Tuition and Financial Aid

As a state supported institution of higher education, The University of Texas at Dallas is required to comply with all state laws in the assessment and collection of tuition, fees, and deposits. The tuition, fees, and deposits listed herein are subject to change by legislative or regental action and changes become effective on the date enacted. Pursuant to Chapter 54, *Texas Education Code,* each student who registers is required to pay tuition and fees appropriate to the student's residence classification and according to the number of semester credit hours for which he or she has registered. It is the student's responsibility to establish, prior to registration, the correct residence classification through the Office of the Registrar. Likewise, any student wishing to request a change of residence status for tuition purposes should do so through the Office of the Registrar. This will require completion of a residence questionnaire and the provision of documents to support the claim of Texas residency. Rules and regulations for determining residency, or for obtaining a waiver to pay resident tuition even if one is a non-resident, are found in Appendix III of this catalog. Final authority of appeal for review of residence decisions rests with the Office of the Registrar.

In accordance with state laws, a student is not entitled to enter a class or laboratory until registered and all tuition, fees, and deposits have been paid. The University cannot accept personal checks for amounts in excess of the total registration cost.

The University of Texas at Dallas utilizes a consolidated tuition rate, which is capped at 15 semester credit hours for all students. The consolidated tuition and fee rates cover all academic program costs, including tuition, mandatory fees, and most of the college and course incidental fees. Additional fees that will be charged separately are: field trip fees, supplemental designated tuition fees and distance education fees. The Tuition and Fee Tables can be found on the Bursar Office website.

For residents of Oklahoma, tuition is the Texas resident rate shown plus thirty dollars ($30.00) per semester credit hour. Oklahoma residents must apply for this tuition waiver each semester through the Office of Financial Aid.

Beginning fall 2007, The University of Texas at Dallas introduced the Guaranteed Tuition Plan. The Guaranteed Tuition Plan is designed to help new students and their families better plan for the cost of a college education, while allowing the University to maintain the quality of its academic programs. Under the terms of the plan, undergraduate students enrolling at UT Dallas for the first time for the fall 2012, spring 2013 and summer 2013 semesters are charged for tuition and mandatory fees fixed at the fall 2012 rates for all succeeding semesters through the summer of 2016. The charges per semester credit hour for tuition and mandatory fees at UT Dallas depend on the number of semester credit hours for which a student enrolls. Other user fees for courses and services including, for example, parking, and housing fees, are subject to change. More information on the Guaranteed Tuition Plan can be found at www.utdallas.edu/tuition.

In the event a student is unable to complete their degree requirements in four years, that student will be advanced to the subsequent Guaranteed Tuition rate.

Those who begin their college careers at a community college will also be able to take advantage of UT Dallas' Guaranteed Tuition Plan under a program called the Comet Connection. As Comet Connection members, students can lock in their tuition rate. Students may contact UT Dallas' Enrollment Services Advisors at (972) 883-2270 or go to www.utdallas.edu/connect for more information.

Students who graduate from UT Dallas within their four years or eight consecutive long semesters may retain their current Guaranteed Tuition Rate as a graduate student if they enroll before one 16-week semester elapses. Additionally, if the student maintains consecutive enrollment and has reached the end of their Guaranteed Tuition Rate period, they will be moved to the next subsequent Guaranteed Tuition Rate plan. The above does not apply if the student enrolls after one full term semester has elapsed.

Students who have not paid in full or enrolled in a payment plan by the posted payment deadline may have their registration cancelled. If a student's registration is canceled for non-payment, and that student wishes to reinstate registration, a reinstatement fee in addition to any late fees and tuition and fees will be charged. See the online fee schedules at www.utdallas.edu/finance/bursar/schedule-introduction.html for fees associated with course reinstatement. No student will be reinstated in a closed course.

Students who have not completed the payment of all tuition and fees by the end of the semester will be subject to one or more of the following actions at the University's option: bar against readmission at this institution; withholding of grades, degree, and official transcript; and all penalties and actions authorized by law.

Students may refer to the Academic Calendar at www.utdallas.edu/academiccalendar or the Tuition and Fees Schedule at www.utdallas.edu/finance/bursar/schedule-introduction.html for information regarding payment and refund deadlines.

The Bursar Office will mail letters to students to notify them of the tuition amount that is required to be set aside to provide financial assistance for students enrolled at the institution per the *Texas Education Code,* Section 56.014.

Tuition Installment Payments

Students may elect an installment plan to pay tuition and fees for the full term fall, spring, and eleven week summer semesters. The installment payment plan, authorized under Section 54.007, *Texas Education Code,* allows the student to pay their tuition and fee balance in three equal payments. A $25.00 fee per semester will be assessed each student who elects to pay by installments. Additionally, a late payment fee of $30.00 for delinquent payment will be assessed each time an installment is not paid by the date it is due. If the installment is not paid in full by the third due date, it begins accruing interest at the rate of 10% per year until it is paid in full.

