

# TUITION, FEES AND DEPOSITS

## **Residency for Tuition**

A student entering The University of Texas of the Permian Basin for the first time, or a student reentering the University after an absence of one year or more, should read carefully the rules governing the determination of residence in order to be prepared to pay the required tuition. Information and advice regarding residency status are available from the Residence Determination Official (Registrar).

Under state statutes and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules and regulations interpreting those statutes, Title 19, Chapter 21, a prospective student is classified as a resident of Texas, a nonresident, or an international student. A person who has resided in the state under circumstances specified in these rules is eligible for classification as a resident.

A citizen, a national, or a permanent resident of the United States not eligible to be classified as a resident is classified as a nonresident student. An alien who is not a permanent resident of the United States and has not been permitted by Congress to adopt the United States as a domicile while in this country is classified as an international student.

An individual classified as a nonresident or as an international student may qualify, under certain exceptions specified in these rules, for resident tuition rates and other charges while continuing to be classified as a nonresident or an international student. Students may access the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's rules at the following web site: [www.theccb.state.tx.us/cbrules](http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/cbrules)

For further information on reclassification or Residency issues please see Registration section subsection Residency Reclassification page 42.

## **Reclassification for Tuition purposes**

A student has a right to apply for reclassification of Residency for tuition purposes after continuous 12 month period of living in Texas. A nonresident student may be reclassified as a resident if employment or personal factors or actions are indisputably indicating a permanent intention to reside in the state. Students are required to apply with the Residence Determination official in the Office of the Registrar. For further information on reclassification please see Registration section subsection Residency Reclassification page 39.

## **Responsibility of Student**

If there is any question as to residence status it is the student's responsibility, 30 days prior to registration, to raise the question with the administrative officials of the institution in which he or she is enrolling for official determination. Students classified as Texas residents must affirm the correctness of that classification as a part of the registration procedure. If the student's classification as a resident becomes inappropriate for any reason, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the proper administrative officials at the institution. Failure to notify the institution constitutes a violation of the oath of residency and may result in disciplinary action.

Students claiming residency by virtue of parental dependency must provide sufficient documentation to support the residency claim of the parent. Residency is determined by state statutes and in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Registrar or Residence Determination Official determines all residency classifications. To appeal the decision of the Registrar in residency matters, students may present their case to the Vice President for Student Services. If students wish to appeal that decision, they may address the President of the University whose decision is final.

## Exemptions and Waiver Programs

Students who do not qualify for in-state may have the opportunity for state available exemption and waiver programs. Student are advised to seek information about these programs with the office of accounting. Student requesting to be reclassified as Texas resident status may contact the Residency determination official (Registrar)

