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Tuition and Required Fees

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 state law. 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 hours for which he or she has registered. It is the student's responsibility to establish, prior to census day, 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 are found in <u>Appendix III</u>

of this catalog. Final authority of appeal for review of residence decisions rests with the Registrar and Director of Academic Records.

In accordance with state laws, students are not entitled to enter a class or laboratory until they have 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 Designated Tuition is specified by the legislature for use by the university in making its buildings and facilities available to students and to support activities and operations of the institution. The Information Technology Fee is to defray a portion of the cost of providing and supporting computer-based information technologies for student use. The Instructional Infrastructure Fees provide funds for the acquisition, replacement, maintenance, repair and upgrading of instructional apparatus. The International Education Fee is used to assist student participation in international student exchange or study abroad programs. The Library Acquisition Fee assists in the purchase of books and periodicals. The Medical Services Fee provides for the staffing, operation, programs, and services offered to students by the Student Health Center and the Student Counseling Center. The Records Processing Fee will help defray costs for processing of U.T. Dallas transcript requests, drop or withdrawal forms, and certifications of enrollment to lending institutions. The Recreational Facility Fee is to finance the construction, equipping, operation and maintenance of new and existing recreational sports facilities and programs. The Student Services Fee is specified by the legislature to support student activities, cultural events, athletic activities, and other authorized student services and activities. These mandatory fees are shown in the <u>tuition and fee tables</u>.

There are other fees which may be required depending on classes taken and services used. (See "<u>Other User Fees for</u> <u>Courses and Services</u>".)

Tuition for Excessive Doctoral Hours

For doctoral students enrolling for the first time in Fall 1999, Section 54.012, Texas Education Code, establishes a maximum number of doctoral hours that a doctoral student may attempt while paying tuition at the rate provided for Texas residents. Attempted hours include all doctoral hours taken at a Texas institution of higher education for which a student was registered as of Census Day, including, but not limited to, courses that have been repeated, failed, and courses from which the student withdrew. The maximum is 99 doctoral hours. A student who exceeds the maximum hours may be charged tuition at the rate charged nonresident doctoral students. The higher tuition rate applies only to those doctoral semester credit hours that exceed 99 hours.

Tuition Installment Payments

Students may elect to pay tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters and 12-week summer session under the installment payment plan (Section 54.007, Texas Education Code). 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.

Cooperative Arrangements

The University of Texas System

Concurrent Enrollment

Cooperative arrangements among component institutions of The University of Texas System have been authorized by the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. The University of Texas at Dallas has active arrangements with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and The University of Texas at Arlington for graduate students who wish to enroll concurrently. At the time of registration, a concurrent enrollment form obtained from the home registrar's office will be completed by the student and submitted to the home campus fee assessor; the host campus registrar will enroll students upon receipt of the concurrent enrollment form. Students will pay all mandatory student fees (including the Student Union Fee) to the home campus. Such fees are waived at the host campus (Sec. 54.503(g), Texas Education Code). Students wishing to take advantage of student services (including use of the host campus) may elect to do so by paying the mandatory Student Services Fee for the hours enrolled at the host campus.

Visiting Student Program

The U.T. System Visiting Student Program is designed to allow graduate or professional students enrolled in an institution of the U.T. System to take courses or engage in research at another institution within the System during a regular semester or summer session. A U.T. Dallas graduate student, who has been admitted to a degree program at U.T. Dallas, must have completed a minimum of 15 semester credit hours at U.T. Dallas and be in academic good standing in order to be eligible to participate in the visiting student program. Courses to be taken under this visiting student program must have prior approval of the student's degree program advisor. An approved Leave of Absence also is required. Visiting students register and pay tuition and required fees at their home institutions and are given normal privileges associated with available student services at the exchange institution. Visiting students are subject to the rules and regulations of both institutions. Each U.T. System institution has designated an individual to coordinate and approve graduate or professional visiting students. Interested U.T. Dallas students should contact the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies for additional information (Phone 972-883-2234; World Wide Web http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/graddean/). Students at other U.T. System schools wishing to take courses at U.T. Dallas under this visiting student program should contact and work through the graduate dean at their home institution.

