courses
- hours in distance and off-campus course
- bankruptcy hours;
- repeated courses; and
- courses dropped after the official census date.

The following types of credit hours are exempt and will not count toward the limit:

- hours earned by the undergraduate before receiving a bachelor’s degree that has been previously awarded;
- hours earned through examination or similar method without registering for a course;
- hours from developmental courses or interventions, workforce education courses, or other courses that would not generate academic credit that could be applied to a degree at Texas State if the course work is within the 27-hour limit at two-year colleges and the 18-hour limit at general academic institutions;
- hours earned by the undergraduate at a private institution or an out-of-state institution;
- hours not eligible for formula funding;
- hours earned by the undergraduate before graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school graduation requirements; and
- hours earned by the undergraduate ten or more years before beginning a new degree program under Academic Fresh Start as described in Texas Education Code §51.931 and Texas Education Code §61.0595(c).

Appeals due to economic hardship are permitted under defined institutional policy. Texas State has determined that students who are eligible for financial aid under the Federal Pell Grant (Pell) program will be exempted from the non-resident tuition if, at the time of registration, their Pell eligibility is documented in the financial aid system at Texas State. Students who become Pell eligible, during the semester in which they are charged the non-resident tuition, may submit eligibility documents to the Student Business Services office no later than the official last class day of the semester in which the appeal is being requested.

Tuition Rebate Program

Under Texas Education Code §54.0065, qualified students will receive up to a $1,000 tuition rebate upon graduation from Texas State. To be eligible for this rebate, a student must meet all of the following conditions:

1. The first enrollment in any institution of higher education must be in the fall 1997 semester or later.
2. The student must have received his/her baccalaureate degree from a Texas public university.
3. The student must be a resident of Texas and entitled to pay resident tuition at all times while pursuing the degree.
4. If enrolled for the first time in fall 2005 or later, the student must graduate within four calendar years from the first semester enrolled for a four-year degree or within five calendar years for a five-year degree. Note that the four–or five-year time limit prescribed begins on the first day of the month for enrollment in the semesters described as follows: September for a fall semester, January for a spring semester, and June for summer. For example, a student enrolling for the first time in fall 2006 for a four-year degree must complete that degree not later than September 1, 2010 to be eligible for the rebate.
5. The student must attempt no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree under the catalog under which he/she graduates. Hours attempted include transfer credits, course credit earned exclusively by examination in excess of nine semester credit hours, courses that are dropped after the official census date (twelfth class day fall and spring semesters, fourth class day summer sessions), for-credit developmental courses, optional internship and cooperative education courses, and repeated courses. For students concurrently earning a baccalaureate degree and a Texas teaching certificate, required teacher education courses shall not be counted to the extent that they are over and above the free electives allowed in the baccalaureate degree program. Courses dropped for reasons that are
determined by the institution to be totally beyond the control of the student shall not be counted.

This tuition rebate program is designed to provide a financial incentive for students to complete their baccalaureate studies with as few extraneous courses as possible. To earn the rebate, it is particularly important to follow the advice and counsel of the academic advisors. Students must apply for the Tuition Rebate Program no sooner than the first day of class of the semester in which the student plans to graduate and not later than the business day immediately preceding graduation. Students must consult with their academic advisor to assure they meet all requirements to qualify for this program. Rebates will first be applied to outstanding obligations owed to Texas State prior to funds being issued to the student.

Appeals due to hardship are permitted under defined institutional policy. Effective for students who enroll for the first time in fall 2005 or later, an otherwise eligible student may be eligible for a rebate without satisfying the above requirements, if the student is awarded a baccalaureate degree and the college dean certifying the degree has determined, with the completion of a Tuition Rebate Hardship Justification form, that the student has demonstrated a hardship under any of the following conditions:

1. a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the student’s academic performance;
2. an indication that the student is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the student’s provision of care may affect his or her academic performance; or
3. performance of active duty military service.

Special Fees and Charges

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Some fees are waived for students taking classes exclusively in Round Rock.

Campus Parking/Vehicle Registration Fee

Every student, faculty, and staff person who operates or parks a vehicle on campus must:

1. register the vehicle at Parking Services
2. purchase a permit
3. properly display the permit anytime the vehicle is parked on campus
4. become familiar with and abide by the traffic and parking rules. The rules are enforced at all times throughout the year. The purchase of a permit and registration of the vehicle does not guarantee a parking space.

Fees for vehicle registration will be published each year in the Schedule of Classes and in the official rules and regulations. You may register your vehicle on-line at www.parking.txstate.edu.