### Exemption programs for Tuition and fees-

*DESCRIPTION	**ELIGIBILITY	FEES EXEMPTED***
<b>Texas High School Highest Ranking</b>  **Accredited School Scholarship (permissive), <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.201</a>	Highest ranking graduate of an accredited Texas high school	Tuition during first two semesters (long session) following graduation
<b>Children of Deceased Veterans</b> Children of Texas veterans, <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.203</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For children of members of the armed forces who were killed in action, who die or died while in service, are MIA, or whose death is documented to be directly caused by illness or injury related to service in the armed forces as listed above</li> <li>For orphans of members of the Texas National Guard killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty</li> <li>Must be Texas resident and resided in the state at least 12 months immediately preceding date of registration</li> </ul>	Tuition Laboratory fees General fee  <b>NOT TO EXCEED 150 CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>Hazelwood-</b>  Texas ex-servicemen, <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.203(a)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resided in Texas for 12 months prior to registration</li> <li>A bona fide legal resident of Texas at time entered service</li> <li>Served in armed forces in World War II, Korean Conflict, the Cold War, Vietnam, Grenada era, Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf</li> <li>Honorably discharged</li> <li>Not eligible for federal education benefits</li> </ul>	Tuition Laboratory fees General fee  <b>NOT TO EXCEED 150 CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>Children of disabled/deceased Texas firefighters and peace officers,</b> <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.204</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For children under 21 years of age (or 22 if the student was eligible to participate in special education under Tx Code §29.003) of disabled full-paid or volunteer firefighters, full-paid municipal, county, state peace officers, custodians of the Department of corrections, or game wardens</li> <li>Disability/death occurred in the line of duty</li> </ul>	Tuition Required fees not to exceed 120 undergraduate credit hours or any semester begun after age 26.
<b>**Disabled Peace Officers</b> (permissive), <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.2041</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texas resident who has resided in Texas for 12 months immediately preceding registration</li> <li>Permanently disabled as a result of injury sustained in performance of duties as Texas peace officer</li> <li>Unable to continue duties as peace officer</li> </ul>	Tuition Fees excluding class and laboratory fees  <b>NOT TO EXCEED 12 SEMESTERS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM</b>
<b>Hearing or Vision impaired</b> , <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.205</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A blind disabled person, or a person whose sense of hearing is nonfunctional</li> <li>Must be a Texas resident</li> </ul>	Tuition Required fees General property deposit
<b>Dependent of Texas POW or MIA</b> Children of prisoners of war or persons missing in action, <a href="#">Texas Education Code §54.209</a>	Dependent person under 25 years of age who receives majority of support from parent, and whose parent is a resident of Texas active duty military and classified by Department of Defense as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action at time of the student's registration	Tuition Required fees
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Individuals 65 years of age or older on space available basis	Tuition

<p>**Senior citizen (permissive), <u>Texas Education Code §54.210</u></p>	<p>Individuals 65 years of age or older on space available basis may audit</p>	<p><b>NOT TO EXCEED 6 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Tuition</p>
<p><b>Foster &amp; Residential Care</b> Foster Children, <u>Texas Education Code §54.211</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For individuals who were in foster care or other residential care under the conservatorship of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services on or after the day preceding the individual's 18th birthday, the day of the student's 14th birthday if the student was eligible for adoption on or after that day, or the day the student received a high school diploma or equivalent</li> <li>Enrolls not later than the 3rd anniversary of date of discharge from that care or the 21st birthday</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition Required fees</p>
<p><b>TANF Students</b>, <u>Texas Education Code §54.212</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For students who during the student's last year of public high school in this state, was a dependent child receiving financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, for not less than six months</li> <li>Successfully completed the attendance requirements under Section 21.032</li> <li>Younger than 22 years of age on the date of enrollment</li> <li>Enrolls at the institution as an undergraduate student not later than the second anniversary of the date of graduation from a public high school in this state</li> <li>has met the entrance examination requirements of the institution before the date of enrollment</li> <li>Must be a Texas resident</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition Fees</p> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR</b></p>
<p><b>Educational Aides</b>, <u>Texas Education Code §54.214</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School employee who worked as an educational aide for at least one year during the 5 years preceding the semester of the exemption</li> <li>Establish financial need</li> <li>Pursuing teacher certification</li> <li>Maintain acceptable GPA</li> <li>Resident of Texas</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition Fees excluding class and laboratory fees</p>
<p><b>Early Texas High School Graduate</b> Early High School Graduates, <u>Texas Education Code §56.201-209</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Texas high school in not more than 36 consecutive months</li> <li>Texas resident</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition up to \$1,000</p>
<p><b>Survivor/Dependent of certain emergency personal kill in the line of duty</b></p> <p>Surviving Spouse and minor children of certain police, security or emergency personnel killed in the line of public duty. <u>Texas Govt. Code, §615.0225</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the surviving spouse or children of certain public peace officers, probation officers, parole officers, jailers, police reservists, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel. <u>Texas Govt. Code, §615.003</u></li> <li>Death occurred in the line of duty as a result of a risk inherent in the duty.</li> <li>Must be enrolled full time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TUITION &amp; FEES</b></p> <p><b>STUDENT HOUSING &amp; FOOD CONTRACT COSTS</b></p> <p><b>TEXTBOOK COSTS</b></p> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR 200 HOURS</b></p>

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\*\*Must have Regental approval.

