



**Tuition and Fees Book  
for the  
2021-22 Academic Year  
&  
2022 Summer Session**

**SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY**

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**To access the 2021-22 Fee Book information online, visit the following SOU web page:**  
**<https://inside.sou.edu/enrollment/tuitionandfees.html>**

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# INTRODUCTION

The Southern Oregon University (SOU) 2021-22 Fee Book, adopted by the SOU Board of Trustees (Board) through SOU Policy FAD.047 (580-040) contains enrollment charge policies that are in effect at SOU for the academic year and summer term as identified. This Tuition and Fees book contains policy statements and delegation of authority for a variety of SOU policies and fees and is published for public informational purposes.

Tuition and fee information for the university for 2021-22 and Summer 2022 can be viewed at the following website: [sou.edu/enrollment/cost.html](https://sou.edu/enrollment/cost.html)

Tuition and Fee rates, policies, and procedures contained in this fee book apply to SOU only until such time that new or changed tuition and fee rates, policies or procedures are approved and adopted by SOU's institutional governing board or the President as applicable. This book is limited to only those tuition and mandatory fees authorized by the Board and does not contain exhaustive details of those special fee designations delegated to the University President as outlined below. For fees, fines, course and materials charges not contained in this book, please consult the special fees book available at:

[https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus\\_serv/docs/bursar/Final\\_Special\\_Fees\\_2021-22\\_Web\\_Version\\_2.pdf](https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus_serv/docs/bursar/Final_Special_Fees_2021-22_Web_Version_2.pdf)

## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Oregon Legislature grants authority to the SOU Governing Board to establish tuition and mandatory enrollment fees at their institutions. Based on recommendations from the University President, the Board annually authorizes the collection of tuition and fees at the institution, including:

- Tuition
- Building Fees
- Health Service Fees
- Incidental Fees
- Student Recreation Center Fees
- Student Union Fees
- Other Mandatory Enrollment Fees
- Other Special Fees as determined by the Board

The Board has delegated authority to the University President to establish and collect certain fees, fines, and charges for services and materials which are not part of the annual Tuition and Fee book including:

- Laboratory and Course fees
- Fees for workshops
- Instruction fees for Continuing Education, Extended Programs, and Distance Education
- Residence Hall Room and Board Rates
- Charges for auxiliary services, e.g., food services, student centers, and parking
- Fines for violation of campus regulations
- Charges for facilities use
- Charges for other materials and services

# SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following narratives summarize the tuition and fee changes for 2021-22. This book incorporates Academic Year with Summer Session rates. The summary of changes will only address Summer Session tuition rates when they vary from the Academic Year rates and Summer Session fee rates if they exceed Academic Year rates. The institutions' Academic Year tuition rates are aligned with the proposed Summer Session rates.

As part of SOU policy, administration was required to establish a process, which integrated student participation in the tuition-setting process in accordance with Board established guidelines (page 28).

Per ORS 351.063, as amended by SB 270 (2013), the Board may not increase the total amount of enrollment fees paid by undergraduate resident students by more than five percent annually unless the Board first receives approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) or the Legislative Assembly. SOU has complied with this requirement and is committed to maintaining full transparency throughout the tuition setting process.

Base tuition increases over 2020-21 rates:

Undergraduate resident: 2.55% (\$5/credit)

Undergraduate nonresident: 2.93% (\$25/credit)

Graduate resident: 2.85% (\$14/credit)

Graduate nonresident: 2.87% (\$17/credit)

SOU is continuing the implementation of the Recreation Center fee as approved by student referendum in 2013. The referendum mandates this fee can only be adjusted once every three years through the established student fee process conducted by student government. The 2021-22 academic year is year two of the fee at that \$104 per term.

For the 2021-22 Academic Year, SOU did not increase the student health fee; it remained \$150 per term.

Prior to Academic Year 2019, the Building Fee was locked at \$45. This fee was originally established by legislative statute ORS 351.170 and subsequently replaced by ORS 352.163 in 2017. In the academic year 2019-20, the Board adopted a fee of \$60 per student per term. This fee remains unchanged for the 2021-22 academic year.

In prior academic year 2020-21, a billing system adjustment was implemented to correct a previously omitted configuration. The necessary update addressed situations whereby WUE and American Samoa students taking online classes were being charged the in-state resident online rate rather than their approved WUE or American Samoa rate for online classes. The update to billing procedural coding only applies to new incoming students. WUE or American Samoa students who started prior to Fall 2020 will not be affected by this modification and will maintain their discounted online rate until transfer, separation or graduation from the university. This notice of the rate implementation will remain intact until all students who started prior to Fall 2020 have graduated or otherwise separated from the university.

The student approved mandatory incidental fee has been updated per the student fee process and forwarded to the President and the Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University who approved the rate on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The rate, exclusive of the Green Tag Fee, has increased from \$372 to \$380 per term. The Green Tag Fee has remained unchanged at \$13 per term.

Language has been added to clearly delineate between mandatory incidental and mandatory enrollment fees per ORS 352.102 and ORS 352.105 (pages 6-7). Similarly, statutory references have been added where appropriate.

Grammatical and structural changes have occurred throughout; further modernizing the Tuition and Fee Book.

# ACADEMIC YEAR TUITION AND FEE CALCULATION CHANGES

The following tables provide sample calculations and comparative information for base tuition and fees for fulltime attendance at SOU.

SOU also provides a tuition calculator for estimating cost of attendance at the following URL:

[sou.edu/enrollment/tuitioncalculator/index.html](http://sou.edu/enrollment/tuitioncalculator/index.html)

The tables compare full time **undergraduate** (15 credits) and **graduate** (12 credits) tuition and fees per term for the new 2021-22 academic year (AY 21) with prior 2020-21 academic year (AY 20) for resident, WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) and non-resident students. Differential tuition rates, special session rates, and rates for other tuition categories are excluded here but outlined in detail in subsequent sections.

Notes regarding the tables:

- \$ Chg represents the per credit change in dollars from the prior academic year.
- % Chg represents the per credit change as a percent from the prior academic year rounded to a tenth.
- Both mandatory enrollment and mandatory incidental fees are shown
  - The incidental fee includes the approved Green Tag portion (see page XX for more information)

<b>2021-22 Academic Year Tuition &amp; Fees - Per Term</b>						
<b><u>Undergraduate Resident</u></b>						
			Credit Load			
	<u>AY 20 Tuition</u>	<u>AY 21 Tuition</u>	<u>15 Credits</u>	<u>\$ Chg</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	
Tuition	\$ 196.00	\$ 201.00	\$3,015.00	\$ 5.00	2.6%	
Fees						
Building	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Incidental & Green Tag	\$385.00	\$ 393.00	\$ 393.00	\$8.00	2.1%	
Recreation Center	\$104.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Health	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
	<u>\$699.00</u>	<u>\$707.00</u>	<u>\$ 707.00</u>	<u>\$8.00</u>	<u>1.1%</u>	
Total tuition and Fees	\$3,639.00	\$3,722.00	\$3,722.00	\$83.00	2.3%	
<b><u>Undergraduate Nonresident</u></b>						
			Credit Load			
	<u>AY 20 Tuition</u>	<u>AY 21 Tuition</u>	<u>15 Credits</u>	<u>\$ Chg</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	
Tuition	\$580.00	\$597.00	\$8,955.00	\$17.00	2.9%	
Fees						
Building	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Incidental	\$385.00	\$ 393.00	\$393.00	\$8.00	2.1%	
Recreation Center	\$104.00	\$ 104.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Health	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
	<u>\$699.00</u>	<u>\$707.00</u>	<u>\$707.00</u>	<u>\$8.00</u>	<u>1.1%</u>	
Total tuition and Fees	\$9,399.00	\$9,662.00	\$9,662.00	\$263.00	2.8%	

<b><u>Undergraduate Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)</u></b>					
	<u>AY 20 Tuition</u>	<u>AY 21 Tuition</u>	<u>Credit Load</u> <u>15 Credits</u>	<u>\$ Chg</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Tuition	\$294.00	\$301.50	\$4,522.50	\$7.50	2.6%
Fees					
Building	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Incidental	\$385.00	\$ 393.00	\$385.00	\$8.00	2.1%
Recreation Center	\$104.00	\$ 104.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Health	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%
	\$699.00	\$707.00	\$699.00	\$8.00	1.1%
<b>Total tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$5,109.00</b>	<b>\$5,229.50</b>	<b>\$5,221.50</b>	<b>\$120.50</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b><u>Graduate Resident</u></b>					
	<u>AY 20 Tuition</u>	<u>AY 21 Tuition</u>	<u>Credit Load</u> <u>12 Credits</u>	<u>\$ Chg</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Tuition	\$491.00	\$505.00	\$6,060.00	\$14.00	2.9%
Fees					
Building	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Incidental	\$385.00	\$ 393.00	\$393.00	\$8.00	2.1%
Recreation Center	\$104.00	\$ 104.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Health	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%
	\$699.00	\$707.00	\$707.00	\$8.00	1.1%
<b>Total tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$6,591.00</b>	<b>\$6,767.00</b>	<b>\$6,767.00</b>	<b>\$176.00</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b><u>Graduate Nonresident</u></b>					
	<u>AY 20 Tuition</u>	<u>AY 21 Tuition</u>	<u>Credit Load</u> <u>12 Credits</u>	<u>\$ Chg</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Tuition	\$593.00	\$610.00	\$7,320.00	\$17.00	2.9%
Fees					
Building	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Incidental	\$385.00	\$ 393.00	\$393.00	\$8.00	2.1%
Recreation Center	\$104.00	\$ 104.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Health	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%
	\$699.00	\$707.00	\$707.00	\$8.00	1.1%
<b>Total tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$7,815.00</b>	<b>\$8,027.00</b>	<b>\$8,027.00</b>	<b>\$212.00</b>	<b>2.7%</b>



# TUITION AND FEE POLICIES FOR 2021-22

## Tuition Structure and Assessment

Tuition rates for students admitted to academic programs are established via course classification (undergraduate or graduate), and student classification for residency, and credit hours taken. Tuition revenue supports all facets of the university operations including the instructional and administrative costs of the institution and varies based on factors including class sizes, faculty salaries, specialized programs and equipment as well as facilities required to teach courses. Part-time students enrolling for a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses are assessed tuition using the rates for each respective classification of the course and fees based on the undergraduate fee tables for total enrolled credits. Nonresident students should pay a larger share of instructional costs than resident students when the market allows and, on average, cover the full cost of instruction. Nonresident rates should be competitive with those charged at peer institutions and be sensitive to the institutional nonresident enrollment trends and objectives.