Additional information concerning the purchase and issuance of parking permits may be obtained by contacting Parking Services at 512.245.2887.

Course Repeat Fee

The Texas Legislature (TEC 54.014) eliminated funding to higher education for courses that are attempted three or more times. An attempted course is defined as any course in which a grade is earned on the transcript, including repeated courses and courses dropped with a grade of “W”.

In order to compensate for this loss of state funding, students attempting a course for the third or more time may be charged a fee in addition to the tuition charged for the course. This fee will be assessed for courses attempted at Texas State as of the fall semester of 2002 or later. This assessment does not include courses attempted at other colleges or universities.

Certain courses are exempt from this fee because they are designed to be repeated for additional credit, such as thesis, dissertation, and independent study courses; various music, physical education, physical fitness and wellness, studio art, and theatre courses; developmental education courses; and topics courses.

Appeals for the Course Repeat Fee charge due to economic hardship are permitted under defined institutional policy. Texas State has determined
that students who are eligible for financial aid under the Federal Pell Grant (Pell) program will be exempted from the nonresident tuition if, at the time of registration, their Pell eligibility is documented in the financial aid system at Texas State. Students who become Pell eligible, during the semester in which they are charged the course repeat fee, may submit eligibility documents to Student Business Services Office no later than the official last class day of the semester in which the appeal is being requested. A student shall be exempted from payment of higher tuition for any course repeated in the final semester or term before graduation, if the course(s) is taken for the purpose of receiving a grade that will satisfy a degree requirement. This exemption applies for only one semester. The exemption does not affect an institution’s ability to charge a higher rate for courses that cannot be reported for funding for other reasons such as the excess credit hour limit, or an institution’s ability to waive higher tuition rates for economic hardship.

International Student Health Insurance Fee

All nonimmigrant international students enrolling at Texas State are required to carry health insurance. The fee for the Texas State International Student Health Insurance Plan is automatically added to the fee bill at the time of registration. International students who wish to have this fee waived must present proof of comparable insurance (including major medical, evacuation and repatriation) to the Student Health Center for approval prior to each registration. Appointments are required for waivers and may be obtained by calling 512.245.2161.

International Student Operations Fee

All international students with an immigration status of “F1” or “J1” will be charged $60.00 per semester for the maintenance of records, compliance with government regulations, and other services.

Laboratory Fees

The amount of lab fees varies on a per course basis. See the Schedule of Classes for current lab fees.

Testing Fees

Texas State students, enrolled in a distance education course, who wish to take a course exam through the Testing, Research-Support, and Evaluation Center (TREC) or the Correspondence, Extension, and Study Abroad Programs Office in San Marcos, or the Round Rock Campus Testing Center, will be charged $20.00 per test. This fee applies only to students who wish to take a course exam through these offices rather than take the exam at the times offered as part of the distance education course.

Non-Texas State students, enrolled in a distance education course at another college or university, who wish to take a course exam at the Testing, Research-Support, and Evaluation Center or the Correspondence, Extension, and Study Abroad Programs Office in San Marcos, or the Round Rock Campus Testing Center, will be charged $40.00 per test.

Room and Board Rates

Information regarding room and board rates for a specific semester may be obtained at www.reslife.txstate.edu. Room and board is billed on a semester basis and may be paid in full at registration or in installments. All residence halls will be closed between semesters; however, Texas State may choose to keep some of the halls open during the break for an additional room charge.

Refund of Room and Board Fees

Any student who withdraws officially from Texas State may receive a refund on the unused portion of the room and board payment. Room and board charges will continue until the student has officially moved from university housing and has received written clearance from the director of Housing and Residential Life. Any refund due will be applied to any unpaid financial obligation with Texas State. If the refund exceeds any unpaid balance, a refund will be processed within 30 days to the permanent address on file in the Registrar’s Office or deposited to the students’ bank account if they have signed up for direct deposit.

Student’s Financial Obligations

Students are expected to meet financial obligations to the university in accordance with specified deadlines and due dates. Registration fees are payable before classes begin. Students are not entitled to enter class, or laboratory, until their fees and deposits have been paid. Failure to pay the amount owed in the allotted time, or payments made with checks that are returned to Texas State unpaid by the bank, may result in any or all of the following:

1. dismissal from Texas State
2. withholding of future registration privileges
3. withholding the issuance of grades or of an official certified transcript
4. withholding the conferring of a degree
5. bar against re-admission for the student
6. warrant hold with the State of Texas
7. referral of debt to a collection agency

Once a student registers, he or she is responsible for the total fees assessed regardless of whether the installment option is used. Refund percentages are applied to total fees assessed and not the amount paid. Students who withdraw before paying all charges may, in the event of withdrawal, receive a bill with a balance due rather than a refund. Delinquent accounts may be referred to a collection agency and the student is responsible for all attorney and collection fees.

