Tuition and Financial Aid

About 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 and approval by the UT System Board of Regents 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.

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 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.

Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes

Residency classification for tuition purposes at Texas colleges or universities is in accordance with Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 21, Subchapter B of the *Texas Administrative Code* and the rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for determining residence status. A person classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes may qualify, under certain exceptions specified in the rules, for resident tuition rates and other charges, while he or she continues to be classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes. Please consult these websites concerning residency classification for tuition purposes provided by the State are *Texas Administrative Code* website and [www.collegeforallt texans.com](http://www.collegeforallt texans.com). Please consult The University of Texas at Dallas' website for residency information and procedures, [www.utdallas.edu/residency](http://www.utdallas.edu/residency).

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 *residency 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 at [www.utdallas.edu/residency](http://www.utdallas.edu/residency). Final authority of appeal for review of residence decisions rests with the Office of the Registrar.

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.
Guaranteed Tuition Plan

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 2015, spring 2016, and summer 2016 semesters are charged for tuition and mandatory fees fixed at the fall 2015 rates for all succeeding semesters through the summer of 2019. 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. Students enrolling after three consecutive semesters have elapsed will be placed in the Guaranteed Tuition Rate plan applicable to all new incoming students.

Students who graduate from UT Dallas before their rate plan expires may retain their current Guaranteed Tuition Rate as a graduate student. Additionally, if the student maintains consecutive enrollment and reaches the end of their Guaranteed Tuition Rate period, they will be moved to the next subsequent Guaranteed Tuition Rate plan. Students enrolling after three consecutive semesters have elapsed will be placed in the Guaranteed Tuition Rate plan applicable to all new incoming students.

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 to 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

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.

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 nonpayment, 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 http://www.utdallas.edu/bursar/tuition/fees for fees associated with course reinstatement. No student will be reinstated in a closed course.
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 may refer to the Academic Calendar or the Tuition and Fees Schedule for information regarding payment and refund deadlines.

### Tuition and Fee Exemptions/Waivers

As a state-sponsored institution of higher education in Texas, The University of Texas at Dallas is authorized to award tuition and fee exemptions and/or waivers to students who qualify based on statutory criteria. Effective Fall 2014, in order to continue to qualify for many of the tuition and fee exemptions or waivers, students must maintain a minimum grade point average at The University of Texas at Dallas. In addition, in order to continue to qualify for most tuition and fee exemptions, undergraduate students must meet the state's excessive hours rule as defined in Section 54.014 of the Texas Education Code. (Texas Education Code, Sections 54.2001 and 54.2002). See [http://www.utdallas.edu/student/finaid/SAP.htm](http://www.utdallas.edu/student/finaid/SAP.htm) for details regarding the satisfactory academic progress criteria and policies.

The following list of exemptions and waivers may be available to UT Dallas students:

- Academic Common Market Waiver
- Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or Other Residential Care
- Blind/Deaf Student Exemption
- Bordering States Waiver
- Children of Disabled or Deceased Firemen, Peace Officers, Game Wardens, and Employees of Correctional Institutions
- Children of U.S. Military who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War (MIA/POWs)
- Competitive Scholarship Waiver
- Concurrent Enrollment Waiver
- Distance Learning or Off-Campus Courses
- Economic Development and Diversification Waiver
- Exemption for Highest Ranking High School Graduate
- Exemption for Peace Officers Disabled in the Line of Duty
- Exemption for Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses
- Exemption for Students under Conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services
- Exemption for the Surviving Spouse and Minor Children of Certain Deceased Public Servants
- Exemption Program for Clinical Preceptors and Their Children
- Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses
• Good Neighbor Program
• Hazelwood Exemption
• Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border Nations Waiver
• Military After Assignment in Texas
• Military Assigned to Duty in Texas
• Military Honorably Discharged, Separated or Retired Veterans who Move to Texas
• Military: Member, Spouse or Child who Remains Continuously Enrolled in Higher Education in Texas
• Military: NATO Forces
• Military Personnel and Dependents
• Military Persons Eligible for Veterans Educational Benefits, Their Spouses and Children who Move to Texas
• Military Spouse and Dependents who Previously Lived in Texas
• Military Survivors
• Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants Waiver
• Senior Citizen, 65 or Older, Free Tuition for Auditing Classes and 6 semester credit hours
• Waiver for College Faculty and their Dependents

For additional information regarding exemptions/waivers, see the Texas Education Code, 54.201 et seq. at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.201 and College for All Texans website, http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=E. Individuals who feel they may qualify under this section are requested to contact the Office of Financial Aid at 972-883-2941.

1. Exemptions and waivers are awarded at the discretion of the University. Exemptions and waivers are granted based on eligibility, availability, and supporting documentation submitted.

2. Entering undergraduate students who are the highest ranking graduated of accredited Texas high schools.

3. Military personnel under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 may be entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution.

**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/bursar/ tuition/tables.

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.
Students will be given notice on their tuition bill, tuition receipt or an email in connection with tuition charges, of the amount of his/her tuition payment 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.

**Undergraduate Students**

**Comet Connection**

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' Office of Admission and Enrollment advisors at 972-883-2270 or go to www.utdallas.edu/connect for more information.

**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. Students wishing additional information about the Texas Tuition Rebate should visit the following website http://go.utdallas.edu/tuition-rebate-form.