There are four basic tuition and fee structures at SOU: the regular academic year, summer session, continuing education programs and managed partner program rates. Under existing policy, each of the four tuition structures is separate, with its own unique rate setting process. The University Governing Board sets the Academic Year and Summer Session tuition and the President sets fees, Continuing Education, and Managed Partner Programs rates.

### *Academic Year:*

- Charges assessed to students during the academic year are comprised of Tuition, Mandatory Enrollment Fees, One-time Fees, Special Fees and Other Student Fees. The revenue generated by each component is dedicated to a specific purpose, independent of the other components. Enrollments during the academic year are usually referred to as “in-load” enrollments.

### *Summer Session:*

- As with the academic year, tuition supports the direct instruction and administrative costs of each institution’s summer session programs. Tuition rates in the summer session may differ from the academic year and may or may not vary based on residency status. Currently, for summer session programs, tuition aligns with the preceding academic year’s structure. SOU continues to make a residency determination for summer term.

### *Continuing Education:*

- Continuing Education, Extended Programs, and most Distance Education courses fall within the category previously referred to as self-support. Continuing Education courses are offered through special campus programs not generally available during the academic year or summer session. Tuition and fees for Continuing Education are assessed regardless of residency or course load. Rates are set at levels necessary to cover (at a minimum) the direct costs of providing the course plus an indirect cost recovery for administrative overhead expenses. Tuition and fees are charged to participating students apart from enrollment fees paid for other courses. Assessment of Resource Fees for Continuing Education courses is an institutional decision.

### *Managed Partner Programs:*

- Managed Partner Programs have institutionally defined rate schedules, initially established with Board approval, then only modified after consultation with the President, the Provost and program partner organizations. Example programs include the Online Masters in Business Administration, the Online Masters in Education, and the Supplemental Exchange Program.

# Student Residency

A resident student is one who fulfills Oregon residency requirements as established by University Policy AAD.045 (580-010). Oregon residency is generally based on the following criteria: a person with a bona fide fixed and permanent physical presence established and maintained in Oregon of not less than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the term for which residence status is requested. State funded graduate students who become Graduate Teaching or Research Assistants are automatically converted to resident status for fee purposes.

A nonresident student is one who does not meet Oregon residency requirements as specified in University Policy AAD.045 (580-010).

## Fees

Fees fall into four distinct categories: Mandatory Enrollment Fees, Mandatory Incidental Fees, One-time Fees, and Other Student Fees.

### **Mandatory Enrollment Fees (Statutory Authority: ORS 352.102)**

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Mandatory enrollment fees at SOU include the Building and Health Services fees and are authorized by the university's governing board after recommendation from the university President. Students enrolled under the part-time student fee policy are subject to these fees at a rate appropriate to the specific number of credit hours taken each term (see graduated table on page 32). SOU exercises the option of assessing mandatory enrollment fees during the summer session at rates comparable to those assessed in the academic year.

#### *Building Fee:*

- The Building Fee was originally established by legislative statute ORS 351.170 and replaced by ORS 352.163 in 2017. For academic year 2021-22 the building fee is set at \$60 per student per term. This fee is used to finance debt service for construction associated with student centers, health centers, and other facilities constructed through the issuance of Article XI-F(1) bonds. A portion of the fee is designated to mitigate risks related to information technology infrastructure replacement in these buildings. The fee charge for summer session is approximately 75% percent of the academic year rate. A pro rata fee is assessed on part-time students.

#### *Health Services Fee:*

- This fee is used to support the institution's student health services, which are operated as an auxiliary enterprise on a self-sustaining basis. During summer sessions, student health services operations may function at reduced levels or not be provided at all. The recommended summer session rates reflect these lower levels of activity. *University Policy: AAD.050 (580-011)*

### **Mandatory Incidental Fees (Statutory Authority: ORS 352.105)**

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Mandatory incidental fees include the Incidental and Recreation Center Fees. Students enrolled under the part-time student fee policy are subject to these fees at a rate appropriate to the specific number of credit hours taken each term. SOU exercises the option of assessing mandatory enrollment fees during the summer session at rates comparable to those assessed in the academic year.

#### *Incidental Fee:*

- Student committees in accordance with the Board-approved incidental fee policy make incidental fee recommendations. In some instances, the student committee recommendations are supported by general campus student referenda. Funds generated by incidental fees are used to fund student union operations,

educational, cultural, student government activities, and athletics. *Statutory Authority: ORS 351.070 (3)(d) and ORS 352.105 (1 – 5)*

The president in consultation with the recognized student body president reviews the student committee recommendation for establishing incidental fees for the subsequent year. Once approved, the presidents jointly submit recommendations to the university's Governing Board. Generally, there are fewer incidental fee supported activities during the summer term, resulting in lower rates than those assessed during the academic year.

#### *Recreation Center Fee:*

- The Recreation Center Fee, established via student referendum in 2012, is used to fund the construction, debt service, maintenance, and operation costs of the student recreation center. This is a separate, distinct incidental fee and differs from the mandatory enrollment Building Fee described above. *Statutory Authority: ORS 352.105 (1).*

### **One-time Matriculation Fee**

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The Matriculation Fee is charged to new undergraduate or transfer students. This fee is assessed only once and was developed to reduce the large number of enrollment-related fees for student orientation, course scheduling (drop/add fees), transcripts, degree applications, and re-enrollment. The fee is also used to support academic programming for freshman interest groups and learning. Graduate students are not assessed this fee. For academic year 2021-22 Matriculation fee is \$300. *Statutory Authority: ORS 352.102 (1)*

### **Other Student Fees**

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At SOU, academic or administrative units begin the process for requesting a new or revising an existing "Other Student Fee" by preparing a fee proposal and submitting it to the appropriate university administrator for review and approval.

Those fee requests must include information regarding the academic unit initiating the fee, fee designation or name, justification of need, amount, estimated revenues and expenditures, and expected implementation date. All fee proposals are thoroughly reviewed by university administration before being approved for final assessment and adoption into the Academic Year and Summer Session Special Fee Book.

For a complete listing of other student fees, fines and charges, please refer to the special fees book at:

[https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus\\_serv/docs/bursar/Special\\_Fees\\_2021-22.pdf](https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus_serv/docs/bursar/Special_Fees_2021-22.pdf)

#### *Fees for Instruction Related Services:*

- Laboratory and Course Fees are published in the course catalogue and/or time schedule of classes. Laboratory and Course Fees are limited to institutional sale to students of equipment, materials, or ancillary services consumed by the student as a part of course instruction where the equipment or material is not readily available for purchase through the bookstore or other external source.

Approval will not be given for Laboratory and Course Fees that constitute a charge for the use of institution owned equipment, specimens, software licenses, or other microcomputer application charges for goods or services, or other materials and supplies consumed in the instruction process, except for certain non-required physical education courses that involve use of non-state-owned facilities or expensive equipment. *Statutory Authority: ORS 352.102 (1)*

### *Fees and Fines for Non-Instruction Related Services and Materials:*

- The Board requires that the level of charges be sufficient to ensure recovery of the cost of providing the services and materials as well as to recover the indirect costs associated with these activities. These include charges for auxiliary services, e.g., housing, food services, student centers, parking, and bookstores; charges for facilities use; etc. Institutions also set the level of fines for violation of campus regulations, such as late fines for library books, parking fines, etc. *Statutory Authority: ORS 352.102 (1)*

### *Application Fee*

- SOU establishes the amount of the application fee (up to \$100.00) and policies governing the conditions under which application fees will be required. Assessment of additional application fees for admission to selected programs or schools within the institution is allowed. In instances where an application is received without the Application Fee, request will be made for the Application Fee, and the fee must be received before the application will be evaluated. Application Fees are not refundable. *Statutory Authority: ORS 352.102 (1)*

### *Application Fee Deferral Program*

- Institutional executives may, upon request, defer the Application Fee for first-time freshmen or transfer students who, at the time of application, are either eligible for or participate in any of the following:
  - 1) Free or reduced school lunch program;
  - 2) TRIO-type college preparatory programs (e.g., Upward Bound, Talent Search, EOC, HEP);
  - 3) State of Oregon or U.S. public assistance; and/or
  - 4) College Board fee waiver
  - 5) Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver

To request an online application for Application Fee deferral, go to the following web address located at: <https://sou.edu/admissions/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2017/01/SOU-Deferral-Form.pdf>

The student must complete the deferral form and have it signed by a school official (high school counselor), special program official, or University System official, and submit it at the time of application. Application fees deferred under this provision become payable upon the student's enrollment and receipt of financial aid funds. If a student does not complete the application process or does not enroll, the Application Fee is canceled. Students residing outside the United States at the time of their application must prove to the satisfaction of institutional officials that they would meet comparable eligibility guidelines in their country of residence.

For a complete listing of other student fees, fines and charges, please refer to the special fees book at:

[https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus\\_serv/docs/bursar/Special\\_Fees\\_2021-22.pdf](https://inside.sou.edu/assets/bus_serv/docs/bursar/Special_Fees_2021-22.pdf)

### **Optional Part-time Fee Policy**

Part-time Fee Policies, if adopted, apply to students enrolled for up to eight academic year credits in a term. The adoption of these policies for part-time students is optional. Institutions may adopt the Part-time Fee Policy for all students or restrict it to non-admitted students. The part-time fee policy does not differentiate residents from nonresident students in tuition assessment. Students may take additional credits through Continuing Education courses.

At this time, SOU is not offering the Optional Part-time Fee Policy to admitted students. SOU may use the policy for non-admitted students.

## Post baccalaureate, Non-graduate Student Classification

A holder of an accredited baccalaureate degree who has not been admitted to a graduate degree program and who submits an official application for admission to pursue a second baccalaureate degree or enroll in course work not to be used for graduate credit is called a *post baccalaureate, non-graduate student* and is assessed tuition at the appropriate rate depending on the level of the course, undergraduate or graduate level. Tuition rates may be assessed based on undergraduate and graduate course designation or student classification. Course level designations are generally defined as follows:

- Course numbers assigned 499 and below are assigned undergraduate fee rates.
- Course numbers assigned 500 and higher are assigned graduate fee rates.

Fees and policies applicable under the part-time fee policy shall prevail when a student classified as a post baccalaureate, non-graduate enrolls for eight or fewer credits if a part-time student policy has been adopted.

Baccalaureate degree holders who are admitted to post baccalaureate, non-graduate status at undergraduate tuition rates are precluded from claiming graduate credits for graduate courses taken while in this status. However, SOU may allow the reservation of not more than six of their graduate credits per term to apply in their institution's graduate programs. Graduate credits reserved in combination as an undergraduate and post baccalaureate, non-graduate cannot exceed 15 credits. Baccalaureate degree holders who are not admitted to post baccalaureate, non-graduate status will be assessed tuition at the appropriate rate depending on the level of the course, undergraduate or graduate level.