Nonpayment of Debt

A student who fails to provide full payment of loans, tuition, and fees, including late fees assessed, to the University when the payments are due is subject to one or more of the following actions at the University's option:

- Classes may be cancelled;
- Bar against registration and/or readmission to the institution;
- Withholding of grades, diploma, and official transcript; and
- All penalties and collection actions authorized by law.

Students must pay by the published deadline to avoid late fees and/or possible dropping of classes. Students should NOT expect classes to be automatically dropped for nonpayment. Please be advised it is the student's responsibility to confirm that he/she has been dropped from all classes for nonpayment to avoid being assessed late fees or penalties.

Partial Tuition and Fee Exemptions

As a state-sponsored institution of higher education in Texas, The University of Texas at Dallas is authorized to award partial tuition and/or fee exemptions to a student who qualifies based on statutory criteria. Exemptions are available to the highest ranking graduates of accredited Texas high schools, certain students who were adopted and subject to an adoption assistance agreement, certain early high school graduates, certain students who have been under the conservatorship of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, certain students who were dependent children receiving financial assistance during their last year of public high school, certain students who are suffering economic hardship, certain residents of Texas who served in the armed forces of the United States, members of the state military forces; Texas residents classified by the U.S. Department of Defense as prisoners of war on or after January 1, 1999, children of POWs/MIAs, students from other nations of the western hemisphere, blind or deaf students, certain individuals taking a course at an institution under an interinstitutional academic program agreement, but who are enrolled primarily at another institution, military personnel and dependents, children and spouses of disabled/deceased firefighters and peace officers, firefighters enrolled in Fire Science classes, children and spouses of disabled/deceased/MIA Texas veterans, children of professional nursing program faculty, surviving spouses and minor children of certain police, security or emergency personnel killed in the line of duty. Senior citizens who are age 65 or older as of Census Day may be exempted from tuition for up to six semester credit hours each semester or summer term if space is available. For additional information, please see the College for All Texans website regarding exemptions. Individuals who feel they may qualify under this section are requested to contact the Office of Financial Aid at (972) 883-2941.

Freshman Exemption

The highest-ranking graduate of any accredited high school in Texas is entitled to a tuition exemption. The exemption pays tuition for a period of two long semesters of academic work. Eligible students must present the Texas Education Agency eligibility certificate or a letter from the student's high school principal or superintendent, to the Office of Financial Aid in order to claim the exemption.

Rebate of Tuition for Timely Graduation

Section 54.0065 of the *Texas Education Code* authorizes a tuition rebate of $1,000 for certain students who are receiving their first bachelor's degree from a public institution in Texas. Students may be eligible if they enrolled for the first time in an institution of higher education in the fall 1997 semester or later, are Texas residents, have been eligible for resident tuition in Texas at all times while pursuing their bachelor's degree, and have attempted no more than three semester credit hours in excess of the minimum number required to complete the degree under the catalog under which he/she is graduating may be eligible. Students who

enrolled for the first time at UT Dallas or any other institution of higher education in or after fall 2005 must also graduate within four calendar years of their first enrollment in order to qualify.

Attempted semester credit hours include all earned semester credit hours, unearned semester credit hours (completed courses with non-passing grades), all attempted transfer courses, academic credit earned by examination, courses dropped after an official census date, for credit developmental courses, vocational/ technical courses taken at other schools, optional internships or cooperative education courses, and repeated coursework.

Students must submit an application for the rebate to the Office of the Registrar by the last day of class for the semester he/she plans to graduate. Students will receive an official notification of their approval or denial within 4 weeks of their graduation. Students who qualify and have loans with the State of Texas will have the rebate applied toward their outstanding loan debt. All other approved students will receive a rebate check via mail.

Tuition Tables

Tuition and fees are subject to change by legislative action. Changes in tuition or fees will be effective upon date of enactment and will be reflected in fees and tuition charged. Specific tuition and fees for each term can be found at www.utdallas.edu/finance/bursar/schedule-introduction.html.

Please note that the Texas Legislature does not set the specific amount for any particular student fee. The student fees assessed above are authorized by the state statute; however, the specific fee amounts and the determination to increase fees are made by the University administration and The University of Texas System Board of Regents. Students taking courses in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences may be required to purchase professional liability insurance if they are in certain clinical experiences. In accordance with *Texas Education Code,* Section 56.104, each student receives a separate statement explaining the amount of tuition that is required to be set aside to provide financial assistance for students enrolled at UT Dallas.

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