Returned Checks

If a check or e-checks are returned unpaid for any reason other than the admitted error of the bank, the student must pay in cash, cashiers check, money order, or credit card (American Express, Discover, Diner’s Club, MasterCard, VISA) immediately and a $30 service fee is assessed for each returned check. A late fee may also be assessed. If a registration check is returned unpaid, the student must make payment (check amount plus a $30 service fee) within ten working days. If the student does not pay in full within that time period, Texas State reserves the right to initiate withdrawal procedures. You will not be officially withdrawn by the Student Business Services Office unless you are notified in writing. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate a formal withdrawal from Texas State at the Registrar’s Office.

Stopping payment on a check for fees or allowing the check to be returned unpaid by the bank for any reason does not constitute official withdrawal. Failure to follow procedures for withdrawing from Texas State may result in financial penalties and delays with future enrollment in Texas State.

If a student has an outstanding returned check, he/she will be on a “cash-only” basis until the obligation is cleared. Cash Only status is a denial of check cashing privileges on campus. If a student has three or more
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returned checks within a 365-day period (i.e., one calendar year), Texas State reserves the right to place the student on a “cash-only” basis.

Installment Policy

Tuition, fees, and room and board may be paid through the following alternatives:

1. Full payment is due prior to the beginning of the semester.
2. Students may enroll in a payment plan. You can view by going to: http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/.

Installment Payments

Students are responsible for making their installment payments by the due date. For questions about due dates and amounts due, contact the Student Business Services Office at 512.245.2544. Students can check their balance and make payments on the web at http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/.

Late Payment Fees

A delinquent charge of $25 will be assessed the first day after the installment due date. Under Texas Education Code §54.007, a student who fails to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date may be prohibited from registering for classes until full payment is made. A student who fails to make full payment prior to the end of the semester or term may be denied credit for the work done that semester or term. See the Student Financial Obligation section for more details.

Refunds

Refunds from the add/drop process will be credited to unpaid financial obligations. Additional fees incurred from the add/drop process will be billed to the student’s account.

Room and board refunds will be applied to any remaining financial obligation owed to Texas State. The additional charge for moving from one dorm to another or moving into a private room will be added to the balance due.

Refunds in the Event of Death. In the event a student dies and a refund of tuition, fees, room and board, deposits, or other monies is due the estate of the deceased student, the university will, as soon as practicable after the death of the student, pay all refunds to the estate of the deceased student.

Drops

Dropping a class – Removing one or more classes from your schedule, while remaining enrolled in at least one course. If you are registered in only one class and wish to drop it, you must withdraw. Refund of applicable tuition and required fees will be made for classes dropped during the first twelve class days in the long semester or first four class days in summer terms, provided you remain enrolled at Texas State until the end of the semester. No refund is made for classes dropped after the twelfth/fourth class day.

Any refund will be applied to remaining unpaid obligations. If you have paid in full, a refund will be processed within 30 days and will be deposited to your bank (sign-up via our secure web site: sbs.txstate.edu/students.fa.eft.html) or mailed to your address on file. Check your mailing address at registrar.txstate.edu/our-services/address-change.html.

Reducing semester credit hours to zero is considered a withdrawal, and withdrawal refund policies apply. For refund information on Special Course Offerings, call the Refund Clerk in the Student Business Services Office.

Withdrawals

Any student who has paid registration fees and officially withdraws by submitting a withdrawal request to the Office of the University Registrar, J.C. Kellam, #111, is entitled to a refund of tuition and fees if the following condition is met: The amount actually paid, either in full or installment, must be greater than the percentage of total semester’s charges OWED Texas State at the time of withdrawal. The amount of the refund is calculated as follows: (Total amount of tuition and fees minus non-refundable fees) times (refund percentage) minus (outstanding balance of charges, if any) equals Refund. Once a student registers, he or she is responsible for the total fees assessed regardless of whether the installment option is used. Refund percentages are applied to total fees assessed and not the amount paid. Students who withdraw before paying all installments may, in the event of withdrawal, receive a bill with a balance due rather than a refund. Withdrawing is ONLY for the current semester and does not affect any future semesters in which the student is enrolled. For example, if the student withdraws from all classes in Summer, this does not affect the student’s Fall schedule.