Students who are admitted to an advanced degree program may convert to post baccalaureate, non-graduate student status only if the graduate degree has been awarded, if a student has been dropped from the degree program by the institution, or upon a request approved by the Graduate School for voluntary relinquishment of graduate status.

Students in the education programs who are admitted to the 45-hour standard norm certificate program are not eligible for the post baccalaureate, non-graduate student status. Tuition rates are applicable whether students in the program seek graduate credit.

## Reduced Tuition Policies

SOU's commitment to 40-40-20 is achieved through an array of innovative reduced tuition programs and policies. These programs and policies promote the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's goals of providing accessibility to higher education by assuring college is affordable and relevant to the realities of today's student population.

### **Approved Programmatic Student Financial Aid Programs**

Student financial aid remissions programs (locally referred to as 'RaiderAid') are funded through institutional resources. The policies governing each program specify the extent to which the enrollment fees are to be reduced. The combined total aid for a student may not exceed the total enrollment fees for that student.

Southern Oregon University's student financial aid offerings are comprised of programs similar to others offered across the country (often referred to as "fee waivers", "tuition discounts" or "tuition remissions") enhanced by innovative initiatives specific to the state of Oregon. The objective of programmatic student aid programs is to provide financial incentives student groups to enroll or continue enrollment. As an enrollment management tool, programmatic student aid allows the institution to target specific campus enrollment goals including recruitment of needy or meritorious students, international students, athletes, and other student populations. The following are summaries of SOU student financial assistance programs:

#### ***Diversity Scholarship Program***

##### a. Southern Oregon University Educational Diversity Initiative

*Criteria:* This program is open to all students, resident or nonresident, undergraduate or graduate. Under the guidelines approved by the Board on October 17, 1997, SOU may describe the program in the manner it wishes. Similarly, the program may consider different factors in making awards and may offer one or more tuition and fee remission programs as long as it maintains its commitment to diversity. Under these guidelines, campuses may consider different factors in support of their educational mission.

*Awards:* Rather than a prescribed allocation of funds for educational diversity fee remissions, each institution has the discretion to determine the remittance amount and allocation schedule. Campuses may make partial or full waivers based on need or to expand the number of students who receive at least some funding support. Awards granted at SOU are not transferable. Students may not take a tuition remission with them if they move to another public university, but will be evaluated based on the receiving school's educational diversity needs.

#### ***International Cultural Service Program***

##### a. International Fee Remission Program

*Criteria:* This program is for undergraduate or graduate students with foreign student status.

*Awards:* Awards may vary in amount but cannot exceed the total nonresident undergraduate or graduate Enrollment Fees (Tuition, Building, Incidental, and Health Service Fees). However, the institution has the option to remit these fees if they see fit.

##### b. Cultural Service Program

*Criteria:* This program is for undergraduate or graduate students with foreign student status who: are competitively selected based on academically meritorious achievement; and fulfill the community service requirements of the program while receiving the award.

*Awards:* Awards may vary in amount but cannot exceed the total nonresident undergraduate or graduate Enrollment Fees (Tuition and Mandatory Enrollment Fees). Remission of Mandatory Enrollment Fees is at the institution's option.

### ***International Exchanges***

a. International Exchange Program

*Criteria:* This program is for students who are attending Southern Oregon University as a part of an approved exchange program.

*Awards:* Awards may consist of remission of all or some of the Enrollment Fees, depending upon the reciprocal agreement under which the student is enrolled.

b. International Institution Exchange Program

*Criteria:* This program is for students who are attending SOU as a part of a Board-approved institution exchange program.

*Awards:* Awards may consist of remission of all or some of the Enrollment Fees, depending upon the reciprocal agreement under which the student is enrolled.

### ***Contract and Grant***

a. Contract and Grant: Academic Year

*Criteria:* This provision is for students who participate in specific courses or programs during the academic year funded by grant or contract with an outside agency or firm.

*Awards:* Awards are generally for remission of Tuition only, depending upon agreement with the granting agency.

b. Contract and Grant: Summer Session

*Criteria:* This provision is for students who participate in specific courses or programs during the summer session funded by grant or contract with an outside agency or firm.

*Awards:* Awards are generally for remission of Tuition only, depending upon agreement with the granting agency.

### ***SOU Supplemental Tuition Grant***

*Criteria:* The SOU Supplemental Tuition Grant is a need-based tuition grant program available to qualified Oregon resident students.

*Awards:* These supplemental tuition grants may vary at institutional discretion but may not exceed the total Tuition assessed for the regular academic year.

### ***VOYAGER Fee Remission***

The Voyager Tuition Assistance Program (Voyager) was implemented in the Fall of 2005 in response to a direct gubernatorial request and is intended for National Guard and Reservists who have been in an area of hostility since 9/11.

*Criteria:* The VOYAGER fee remission is for Oregon residents (OAR 580-010-0030 to -0045) who are members of the National Guard or Reserves and were deployed in an area of military combat since September 11, 2001. This fee remission is for full-time students pursuing their initial bachelor's degree. Students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) annually and continue to maintain satisfactory academic progress to maintain eligibility.

*Awards:* Award is the difference between the National Guard and Reserves tuition benefit of \$4,500 and total enrollment fees. Students are responsible for securing the National Guard or Reserves tuition benefit. Duration of the VOYAGER award is four years excepting those five-year degree programs as documented in the campus general catalogs. Students may not earn more than 15 credits above the minimum number of credits required by the degree to maintain eligibility.

### ***Veteran's Dependent Tuition Waiver***

*Criteria:* The Veteran's Dependent tuition waiver is for qualified students accepted into a baccalaureate or master's degree program at a public university.

A qualified student is a child (includes adopted child or stepchild), spouse, or an un-remarried surviving spouse of a service member or a child of a Purple Heart recipient.

The service member is one who:

- Died on active duty;
- Has a 100% total and permanent service-connected disability rating as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- Died as a result of a military service-connected disability.

The Purple Heart recipient is a person, alive or deceased, who:

- Was relieved or discharged from service in the Armed Forces of the United States with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; and
- Was awarded the Purple Heart in 2001 or thereafter for wounds received in combat.

An eligible child must be 23 years of age or younger at the time the child applies for the waiver. A child who is older than 23 years of age is eligible for a waiver for a master's degree program if the child:

- 1) Applied for and received a waiver for a baccalaureate degree when the child was 23 years of age or younger; and
- 2) Applied for a master's program waiver within 12 months of receiving a baccalaureate degree.

The qualifying new, transfer, or community college co-enrolled student must meet Oregon residency requirements as stipulated within OAR 580-010-0030 through 580-010-0045, which generally describes an Oregon resident as a person with a bona fide fixed and permanent physical presence established and maintained in Oregon of not less than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the term of entry.

*Awards:* The award may be granted for credit hours for courses that are offered at an eligible post-secondary institution. The award does not cover other mandatory enrollment and course specific fees. The maximum waiver granted under this remission program shall be:

- 1) The total number of attempted credit hours equal to four years of full-time attendance for a baccalaureate degree; and
- 2) The total number of attempted credit hours equal to two years of full-time attendance for a master's degree.

Notwithstanding sections 1 and 2 of this paragraph, a waiver may not exceed the total number of credit hours the qualified student needs to graduate with a baccalaureate or a master's degree. Transferred credit hours accepted for a degree program may or may not count toward the total credit hours needed for degree completion.



The amount of tuition waived may be reduced by the amount of any federal aid scholarships or grants, awards from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program established under ORS 348.205, or any other aid from the eligible post-secondary institution, received by the qualified student.

The amount of tuition waived may not be reduced by the amount of any Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 35 paid to a qualified student.

Awards to children of Purple Heart recipients apply only to students admitted as new but not continuing for Fall 2013 or thereafter.

*Statutory Authority: ORS 351.656 Waiver of tuition for family members of deceased veterans; limits on waiver; conditions*

### **Nonresident Veteran Fee Remission**

As required by Law, every public university shall participate to the fullest extent allowed in the federal educational assistance programs under the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 (e.g., Post 9/11 G.I. Bill and its component Yellow Ribbon Program), so as to reduce the overall tuition rate for students eligible under this policy.

*Criteria:* The Nonresident Veteran Fee Remission is a tuition and fee reduction for qualified students who are not Oregon residents and who are attending classes as an admitted undergraduate or graduate at a public university, if the student:

- a) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States;
- b) Was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions as shown on an original or certified copy of the student's DD-214; and
- c) Provides proof that the student has established a physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of being enrolled at one of the public universities.

*Award:* Qualified **undergraduate** students admitted for enrollment for an academic term prior to Fall 2013 are charged tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate, plus 50 percent of the difference between the resident tuition and fee total and the nonresident tuition and fee total with the following listed qualifications; students admitted as new but not continuing undergraduate students for the Fall 2013 term or later are charged tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate with the following listed qualifications:

Qualified **graduate** students admitted for enrollment for an academic term prior to Fall 2014 are charged tuition and fees no greater than non-resident tuition and fee total with the listed qualifications; students admitted as new but not continuing graduate students for the Fall 2014 term or later are charged tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate with the following listed qualifications;

- A student who served in the Armed Forces of the United States *and* who receives federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees charged under this policy shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.
- Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university are excluded from this discount.
- If a nonresident student is otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this discount and receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition and fees charged by the enrolling public university.

*Statutory Authority: ORS 352.375*

## ***Foster Youth Tuition Waiver***

The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver originated with the passage of House Bill 3471 in the 2011 Regular Session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly and is intended to “increase access to higher education for current and former foster children by providing a Tuition and Fee Waiver” to minimize the amount of tuition absorbed by the student. It was further amended by HB 2095 in the 2013 Regular Session to align the definition of “former foster youth” with the federal standard.

*Criteria* : The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver is open to qualified current and former foster children enrolled as undergraduate students in an institution of higher education in Oregon for the purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate degree (as evidenced by admission into an undergraduate degree program). This program waives tuition and fees for current and former foster youth who enroll prior to reaching 25 years of age until the student receives “the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.”

To qualify for the program, the student must:

1. Have spent at least 180 days in substitute care after age 14, was not dismissed from care prior to reaching 16 years of age and either left foster care (had ward ship terminated) or completed high school/GED within the previous 3 years; and
2. Be admitted to an undergraduate degree program and enroll prior to reaching 25 years of age; and
3. Submit a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for each academic year they are eligible for the program; and
4. For years after the first academic year at an institution of higher education, have completed a minimum of 30 volunteer service hours in the previous academic year performing community service activities such as mentoring foster youth or assisting in the provision of peer support service activities, according to policies developed by the institution of higher education at which the current or former foster child is enrolled.