\*\*\*Required fees are those required as a condition of enrollment. They do not include room, board, books, transportation, lab fees or other course specific fees or optional fees.

## Waiver Programs- for Tuition and fees

*DESCRIPTION	**ELIGIBILITY	***Waiver for
<b>Competitive Scholarship</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.064	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nonresident or international students who are recipients of a competitive academic scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 or more awarded for the academic year or the summer term by U. T. Permian Basin may pay the in-state tuition rate</li> </ul>	Authorization of Texas resident tuition rate ( Based on the \$1,000 scholarship on to all students both resident and non-resident)
<b>Teaching/Research Assistant,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching assistant or research assistant of any institution of higher education and their spouse and children are entitled to pay Texas resident tuition rates. TA or RA must be employed at least 50% time in a teaching or research position which relates to the assistant's degree program.</li> </ul>	Authorization of Texas resident tuition rate
<b>Military and Family stationed in Texas ,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.058	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows military personnel assigned to duty in Texas (Spouse and dependents) to pay Texas resident tuition rates</li> </ul>	Authorization of Texas resident tuition rate
<b>Non-resident Faculty and Dependents,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.059	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers and professors employed at a Texas state institution of higher education and their spouse and children who register in an institution of higher education are entitled to pay Texas resident tuition rates The employee must be employed at least one-half time on a regular monthly salary basis by a Texas state institution of higher education.</li> </ul>	Authorization of Texas resident tuition rate
<b>Good Neighbor Scholarship,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.207	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waives tuition for limited number of native born students from other nations of American hemisphere and certain Latin American countries. A competitive award which applies only to the semesters for which the student is selected for the award by the Coordinating Board.</li> </ul>	Tuition
<b>Bordering State,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.060	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entitles student to reduction of non-Texas resident tuition rate. Student pays Texas resident tuition rate plus \$30 per semester credit hour in addition to all other appropriate fees and charges. Available to undergraduates only. Eligibility based on institution's geographic location and the existence of underutilized space on the campus</li> </ul>	Authorizes Texas resident tuition rates /Additional tuition \$30/hour
<b>Bordering State- Adjacent County to Texas,</b> <u>Texas Education Code</u> §54.061	Would entitle student s a reduction of non-Texas resident tuition rate for student within 100 mile radius from Texas teaching institutions <b>(PENDING LEGISLATIVE ACTION)</b>	<b>AS OF SUMMER 2006 WAIVER PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE TO NEW STUDENTS</b> (Authorization of Texas resident Tuition rate)

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## Refund of Tuition and Fees for Students Withdrawing from The University or Reducing Course Load

Upon completing a withdrawal form and submission to the Registrar, the percent of tuition refund will be determined. Refund amounts for withdrawals are based on the total number of hours in which a student is enrolled at the date of withdrawal. Students withdrawing will be refunded appropriate tuition and fees as follows:

### Long Semesters

1. Prior to first class day.....100%  
(less a \$15 matriculation fee)
2. During the first 5 class days .....80%
3. During the second 5 class days .....70%
4. During the third 5 class days.....50%
5. During the fourth 5 class days .....25%
6. After the fourth 5 class days.....NONE

### Summer Session

1. Prior to the first class day .....100%  
(less a \$15 matriculation fee)
2. During the first, second or third class day .....80%
3. During the fourth, fifth or sixth class day .....50%
4. After the sixth class day .....NONE

First time students receiving federal aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 will be entitled to a refund of the higher of: (1) the refund required by applicable state law; (2) the refund required by the accrediting agency; or (3) the pro rata refund as prescribed by federal law.