Texas A&M University System

A cooperative arrangement between The University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System allows a graduate student at one institution to use unique facilities or courses at the other institution with a minimum of administrative paperwork. The graduate student registers and pays tuition and fees at the home

Partial Tuition and Fee Exemptions

As a state sponsored institution of higher education in Texas, U.T. Dallas is authorized to award partial tuition and fee exemptions to students who qualify based on statutory criteria. Exemptions are available to certain students who have been in foster or other residential care in the state of Texas; certain students who received Aid for Dependent Children

benefits during their senior year of high school; children of prisoners of war or persons missing in action; Texas residents who graduate from a public high school within 36 months of original enrollment and completed all years of high school in Texas; residents of Texas who have served in the armed forces of the United States; Texas residents classified by the U. S. Department of Defense as prisoners of war on or after January 1, 1999; students from other nations of the western hemisphere; blind or deaf students; military personnel and dependents; children of disabled/deceased firefighters and peace officers; children of Texas veterans; surviving spouse and minor children of certain police, security or emergency personnel killed in the line of duty; and certified educational aides. 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. Individuals who feel they may qualify under this section are requested to contact the Office of Records (972) 883 2342.

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:

Bar against registration and/or readmission to the institution; Withholding of grades, degree, and official transcript; and All penalties and actions authorized by law.

Refund of Tuition and Fees

For the Long Term (Fall and Spring Semesters) and 12-Week Summer Session

Prior to the first day of a given semester, 100 percent During the first five class days, 80 percent of the applicable portion of the tuition and applicable fees During the second five class days, 70 percent During the third five class days, 50 percent During the fourth five class days, 25 percent After the fourth five class days and thereafter, nothing

For the 6- and 8-Week Summer Sessions

Prior to the first class day of a given session, 100 percent During the first, second, and third class day, 80 percent During the fourth, fifth, and sixth class day, 50 percent Seventh class day and thereafter, nothing

Separate withdrawal refund schedules may be established for other fees and charges. Refer to the <u>Other User Fees</u> section for refund information.

Cash refunds will not be made to students who request refunds; instead, refund checks will be mailed to the current local address.

A student who registers before receiving grades from the previous semester, and who is required to withdraw because of failure in the work of the previous semester, will have all fees for the current semester refunded.

No refunds will be granted unless application is made within one year after official withdrawal.

All policies regarding the payment or refunding of tuition, fees, and charges are approved by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System and comply with applicable state statutes. If a person desires clarification of any matter relating to payment or refund of such charges, he or she should contact the office or administrative unit from which the

charge or refund originated.

Refunding for Students in Title IV Programs

As an institution participating in programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended ("Act"), U.T. Dallas is required to refund unearned tuition, fees, room and board, and other charges to certain students attending the institution for the first time who have received a grant, a loan, or work assistance under Title IV of the Act or whose parents have received a loan on their behalf under 20 U.S.C. Section 1087-2. The refund is required if the student does not register for, withdraws from, or otherwise fails to complete the period of enrollment for which the financial assistance was intended. No refund is required if the student withdraws after a point in time that is sixty percent of the period of enrollment for which the charges were assessed. A student who withdraws prior to that time is entitled to a refund of tuition, fees, room and board, and other charges that is the larger of the amount provided for in Section 54.006, Texas Education Code, or a pro rata refund calculated pursuant to Section 484B of the Act, reduced by the amount of any unpaid charges and a reasonable administrative fee not to exceed the lesser of five percent of the tuition, fees, room and board, and other charges that were assessed for the enrollment period, or one hundred dollars. If the student's charges were paid by Title IV funds, a portion or all of the refund will be returned to these programs.