*Awards:*

1. A qualified student for The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver is entitled to waiver of tuition and fees as noted below:
  - Tuition for academic credit courses (at base or differential rates depending upon program to which student is admitted) but not for noncredit courses.
  - Mandatory enrollment fees: building, health service, or other mandatory fees that may be added from time to time.
  - Mandatory incidental fees: Student Incidental Fee, Green Tag fee, recreation center, or other incidental fees that may be added from time to time.
  - One-time fees: matriculation.
  - Fees required for instruction related services such as lab or course fees that are assessed upon registration for a particular course.
  - The waiver excludes all fees and fines for non-instruction related services and materials such as residence hall room and board, dining services, parking fees and fines, library fines, etc. In addition, textbooks and other course materials not assessed as part of a course fee are also excluded. Fees considered as “pass through” fees, paid to an outside provider, are exempt from the Tuition and Fee Waiver.

2. Eligible students may receive the Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver for up to 12 terms of full-time study or the equivalent. Attendance at less than full-time will be prorated accordingly.
3. If a student meets all other criteria for eligibility, but does not require the Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver, the student shall remain eligible until the student receives the equivalent of 4 years of undergraduate education.
4. As noted previously, to be considered eligible for this program, the student must complete and submit a FAFSA for each academic year they are eligible for the program. Awards made under The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver shall be applied after the following:
  - Any federal Pell or Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)
  - Oregon Opportunity Grant established under ORS 384.205
  - Any other gift, grant or scholarship received from the institution of higher education, which may be applied to the tuition, and fees covered under this program.
5. For purposes of this program, non-tuition scholarships from sources outside of the university, which pass through either OSAC or the institution, are not included in the calculation of the tuition and fee waiver award amount.

*Definition of Terms:* For purposes of this waiver, the following terms are defined as follows:

- A “former foster child” is defined as an individual who, for a total of six or more months while between 14 and 21 years of age, was: (a) A ward of the court pursuant to ORS 419B.100(1)(b) to (e) and in the legal custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services (or one of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon) for out-of-home placement and not dismissed from care before reaching 16 years of age; or (b) An Indian child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), under the jurisdiction of a tribal court for out-of-home placement and not dismissed from care before reaching 16 years of age.
- The “equivalent of four years of undergraduate education” and “equivalent of four academic years” is defined as up to 12 terms of full time study or the equivalent. Attendance at less than full-time will be will be prorated, accordingly.

*Statutory Authority: ORS 351.293 Tuition waiver for foster child*

## Other Reduced Tuition Policies

### ***Western Undergraduate Exchange***

Tuition for students admitted under the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program is assessed at 150% of the prevailing resident undergraduate tuition rate. For clarity purposes, WUE rates are presented as part of the BASE tuition schedule on page 30.

The WUE program allows first-time enrolling, nonresident undergraduate students from participating states to pay 150% of resident tuition when enrolled in selected programs at Southern Oregon University. Students participating in this program must maintain enrollment in these designated programs to retain qualification. The time spent as a WUE student cannot apply toward residency status. Students previously or currently enrolled at SOU or another Oregon Public University are not eligible for this program. The university is not obligated to notify prospective, admitted, or enrolled students who are eligible for this program. SOU must report WUE enrollment as directed, and validate WUE students quarter to quarter. Consistent with the policy of nonresident students covering the full cost of instruction, SOU will carefully consider whether high demand programs should be eligible for the reduced rates.

*Administrative Authority: University Policy AAD0.45 (580-010)*

### **Jackson/Josephine County Pledge**

Tuition for students admitted under the Jackson/Josephine County Pledge are assessed tuition at a Managed Partner Program rate (see page 33) that is approximate to the base tuition rate for Rogue Community College. It is an educational pathway that helps students from a Jackson or Josephine county high school graduate from SOU in three years instead of four, not only removing a substantial portion of the tuition cost, but also removing an entire year's worth of cost in obtaining their degree. Students must have graduated from high school in the same year in which they are admitted to SOU and meet the minimum qualifications for the Pledge program may apply:

- 3.2 GPA or
- 3.0 GPA + combined\*\* SAT of 1125 or above (WL<sup>†</sup> score of ≥25 and Math score of ≥490) or
- 3.0 GPA + composite ACT of 23 or above (Math and English sections of ≥20 each)

## Tuition Equity

In keeping with SOU's commitment to creating innovative programs that make college more affordable and more relevant to the realities of today's workforce and economy, the 2013 Oregon Legislature passed the Tuition Equity Act.

The Tuition Equity Act, as outlined in House Bill 2787 (2013), became law on April 2, 2013, and exempts the following students from paying non-resident tuition and fees for enrollment in Oregon's public universities:

- 1) Students who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States provided the student:
  - a. During each of the three years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a secondary school in Oregon;
  - b. During each of the five years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a secondary school in any state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

- c. No more than three years before initially enrolling in a public university listed in ORS 352.002 (EOU, Oregon Tech, OSU, PSU, SOU, UO, and WOU), received a high school diploma from a high school in this state or received the equivalent of a high school diploma (such as a GED); and
  - d. Shows intention to become a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States by submitting to the public university the student attends or plans to attend:
    - i. An official copy of the student’s application to register with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program or a statement of intent that the student will seek to obtain citizenship as permitted under federal law; and
    - ii. An affidavit stating that the student has applied for a federal individual taxpayer identification number or other official federal identification document.
- 2) Students who are financially dependent upon a person who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States if the student:
- a. During each of the three years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a secondary school in this state and resided in this state with the person upon whom the student is dependent;
  - b. During each of the five years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a secondary school in any state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and resided with the person upon whom the student is dependent;
  - c. No more than three years before initially enrolling in a public university listed in ORS 352.002 (EOU, Oregon Tech, OSU, PSU, SOU, UO, and WOU), received a high school diploma from a secondary school in this state or received the equivalent of a high school diploma; and
  - d. For a student who is not already a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, shows intention to become a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States by submitting to the public university the student attends or plans to attend:
    - i. An official copy of the student’s application to register with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program or a statement of intent that the student will seek to obtain citizenship as permitted under federal law; and
    - ii. An affidavit stating that the student has applied for a federal individual taxpayer identification number or other official federal identification document.

A student will continue to qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees (e.g., be able to pay in-state tuition rates) under subsection (1) or (2) above for five years after initial enrollment.

A student who is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States and who has resided outside of Oregon for more than three years while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1) or (2) above, shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment in a public university listed in ORS 352.002 without having to reestablish residency in Oregon.

Please, visit the SOU webpage at <https://sou.edu/admissions/afford/tuition-equity/> for additional program information and application process.

### ***Reduced Tuition Benefit for Academic, Administrative and Classified Employees***

The academic term rate for employees is 30% of resident undergraduate tuition assessed at the teaching institution, rounded down to the nearest dollar, so as to never exceed 30% of the base rate. For campuses where an undergraduate differential tuition structure is in effect, the staff fee rate will be *charged at the "regular" (not differential) resident undergraduate tuition rate for both undergraduate and graduate student employees.*

Charges for Mandatory Enrollment and Mandatory Incidental fees do not apply; nor are employees entitled to health services or incidental fee services through this program. No Application Fee will be required for employees and no breakage or other deposit is required when registering for classes. Other fees such as lab or course fees are assessed at the full rate and no discount is provided.

Staff fees are not applicable to certain courses. For a complete reference list of excluded programs and additional program specifics, please go to <https://inside.sou.edu/hrs/staff-tuition.html>. Excluded programs are determined at the discretion of the institution's president and the notice of exclusion must be filed with the institution's Registrars' office prior to the first day of registration for a term.

1. On approval of the president or designee of the teaching institution and with the concurrence of the employee's immediate supervisor, the staff fee is available to employees appointed at half-time (.5 FTE) or more (not including temporary classified employees or other student employees).
2. To qualify for this fee, the staff member must meet the criteria no later than the first day of classes of the term of enrollment. The maximum number of credits to which the staff fee may be applied is 12 credits per quarter or per semester. See exception for retired employees and employees on leave, University Policy AAD.044 (580-022).
3. Employees enrolled for more than 12 credits in one term will pay for each additional credit at the campus designated per credit tuition rate applicable to resident undergraduate or graduate students, depending upon the employee's degree status.
4. For purposes of this rule, the term "employee" may include persons with full-time courtesy appointments who provide a benefit to the institution in the form of teaching, research, or counseling, under the direction of the institution and using the facilities of the institution.
5. Retired employees and employees on leave are eligible for staff fee privileges. Subject to the approval of the president or designee of the teaching institution, the maximum credit limitation may be waived for retired employees and for employees on leave. See exception under Senior Citizen Tuition.
6. Employees who use the staff fee for courses away from their home institution are subject to staff fee policies and procedures of the instructing institution. *There is no fee plateau at any campus for employees, family and dependents, or retired staff.*
7. Employees may be permitted to take *noncredit* courses at *one-third* of the fee assessed to other registrants. Teaching units are not required to extend staff fees for noncredit courses, self-sustaining workshops, or self-support credit courses.
8. Employees on furlough or lay-off status may be eligible for staff fees in accordance with provisions of a collective bargaining agreement.
9. No tuition shall be assessed to courses enrolled in by employees with a grading option of 'audit.' Attendance under such condition must be with the instructor's consent and on a space-available basis. Institutions are required to maintain a record of the courses audited. Courses approved for audit by the instructor confer no credit to the student, are not charged staff fee rates or regular tuition, and may be

used in addition to staff fee privileges during a term. However, any applicable course, lab or material fees associated with auditing for-credit classes will be assessed by the institution and is the responsibility of the employee. This provision cannot be subdivided in conjunction with the Employee Family Member and Domestic Partner Transfer provisions.

10. The benefit may be used at any Oregon public university listed in ORS 352.002.

*Administrative Authority:* University Policy AAD.044 (580-022)

### ***Reduced Tuition Benefit for Family Members and Domestic Partners of Employees***

To improve the recruitment and retention of high-quality faculty and staff at Oregon's public universities, the staff fee policy is extended to qualified family members, eligible dependents, as well as domestic partners and their eligible dependents on a limited basis.

The academic term rate for family members is 30% of resident undergraduate tuition assessed at the teaching institution, rounded to the nearest dollar. For campuses where an undergraduate differential tuition structure is in effect, the staff fee rate will be charged at the "regular" (not differential) resident undergraduate tuition rate for both undergraduate and graduate student employees.