### Texas Tuition Rebate

In the Spring of 1997, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1907 which provides a \$1,000 rebate of a portion of the undergraduate tuition paid by certain students. These students are those Texas residents who are awarded a baccalaureate degree and have attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree, including transfer credit and course credit earned exclusively by examination. The statute contains further detail on who is qualified and directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt rules for the administration of the rebate. Students who believe they may qualify for this rebate should ask the Registrar's Office for further information.

### Payment of Tuition and Fees

Tuition charges at Texas state universities are established by state law. The State of Texas 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature allowed the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System to set designated tuition rates. The State of Texas Legislature does not set the specific amount of any particular student fee. Student fees assessed are authorized by 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. All other fees at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin are fixed within statutory limitations set by the Board of Regents. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the State of Texas Legislature or Board of Regents without notice. Tuition and fees at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin are subject to change in adherence with acts of the State of Texas Legislature and/or policies of the Board of Regents.

Students are not entitled to enter a class or laboratory until their fees and deposits have been paid. Students are expected to pay all tuition and fees at the time of registration or have an approved financial aid program arranged by the Financial Aid Office prior to registration. Payment may be made by cash, check, credit card, or money order. Check, money order, and credit card (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover) payments will be accepted subject to final collection by the University's bank. All checks must be drawn on U. S. banks in U. S. dollars. When a check is returned to the University, a \$25.00 service charge is assessed. If the returned check was for tuition, the student's registration will be cancelled.

Section 54.007 of the Texas Education Code authorizes the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to provide for the payment of tuition and mandatory fees during the fall and spring semesters through the following alternatives:

1. Full payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the semester; or
2. One-half payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the semester, one-quarter payment prior to the start of the sixth class week, and the final one-quarter payment before the beginning of the eleventh class week.

There will be a \$25 incidental fee assessed if the installment payment option is used and a \$10 late fee. A student who fails to provide full payment of 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:

- a. Prohibition from registering for classes until full payment is made;
- b. Withholding of grades, degree and official transcript; and loss of credit for work completed that semester;
- c. All penalties and actions authorized by law;
- d. Referral of debt to a collection agency.

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 and are subject to change by applicable state statutes. If a person desires clarification of any matter relating to payment or refund of such charges, or believes special circumstances warrant exceptions to the published policy, the Registrar or the Office of Accounting should be contacted.

### **Changes to tuition and fees**

Tuition and fees are subject to change by legislative or regental action and become effective on the date enacted. The Texas Legislature does not set the specific amount for any particular student fee. The student fees assessed above are authorized by 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.

### **Excess hours**

As authorized by state law, a student who pays resident tuition rates and who attempts hours that exceed a designated limit will be charged a higher tuition rate of \$325 per semester credit hour or nonresident tuition rates. The designated limit for a student who initially enrolled in an institution of higher education in Fall 1999 through Summer 2006 is 45 credit hours beyond the required hours for the student's declared degree program. The designated limit for a student who initially enrolled in an institution of higher education in Fall 2006 or later is 30 credit hours beyond the hours required for completion of the student's degree program.

The following semester credit hours are not included in the calculation:

- semester credit hours earned by the student 10 or more years before the date the student begins the new degree program under the Academic Fresh Start Program of the Texas Education Code, § 51.931;
- hours earned by the student before receiving a baccalaureate degree that has previously been awarded to the student;
- hours earned by the student by examination or similar method without registering for a course
- hours from remedial and developmental courses, workforce education courses, or other courses that would not generate academic credit that could be applied to a degree at the institution 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 student at a private institution or an out-of-state institution; and
- hours not eligible for formula funding.

For more information contact the Registrar Office at (432) 552-2635

**Three-peat charge**

A student whose hours may no longer be submitted for formula funding because it is the same or substantially similar to a course that the student previously attempted for two or more times at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will be charged a higher tuition rate of \$ 417 per semester credit hour or nonresident tuition rates.