Qualified family members including spouse, domestic partners, and dependents receiving the transferred benefit are responsible for all mandatory enrollment fees such as Building, Health, Recreation, Student Union, Incidental, Matriculation, and Other fees (Laboratory/Course Fees, Late fees, and Registration fees), if applicable. Breakage and/or other mandatory application deposits are required of the participating family member to register for classes.

Staff fees are not applicable to certain courses. For a complete reference list of excluded programs, please go to <https://inside.sou.edu/hrs/staff-tuition.html>. Excluded programs are determined at the discretion of the institution's president and the notice of exclusion must be filed with the institution's Registrars' office prior to the first day of registration for a term.

1. The staff fee provisions may be transferred to a qualified family member or domestic partner of employees appointed at half-time (.5 FTE) or more (not including temporary classified employees, graduate assistants, or other student employees). Employee eligibility is verified through Human Resource System records. To qualify for this fee, the family member, domestic partner, or eligible dependent must meet the criteria no later than two weeks prior to the first day of classes of the term of enrollment.
2. For purposes of this policy, the eligible family members include spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, and dependent children of domestic partners in accordance with IRS Code 152 and Section One of the Public Employees Benefit Board. If requested to do so, the employee is expected to verify family member or domestic partner eligibility by providing documented proof such as a tax return from the prior year.
3. The maximum number of transferrable credits is 12 credits per quarter or per semester. Only one staff member, spouse, domestic partner, or dependent may use the staff fee benefit per term or semester. The benefit may not be subdivided among family members during a term.
4. The qualified family member or domestic partner enrolled for more than 12 credits in one term must pay for *additional credits* at the per credit tuition rate applicable to resident undergraduate or graduate students, depending upon the family member's or domestic partner's degree status. All applicable credits will be charged at the relevant resident tuition rate.
5. The President of a public university may exclude certain programs from the policy. For a comprehensive list of excluded programs, please visit the website listed above.

6. The transfer of staff fee benefits is not available for retired employees.
7. Qualified family members or domestic partners of employees who use the staff fee for courses away from the employee's employing institution are subject to staff fee policies and procedures of the instructing institution. *There is no fee plateau at any campus for employees, retired staff, domestic partners, or eligible dependents.*
8. Qualified family members or domestic partners of employees may be permitted to take noncredit courses at approximately one-third of the fee assessed to other registrants. Teaching units are not required to extend staff fees for noncredit courses, self-sustaining workshops, or self-supported credit courses.
9. Eligibility of employees on furlough or lay-off status is subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements.
10. No tuition shall be assessed to courses enrolled in by employees with a grading option of 'audit.' Attendance under such condition must be with the instructor's consent and on a space-available basis. Institutions are required to maintain a record of the courses audited. Courses approved for audit by the instructor confer no credit to the student, are not charged staff fee rates or regular tuition, and may be used in addition to staff fee privileges during a term. Any applicable course, lab or material fees associated with auditing for-credit classes will be assessed by the institution and is the responsibility of the family member. This provision cannot be subdivided in conjunction with the Employee Family Member and Domestic Partner Transfer provisions.
11. The benefit may be utilized at any public university in Oregon, however; please note the *Concurrent Enrollment policy was eliminated January 1, 2004.*

*Administrative Authority:* University Policy AAD.044 (580-022)

### ***Graduate Assistants***

Graduate students appointed by the institution and paid at established institutional salary rates, as graduate teaching assistants, graduate research assistants, or graduate fellows are exempt from the payment of Tuition up to the first 16 credits per term subject to institutional policy. Appointment as an assistant may not be for less than .15 FTE for the term of appointment.

Tuition will be assessed to the employing account or department within the institution, not to exceed the graduate resident, full-time student Tuition per term. When an assistant is authorized to exceed 16 credits per term, the institution shall charge the assistant the resident overload Tuition for the excess credits. The enrollment privilege does not apply to Continuing Education courses.

If an assistant has been on an academic year appointment, serving in that appointment SPRING term, and the institution intends to reappoint the assistant in the following WINTER & SPRING TERMS, the assistant may exercise the study privilege during the interim summer term upon approval.

Graduate assistants are assessed and are individually responsible for payment of the Building, Health, Incidental, Recreation Center, Student Union, and other mandatory fees as approved for the institution and program in which they are enrolled at the credit hour level carried, and at rates applicable to graduate students. Overload Tuition is assessed at the resident graduate student Tuition rate for each overload hour.

*Administrative Authority:* University Policy AAD.044 (580-022)

### ***Resident Oregon Senior Citizen Program***

The Senior Citizen Program is designed for persons not seeking credit or working toward a degree. If credit is sought, charges for special materials or fees, if any, will be assessed according to applicable tuition



schedules and records will be maintained. Self-support classes are excluded from this benefit and Incidental Fee services are not available. Oregon resident senior citizens, age 65 or older, may attend classes on a space-available basis.

*Statutory Authority: ORS 351.658 Waiver of tuition for Oregon residents at least 65; conditions for waiver; rules*

### **Auditors**

Students enrolled in a combination of credit and audit courses or audit only will be assessed for the total credits under the credit tuition and fee schedule appropriate to their classification and residency.

### **University/School Partnership Co-Pay Program**

School districts having contracts with a public university to supervise educator professionals preparing for Oregon licensure may exercise these provisions.

#### Earning the Co-Pay

For each permissible activity provided under contract with a cooperating district (see 'a' and 'b' below), a district earns a co-pay privilege to register any district employee at the public university co-pay fee rate. The rate should be one-third of the tuition charged for the course.

Institutions with current contractual obligations may elect to defer compliance of the rate until expiration of the existing contract.

A "co-pay privilege" allows one individual to register for up to 8 quarter credit hours in the term it is used. The total reduced fee credits awarded for practica and student teaching may not exceed 11 in a year, per each university student provided services by the district.

- a. Supervised full-time student teaching: Co-pay privileges of 5 credit hours may be awarded for supervision of the final full-time student teaching per quarter. Student teaching is the culminating, full-time supervised teaching experience provided for students completing a program approved by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, leading to Initial Licensure in one or more of four authorizations: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, and High School; and specialty endorsements.
- b. Experiential preparatory practica or part-time student teaching: Co-pay privileges of 3 credit hours may be awarded for supervision of students in experiential preparatory practica or part-time student teaching per academic quarter. These are practica assigned to or required of the student prior to or concurrent with student teaching and block practica and/or other miscellaneous practica offered by colleges and divisions of education for students completing a program approved by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, leading to Initial Licensure in one or more of four authorizations: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, and High School; and specialty endorsements.

#### Redeeming Reduced Fee Credits

Earned co-pay privileges must be used within five successive academic quarters (including summer session) following the quarter in which the supervision is provided, after which time the co-pay privilege is void.

- a. The co-pay fee is applicable only up to 8 credit hours in any academic quarter, including summer

session, even though the district may have earned two or more enrollment privileges. Unused portions of an enrollment privilege may not be carried to another term or used by another teacher.

- b. A co-pay privilege may be used during any academic term (including summer session) at the issuing institution, which has a teacher preparation program. Institutions may enter into “partnerships of trade” with any sister institution if they are willing to accept vouchers from other institutions.
- c. Each institution may set limits on courses available for those redeeming vouchers/co-pays (for example, courses in summer session, distance education, continuing licensure, continuing/extended education). Each institution will indicate on the voucher the existence of restrictions.
- d. Institutions with current contractual obligations may elect to defer compliance of the rate until the expiration of the existing contract.

### Other Provisions

- a. If the district employee using a co-pay privilege registers for 8 hours or fewer and desires the in-residence services provided by the Health Service and Incidental Fee, the district employee may elect those services by paying the appropriate fee for the number of hours enrolled. If the district employee using the co-pay privilege registers for more than 8 credit hours, the first 8 hours may be taken at the institution’s co-pay rate. Hours in excess of 8 shall be at the appropriate credit hour rate (graduate or undergraduate, resident or nonresident) and the institution shall charge all Enrollment Fees applicable to the total number of hours for which the district employee is registering.
- b. Each institution may, at its discretion, extend to the eligible district licensed educator professional other privileges such as use of the institution library, access to campus parking, and admission to campus events at faculty and staff rates, provided that such extended privileges do not exceed the benefits made available to the faculty and staff of the institution

### **Other Remission Programs**

Institutions may create individual institution fee remission programs to address enrollment management and financial aid program needs. The institution will report to the Board on the creation of each program following guidelines approved by the Board.

*Awards:* Awards may vary in amount but cannot exceed the total nonresident undergraduate or graduate Enrollment Fees (Tuition, Building, Incidental, and Health Service Fees). Housing remission awards cannot exceed the total housing fee.

## **Fee Policies Specific to Summer Session**

- 1. Tuition rates may be assessed based on undergraduate and graduate course designation or student classification.
- 2. Course level designations are generally defined as follows:
  - a. Course numbers assigned 499 and below are assigned undergraduate fee rates.
  - b. Course numbers assigned 500 and higher are assigned graduate fee rates.

3. Tuition may be assessed on a per-credit hour basis or aligned to the preceding academic year structure.
5. Staff, qualifying family/dependents, and graduate assistant fee privileges may be authorized during the Summer Session at the option of the institution. If authorized, fees and study privileges shall conform to policies set forth in this Fee Book. Staff members or qualifying family/dependents who seek to use the staff fee privilege for courses away from their home institution are subject to corresponding fee policies of the instructing institution.
6. Cooperating supervisors of Student Educator Professionals will be allowed to exercise contract provisions in accordance with policies set forth for the 2021-22 Academic Year. The program title has changed to the University/School Partnership Co-Pay Program.
7. Fees may be assessed during Summer Session under policies set forth for 2021-22 Academic Year.
8. The Building Fee is assessed at the applicable Summer Term rate per student as a mandatory charge to all students attending Summer Session classes, on-campus.
9. The Incidental Fee is based on recommendations and incidental fee guidelines of each institution. Summer fee rates cannot exceed the per-term amount charged during the previous academic year. Institutions may choose to extend incidental fee services to students not enrolled for Summer Session, under the following conditions:
  - a. A student had been enrolled in the prior academic year term and is expected to enroll in the subsequent academic year term; and
  - b. The student pays the Summer Session Incidental Fee.
11. The Health Service Fee is authorized by the Board based on institutional recommendations for the level of service to be provided during the summer. Summer fee rates cannot exceed the per term amount charged during the prior academic year. Institutions may choose to extend health services to students not enrolled for Summer Session, under the following conditions:
  - a. A student had been enrolled in the prior academic year term and is expected to enroll in the subsequent academic year term; and
  - b. The student pays the Summer Session Health Services Fee.
12. Off-campus tuition rates may be established by each institution for summer courses taught outside the campus boundaries. Mandatory fees are generally excluded from off-campus tuition rates but may be assessed when the course enrollment includes the opportunity for participation in services provided by such fees.

Special on-campus tuition rates may be established by the institution for specific short-term, on-campus instructional activities including workshops, seminars, conferences, and short courses. These activities require payment of the Building Fee. Other Mandatory Fees are assessed only if students may participate in the services provided by such fees.
13. A student enrolled in a combination of credit and audit courses will be assessed for the total hours under the tuition and fee schedule appropriate to that individual's course or student level. If enrolled for audit courses only, the student will pay the same required fees as assessed for similar hours of for-credit classes.
14. The summer refund policy for course load reduction or withdrawal may follow the rule adopted in the preceding academic year fee book or a rule adopted by the institution. The intent of this option is to provide an opportunity for institutions to apply policies better suited to management of summer programs.

# Refunds, Waivers, and Accounts Receivable Policies

## ***Refund Policies***

Refund policies for course load reduction or withdrawal are separately developed by each campus and adopted under institution fees and charges procedures. Refunds may be granted to students in accordance with the refund schedule on file with the Registrars or Business Office. This schedule shall be prepared annually.

### ***Military Duty Refund Policy***

Any student with orders to report for active military duty may withdraw at any time during the term and receive a full refund. If sufficient course work has been accomplished and the instructor feels justified in granting credit for the course work completed, credit may be granted and no refund will be given.

## ***Waiver of Certain Student Fees***

Certain student fee charges may be waived when regulations of federal agencies or contract agreements preclude the assessment of those fees. Please contact the institution's Business Office to determine which fee charges are eligible, if any, for this waiver.

## ***Institution Authority to Adjust Charges***

Authorized institution officials may make tuition refunds and waive fines or charges that result from circumstances beyond the student's control or are for the best interest of the institution.

## ***Revolving Charge Accounts Policy***

Institutions offering extended payment terms utilizing a revolving charge account method adopt rules creating the Revolving Charge Account Plan, and describe the terms and conditions applicable to the Plan.

Transactions covered by the Plan may include (by way of description and not limitation) tuition, fees, housing charges and other obligations primarily involving students; facilities rentals, lease agreements, program user charges and other transactions with non-students; and fines and penalties, incurred by anyone.

If adopted, institutional rules shall:

- 1) Describe the interest to be charged, as well as service charges, collection and other fees and costs, if any, and penalties that would apply should an account become delinquent;
- 2) Provide for an agreement to be signed by the obligor, the form of which shall be approved by the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; the institution shall use its best efforts to have the agreement signed, except for debts arising from fines, penalties and the like; and
- 3) Provide that tuition and fees incurred in any given term are paid in full prior to enrollment in any subsequent term.

*Administrative Authority: University Policy FAD.047 (580-040)*

## ***Interest on Overdue Accounts***

*Section 1:* Institutions may, pursuant to an institutionally adopted rule, charge nine percent interest on all liquidated debts that are past due. A liquidated debt is one in which the amount owed is certain, e.g., a standard fee or a debt based on a promissory note.

*Section 2:* Where the institution so provides by administrative rule and a contract or note signed by the obligor so specifies, the institute may charge not more than 12 percent interest on the obligation evidenced by the signed note or contract.

Institutions may not charge interest under both Sections 1 and 2, above, simultaneously on a single obligation; in no event shall the institution charge more than 12 percent interest.

Institution rules may provide for interest charges to begin immediately following the date on which a debt becomes overdue or after a specified waiting period.

## **Differential Tuition Overview and Approved Programs**

Differential tuition will be allowed in certain programs as approved by the Board. Programs may request Board approval for differential tuition at either the undergraduate or the graduate level subject to the following:

1. An institution considering differential tuition must develop a proposal for Board consideration addressing the following criteria:
  - a. Quality of the student experience:
    - i. The proposal should address how differential tuition will substantially increase the quality of the learning experience for students and provide the basis for later opportunities that would not be possible without the differential revenues.
  - b. Access, affordability and student choice of undergraduate major:
    - i. The proposal for differential tuition for undergraduate programs must include a financial aid plan with a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the differential tuition set aside for need-based aid to be awarded to needy students enrolled in the program. The plan shall also include a college advising process that enables the student to anticipate future cost increases and (if necessary) seek additional aid to cover the differential amount over base tuition.
  - c. Cost of Instruction:
    - i. The differential tuition proposal must include a clear justification related to the variance in program cost, program demand, and program graduate earnings potential compared to the funds that would be provided through base tuition.
  - d. Market Pricing:
    - i. There should be evidence that the differential tuition proposed is comparable to the student cost for similar programs at peer institutions such that the university is not placed at a competitive disadvantage in attracting the best students and that the differential tuition is appropriate to the national market. The proposal should address the elasticity of demand in its justification.
  - e. Student Consultation and Support:
    - i. All differential tuition plans must show evidence of extensive and thorough consultation with students who will be affected, both via student representative groups and via organized opinion gathering among the students that would be charged the differential.

Increases to established differential tuition rates are not required to comply with the complete process outlined above for the proposal of new differential rates. However, rate increases that exceed the proposed increase for the institution's corresponding base rate by 2 or more percentage points will need to be supported and should address many of the same criterion listed above though not to the same degree as required for a new proposal. For undergraduate differentials, the discussion of the student consultation element must be included in submitted documentation. For example, the proposed increase for the undergraduate resident base rate is 3.5%. If the proposed increase for an undergraduate differential rate was 5.5%, additional supporting documentation would be required. For graduate programs, there may be situations where a comparable base

rate is not available. For example, an institution's graduate program rates may be separately established by program within each college or school. In those cases, proposed rate increases may be supported by an analysis of peer rates and changes in quality of student experience and cost of instruction.

### **Approved Differential Tuition Programs**

- a. Honors College – all admitted Honors College undergraduate students will pay an additional \$25.00 per Honors College Credit above their base tuition rate. This will be used to partially fund extracurricular and enhanced academic events unique to the SOU Honors College.
- b. Arts – all visual and performing arts undergraduate courses identified in the Oregon Center for the Arts at Southern Oregon University will be charged an additional \$10.00 per student credit hour. This is in lieu of course fees previously associated with these courses. The intent was to smooth out the impact of course fees that could swing significantly from term to term, depending on the unique course enrollment of each student. All students will be assessed at the higher differential tuition rate, regardless of their status as a student at SOU.
- c. Military Science – students enrolled in Military Science courses, with or without participation in ROTC, will be charged an additional \$10.00 per student credit hour. This is in lieu of course fees previously associated with these courses to support programmatic elements that are no longer funded by ROTC through course fee assessments.
- d. Music Graduate – nonresident students enrolled in SOU's Music Graduate program can be eligible to receive this differential tuition rate that is equal to the resident graduate tuition rate. Selected nonresident graduate students will be identified by the Director for the Oregon Center for the Arts at Southern Oregon University
- e. Master's in Education – students enrolled in a Masters of Education with the identified subject codes will receive a reduced tuition rate, below SOU's resident Graduate tuition rate, regardless of residency determination See page 31.
  - All GR courses with the following subject codes: ED; LEAD; SPED; MAT; READ

## Tuition Rates for Online and Managed Partner Programs

**Online Degree Completion programs are not the same as 'remote delivery' of face-to-face (synchronous) courses and are typically delivered asynchronously on the student's own schedule.**

- a. Online Degree Completion, Undergraduate – students taking courses in an online undergraduate program that is offered 100% online will pay the undergraduate tuition rate per their residency determination. They will also pay an Online Delivery Fee as identified in the special fee listing - currently \$65 per credit. Students taking any online undergraduate course will be charged the Online Delivery Fee, and have all mandatory fees waived for those online credits only. \*See note below for legacy online students
- b. Online Degree Completion, Graduate – students taking courses in an online graduate program that is offered 100% online will pay the resident graduate tuition rate per their residency determination. They will also pay an Online Delivery Fee as identified in the special fee listing - currently \$65 per credit. Students taking any online graduate course will be charged the Online Delivery Fee, and have all mandatory fees waived for those online credits only. \*See note below for legacy online students

**Managed Partner Programs have tuition rate agreements in place distinctive from all other tuition rates.**

- c. Online Masters in Business Administration – students enrolled in SOU's online Masters of Business Administration will pay the rate defined by the program and approved by the Board of Trustees, except that the Online Delivery Fee will be waived.
- d. Online Masters in Education - students enrolled in SOU's online Masters of Education will pay the rate defined by the program and approved by the Board of Trustees, except that the Online Delivery Fee will be waived.
- e. Jackson and Josephine County Pledge – students enrolled in the Jack/Jo pledge program must meet specific requirements for eligibility in this program. The tuition rate will approximate that of Rogue Community College. Additionally, students who remain in the program should be able to graduate from SOU in three years, thereby significantly reducing the cost of their education.
- f. American Samoa – undergraduate students enrolling from American Samoa will receive the American Samoa undergraduate tuition rate, which will be 150% of the resident undergraduate rate – equal to the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) tuition rate.
- g. Supplemental Exchange Students – undergraduate students coming from any of SOU's International Exchange Partnership universities, but not as part of the direct exchange allocations set forth in the agreements, will be charged the Supplemental Exchange Student tuition rate, which will be 175% of the resident undergraduate rate.

\*Online students who started prior to Fall 2020: If you started a program of study via online courses prior to Fall 2020, your rate is equal to the current prevailing resident rate plus the online delivery fee regardless of your residency. This will apply until you transfer, separate, or graduate from the university.

# Student Shared Governance Protocols

## Guidelines

### I. PURPOSE

Southern Oregon University hereby endorses the concept and philosophy of shared governance between the institution and students of the institution. The following policy statement provides a framework and principles to guide each campus' enactment of a campus-specific policy that sets forth the application of this principle to that campus' governance structure.

### II. OBJECTIVES

- To recognize the value and importance of assuring students a voice in the educational process, particularly with respect to student life, services, and interests.
- To recognize students' rights to organize themselves and to select and recommend student representatives to a university governance structure.
- To encourage and facilitate student involvement in university decision-making.

### III. PRINCIPLES

- A. Ultimate authority for the welfare of SOU resides with the universities Governing Board. The Board has delegated (and may further delegate) aspects of that authority to the President to assure efficient management of the institution.
- B. Many aspects of shared governance with the faculties of SOU have a long and successful history.
- C. The intent of the current policy is to recognize the value of shared governance with the students of SOU.
- D. It is the intent of this policy to establish an institutional level of support for student shared governance. It shall be the responsibility of SOU to identify the particular areas best suited for the application of this concept at the respective institution. Accordingly, students shall have the opportunity to participate, appropriate to their special knowledge and perspective, in decisions that relate to, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Academic grading policies
  - 2. Academic disciplinary policies
  - 3. Academic courses or programs to be initiated or discontinued
  - 4. Codes of student conduct
  - 5. Curriculum development
  - 6. Institutional planning
  - 7. Selection and appointment of student services administrators
  - 8. Tuition, fees, room and board rates
  - 9. University mission and vision

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. SOU shall develop written procedures to incorporate the principles of this Board policy.
- B. In developing the institutional procedures referenced above, each institution shall ensure appropriate input from and collaboration with the respective officially recognized student government association for that campus. For purposes of the report on student-shared governance, the respective recognized student government association shall be regarded as the appropriate liaison for student input.



- C. The president is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the principles of shared governance with students are incorporated, where appropriate, throughout the university.

### **Student Involvement in Development of Proposed Tuition Rates**

In June 2012, the Oregon State Legislature passed Senate Bill 242 (ORS 351.011), which effectively removed the Oregon University system from state agency status and established the OUS as a public university system. SB 242 also included stipulations that required the Board to establish a process that incorporated student participation in tuition-setting (ORS 351.063). In response to the requirements of SB 242, the Board of Higher Education approved the following Oregon Administrative Rule on March 2, 2012. HB 4141 further defined a set of criteria for universities to follow.

The Tuition Advisory Council (TAC) is Southern Oregon University's official advisory group charged with reviewing and recommending tuition and fee proposals each year. The Council's official charter, annual meetings and associated data can be viewed on the internet at this permanent web address: <https://sou.edu/president/tuition-advisory-council/>

# TUITION AND FEE CALCULATION

The Tuition & Fee Schedules by Institution included in this document provide detailed information regarding both Tuition and Fee rates on a per term basis.

As discussed in the section on Differential Tuition, several campuses have separate tuition rates (differential rates) high-cost/high demand programs. These tuition rates are provided in separate tables under the Differential Tuition section for each university.

## Calculating Tuition & Fees

To appropriately calculate total Tuition and Fees, the mandatory fee rates must be added to the appropriate base or programmatic tuition amount based on the number of intended credit hours.

For example, a student classified as a resident undergraduate with a non-declared major attending Southern Oregon University and planning to take 15 credit hours for the term would calculate total tuition and fees charges as follows:

Source	Table Cell Location	Amount
SOU Undergraduate Base Tuition Table	Resident 15 credit hours	\$3,015.00
SOU Mandatory Fees	Undergraduate - Total Fees - 15 credit hours	\$707.00
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees - per term</b>		<b>\$3,722.00</b>

However, tuition and fees for a student enrolled in a program with a Differential tuition rate, such as Southern Oregon University's Performing Arts Program, would be calculated by first locating the correct tuition rate from the applicable differential table and then adding the applicable mandatory fees. For example, a resident SOU, undergraduate student in the Performing Arts undergraduate program enrolling for 15 credit hours would calculate tuition and fee charges as follows:

Source	Table Cell Location	Amount
SOU Performing Arts Undergraduate Differential Tuition Table	Resident 15 credit hours	\$3,165.00
SOU Mandatory Fees	Undergraduate - Total Fees - 15 credit hours	\$707.00
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees - per term</b>		<b>\$3,872.00</b>

*Please note that the fees included in the tables in this document are mandatory fees that all campus students are required to pay. Programs may charge additional fees for specific courses (lab fees, etc.) and campus services (parking, etc.)*

## SOU TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULES

**Note:** After July 1, 2021, the rates listed here are subject to change by the Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees under ORS 352.102. For up to date information, see [sou.edu/enrollment/tuitionandfees](http://sou.edu/enrollment/tuitionandfees).

### Academic Year 2021-22

#### Base Tuition Rates

Per Credit/Per Term

Data in this table represents Tuition Costs only and does not include Mandatory Fees. The Mandatory Fee information can be found in the Mandatory Fee Tables on page 31. Instructions for calculating total tuition and fees are available beginning on page 29.

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#### Academic Year 2021-22 Base Rates

Credits	Resident		Non-Resident		WUE
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate
1	201.00	505.00	597.00	610.00	301.50
2	402.00	1,010.00	1,194.00	1,220.00	603.00
3	603.00	1,515.00	1,791.00	1,830.00	904.50
4	804.00	2,020.00	2,388.00	2,440.00	1,206.00
5	1,005.00	2,525.00	2,985.00	3,050.00	1,507.50
6	1,206.00	3,030.00	3,582.00	3,660.00	1,809.00
7	1,407.00	3,535.00	4,179.00	4,270.00	2,110.50
8	1,608.00	4,040.00	4,776.00	4,880.00	2,412.00
9	1,809.00	4,545.00	5,373.00	5,490.00	2,713.50
10	2,010.00	5,050.00	5,970.00	6,100.00	3,015.00
11	2,211.00	5,555.00	6,567.00	6,710.00	3,316.50
12	2,412.00	6,060.00	7,164.00	7,320.00	3,618.00
13	2,613.00	6,565.00	7,761.00	7,930.00	3,919.50
14	2,814.00	7,070.00	8,358.00	8,540.00	4,221.00
15	3,015.00	7,575.00	8,955.00	9,150.00	4,522.50
16	3,216.00	8,080.00	9,552.00	9,760.00	4,824.00
17	3,417.00	8,585.00	10,149.00	10,370.00	5,125.50
18	3,618.00	9,090.00	10,746.00	10,980.00	5,427.00
Each Add'l Credit	201.00	505.00	597.00	610.00	301.50

**Endnotes:**

- (1) A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$300 is assessed to all new and transfer students for admissions, advising, orientation, and academic support services.
- (2) Tuition for all online courses is at the Online Degree Completion Rate respective of the student's residency status, either Undergraduate or Graduate.
- (3) Students will pay mandatory fees based on the number of on-campus credit hours.

**2021-22 Academic Year**

**Mandatory Enrollment and Incidental Fees**

**Per Credit/Per Term**

*The mandatory fees included in the following schedule are applicable to all SOU students and should be added to the applicable tuition charges (based on class-level and total credits) to determine total tuition and fees. In addition, programs may charge additional fees for specific courses (lab fees, etc.) and campus services (parking, etc.). Students taking online only programs are not subject to mandatory fees.*

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**Academic Year 2021-22 Mandatory Enrollment and Incidental Fees**

Credits	Building		Incidental - Base		Incidental - Green Tag <sup>1</sup>	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
1	32.50	32.50	335.00	335.00	13.00	13.00
2	35.00	35.00	350.00	350.00	13.00	13.00
3	37.50	37.50	365.00	365.00	13.00	13.00
4	40.00	40.00	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
5	42.50	42.50	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
6	45.00	45.00	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
7	47.50	47.50	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
8	50.00	50.00	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
9	52.50	52.50	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
10	55.00	55.00	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
11	57.50	57.50	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
12 or more	60.00	60.00	380.00	380.00	13.00	13.00
Credits	Health Service <sup>2</sup>		Student Rec Center		Total Fees	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
1	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	484.50	484.50
2	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	502.00	502.00
3	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	519.50	519.50
4	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	687.00	687.00
5	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	689.50	689.50
6	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	692.00	692.00
7	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	694.50	694.50
8	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	697.00	697.00
9	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	699.50	699.50
10	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	702.00	702.00
11	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	704.50	704.50
12 or more	150.00	150.00	104.00	104.00	707.00	707.00

**Endnotes:**

(1) The Incidental Fee is one fee. The Green Tag is an element of that fee which is funded first, regardless of the total rate a student pays for the Incidental Fee. The Incidental fee is the sum of these, \$372.

(2) Qualified tuition and fees do not include student health insurance fees for Tax Relief Act Reporting.

(3) A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$300 is assessed to all new and transfer students for admissions, advising, orientation, academic support services, and housing application

**2021-22 Academic Year**

**Differential Tuition Rates—Undergraduate & Graduate**  
Per Credit/Per Term

Data in this table represents Tuition Costs only and does not include Mandatory Fees. The Mandatory Fee information can be found in the Mandatory Fee tables on page 31. Instructions for calculating total tuition and fees are available beginning on page 29.

**Undergraduate programs include: Honors College, Performing Arts, and Military Science**

**Graduate programs include: Music & Master in Education**

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**Academic Year & Summer 2021-22 Undergraduate and Graduate Differential Tuition Rates**

Credits	Honors College		Performing Arts		Military Science	Music	Master in Education
	<u>Undergraduate</u>		<u>Undergraduate</u>		<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Any Residency	Any Residency	Any Residency
1	226.00	622.00	211.00	607.00	211.00	505.00	433.00
2	452.00	1,244.00	422.00	1,214.00	422.00	1,010.00	866.00
3	678.00	1,866.00	633.00	1,821.00	633.00	1,515.00	1,299.00
4	904.00	2,488.00	844.00	2,428.00	844.00	2,020.00	1,732.00
5	1,130.00	3,110.00	1,055.00	3,035.00	1,055.00	2,525.00	2,165.00
6	1,356.00	3,732.00	1,266.00	3,642.00	1,266.00	3,030.00	2,598.00
7	1,582.00	4,354.00	1,477.00	4,249.00	1,477.00	3,535.00	3,031.00
8	1,808.00	4,976.00	1,688.00	4,856.00	1,688.00	4,040.00	3,464.00
9	2,034.00	5,598.00	1,899.00	5,463.00	1,899.00	4,545.00	3,897.00
10	2,260.00	6,220.00	2,110.00	6,070.00	2,110.00	5,050.00	4,330.00
11	2,486.00	6,842.00	2,321.00	6,677.00	2,321.00	5,555.00	4,763.00
12	2,712.00	7,464.00	2,532.00	7,284.00	2,532.00	6,060.00	5,196.00
13	2,938.00	8,086.00	2,743.00	7,891.00	2,743.00	6,565.00	5,629.00
14	3,164.00	8,708.00	2,954.00	8,498.00	2,954.00	7,070.00	6,062.00
15	3,390.00	9,330.00	3,165.00	9,105.00	3,165.00	7,575.00	6,495.00
16	3,616.00	9,952.00	3,376.00	9,712.00	3,376.00	8,080.00	6,928.00
17	3,842.00	10,574.00	3,587.00	10,319.00	3,587.00	8,585.00	7,361.00
18	4,068.00	11,196.00	3,798.00	10,926.00	3,798.00	9,090.00	7,794.00
Each Add'l Credit Hour	226.00	622.00	211.00	607.00	211.00	505.00	597.00

**Endnotes:**

- (1) A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$300 is assessed to all new and transfer students for admissions, advising, orientation, and academic support services.
- (2) Tuition for all online courses is at the Online Degree Completion Rate respective of the student's residency status, either Undergraduate or Graduate.
- (3) Students will pay mandatory fees based on the number of on-campus credit hours.

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**Tuition Rates for Online and Managed Partner Programs  
Per Credit/Per Term**

Data in this table represents Tuition Costs only and does not include Mandatory Fees. The Mandatory Fee information can be found in the Mandatory Fee Tables on page 31. Instructions for calculating total tuition and fees are available beginning on page 29.

**Online programs: Undergraduate/Graduate Online Degree Completion**

**Managed Partner Programs:**

**Graduate (red) - Online Masters in Education, Online Master in Business Administration**

**Undergraduate (blue) - Supplemental Exchange, American Samoa, and Jackson/Josephine Pledge**

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NOTE: Use for both AY & Summer Schedules

Academic Year & Summer 2019-20 Undergraduate and Graduate Online Tuition Rates

with Graduate Online Master in Education and Online Master In Business Administration program rates

Credits	Online Degree Completion <sup>4</sup>		Online Degree Completion <sup>4</sup>		Online Masters of Science In Education		Online Masters In Business Administration		Supplemental Exchange Students	American Samoa	Jack/Jo Pledge
	<i>Undergraduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>
	Standard	WUE & American Samoa	Standard	WUE & American Samoa	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Non-Resident	Non-Resident	Resident
1	201.00	301.50	505.00	757.50	369.00	369.00	430.00	430.00	351.75	301.50	150.00
2	402.00	603.00	1,010.00	1,515.00	738.00	738.00	860.00	860.00	703.50	603.00	300.00
3	603.00	904.50	1,515.00	2,272.50	1,107.00	1,107.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,055.25	904.50	450.00
4	804.00	1,206.00	2,020.00	3,030.00	1,476.00	1,476.00	1,720.00	1,720.00	1,407.00	1,206.00	600.00
5	1,005.00	1,507.50	2,525.00	3,787.50	1,845.00	1,845.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	1,758.75	1,507.50	750.00
6	1,206.00	1,809.00	3,030.00	4,545.00	2,214.00	2,214.00	2,580.00	2,580.00	2,110.50	1,809.00	900.00
7	1,407.00	2,110.50	3,535.00	5,302.50	2,583.00	2,583.00	3,010.00	3,010.00	2,462.25	2,110.50	1,050.00
8	1,608.00	2,412.00	4,040.00	6,060.00	2,952.00	2,952.00	3,440.00	3,440.00	2,814.00	2,412.00	1,200.00
9	1,809.00	2,713.50	4,545.00	6,817.50	3,321.00	3,321.00	3,870.00	3,870.00	3,165.75	2,713.50	1,350.00
10	2,010.00	3,015.00	5,050.00	7,575.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	3,517.50	3,015.00	1,500.00
11	2,211.00	3,316.50	5,555.00	8,332.50	4,059.00	4,059.00	4,730.00	4,730.00	3,869.25	3,316.50	1,650.00
12	2,412.00	3,618.00	6,060.00	9,090.00	4,428.00	4,428.00	5,160.00	5,160.00	4,221.00	3,618.00	1,800.00
13	2,613.00	3,919.50	6,565.00	9,847.50	4,797.00	4,797.00	5,590.00	5,590.00	4,572.75	3,919.50	1,950.00
14	2,814.00	4,221.00	7,070.00	10,605.00	5,166.00	5,166.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	4,924.50	4,221.00	2,100.00
15	3,015.00	4,522.50	7,575.00	11,362.50	5,535.00	5,535.00	6,450.00	6,450.00	5,276.25	4,522.50	2,250.00
16	3,216.00	4,824.00	8,080.00	12,120.00	5,904.00	5,904.00	6,880.00	6,880.00	5,628.00	4,824.00	2,400.00
17	3,417.00	5,125.50	8,585.00	12,877.50	6,273.00	6,273.00	7,310.00	7,310.00	5,979.75	5,125.50	2,550.00
18	3,618.00	5,427.00	9,090.00	13,635.00	6,642.00	6,642.00	7,740.00	7,740.00	6,331.50	5,427.00	2,700.00
Each Add'l Credit Hour	201.00	301.50	505.00	757.50	369.00	369.00	430.00	430.00	351.75	301.50	150.00

**Endnotes**

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- (2.1) Program defined tuition rates are assessed separately for the Online Master in Education and Online Master in Business Administration.
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## Summer 2022

### Summer Base Tuition Rates

Per Credit

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Credits	Resident		Non-Resident		WUE
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate
1	201.00	505.00	597.00	610.00	301.50
2	402.00	1,010.00	1,194.00	1,220.00	603.00
3	603.00	1,515.00	1,791.00	1,830.00	904.50
4	804.00	2,020.00	2,388.00	2,440.00	1,206.00
5	1,005.00	2,525.00	2,985.00	3,050.00	1,507.50
6	1,206.00	3,030.00	3,582.00	3,660.00	1,809.00
7	1,407.00	3,535.00	4,179.00	4,270.00	2,110.50
8	1,608.00	4,040.00	4,776.00	4,880.00	2,412.00
9	1,809.00	4,545.00	5,373.00	5,490.00	2,713.50
10	2,010.00	5,050.00	5,970.00	6,100.00	3,015.00
11	2,211.00	5,555.00	6,567.00	6,710.00	3,316.50
12	2,412.00	6,060.00	7,164.00	7,320.00	3,618.00
13	2,613.00	6,565.00	7,761.00	7,930.00	3,919.50
14	2,814.00	7,070.00	8,358.00	8,540.00	4,221.00
15	3,015.00	7,575.00	8,955.00	9,150.00	4,522.50
16	3,216.00	8,080.00	9,552.00	9,760.00	4,824.00
17	3,417.00	8,585.00	10,149.00	10,370.00	5,125.50
18	3,618.00	9,090.00	10,746.00	10,980.00	5,427.00
Each Add'l Credit	201.00	505.00	597.00	610.00	301.50

**Endnotes:**

- (1) A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$300 is assessed to all new and transfer students for admissions, advising, orientation, and academic support services.
- (2) Tuition for all online courses is at the Online Degree Completion Rate respective of the student's residency status, either Undergraduate or Graduate.
- (3) Students will pay mandatory fees based on the number of on-campus credit hours.

**Summer 2022**

**Summer Mandatory Fees**

**Per Credit**

The summer mandatory fees included in the following schedule are applicable to all SOU students and should be added to the applicable tuition charges (based on class-level and total credits) to determine total tuition and fees. In addition, programs may charge additional fees for specific courses (lab fees, etc.) and campus services (parking, etc.)

**Summer Mandatory Fees**

Credits	Building		Incidental - Base		Incidental - Green Tag <sup>2</sup>	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
1	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
2	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
3	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
4	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
5	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
6	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
7	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
8	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
9	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
10	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
11	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
12 or more	45.00	45.00	85.00	85.00	13.00	13.00
Credits	Health Service <sup>4</sup>		Student Rec Center		Total Fees	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
1	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	247.00	247.00
2	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	247.00	247.00
3	0.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	247.00	247.00
4	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
5	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
6	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
7	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
8	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
9	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
10	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
11	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00
12 or more	107.00	107.00	104.00	104.00	354.00	354.00

**Endnotes:**

(1) Qualified tuition and fees do not include student health insurance fees for Tax Relief Act Reporting

(2) The Incidental Fee is one fee. The Green Tag is an element of that fee which is funded first, regardless of the total rate a student pays for the Incidental Fee. The Incidental fee is the sum of these, \$98.

(3) A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$300 is assessed to all new and transfer students for admissions, advising, orientation, academic support services.

(4) Health Insurance policy is optional.



**Summer 2022**

**Summer Differential Tuition Rates—Undergraduate & Graduate  
Per Credit**

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**Undergraduate programs include: Honors College, Performing Arts, and Jackson/Josephine County Pledge, Supplemental Exchange Students & American Samoa**

**Graduate programs include: Music and Master in Education**

Credits	Honors College		Performing Arts		Military Science	Music	Master in Education
	<u>Undergraduate</u>		<u>Undergraduate</u>		<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Any Residency	Any Residency	Any Residency
1	221.00	605.00	206.00	590.00	206.00	491.00	421.00
2	442.00	1,210.00	412.00	1,180.00	412.00	982.00	842.00
3	663.00	1,815.00	618.00	1,770.00	618.00	1,473.00	1,263.00
4	884.00	2,420.00	824.00	2,360.00	824.00	1,964.00	1,684.00
5	1,105.00	3,025.00	1,030.00	2,950.00	1,030.00	2,455.00	2,105.00
6	1,326.00	3,630.00	1,236.00	3,540.00	1,236.00	2,946.00	2,526.00
7	1,547.00	4,235.00	1,442.00	4,130.00	1,442.00	3,437.00	2,947.00
8	1,768.00	4,840.00	1,648.00	4,720.00	1,648.00	3,928.00	3,368.00
9	1,989.00	5,445.00	1,854.00	5,310.00	1,854.00	4,419.00	3,789.00
10	2,210.00	6,050.00	2,060.00	5,900.00	2,060.00	4,910.00	4,210.00
11	2,431.00	6,655.00	2,266.00	6,490.00	2,266.00	5,401.00	4,631.00
12	2,652.00	7,260.00	2,472.00	7,080.00	2,472.00	5,892.00	5,052.00
13	2,873.00	7,865.00	2,678.00	7,670.00	2,678.00	6,383.00	5,473.00
14	3,094.00	8,470.00	2,884.00	8,260.00	2,884.00	6,874.00	5,894.00
15	3,315.00	9,075.00	3,090.00	8,850.00	3,090.00	7,365.00	6,315.00
16	3,536.00	9,680.00	3,296.00	9,440.00	3,296.00	7,856.00	6,736.00
17	3,757.00	10,285.00	3,502.00	10,030.00	3,502.00	8,347.00	7,157.00
18	3,978.00	10,890.00	3,708.00	10,620.00	3,708.00	8,838.00	7,578.00
Each Add'l Credit Hour	221.00	605.00	206.00	590.00	206.00	491.00	580.00

**Endnotes:**

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**Summer 2022**

**Summer Tuition Rates for Online and Managed Partner Programs  
Per Credit**

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**Online programs: Undergraduate/Graduate Online Degree Completion**

**Managed Partner Programs:**

**Graduate (red) - Online Masters in Education, Online Master in Business Administration**

**Undergraduate (blue) - Supplemental Exchange, American Samoa, and Jackson/Josephine Pledge**

Credits	Online Degree Completion <sup>4</sup>		Online Degree Completion <sup>4</sup>		Online Masters of Science In Education		Online Masters In Business Administration		Supplemental Exchange Students	American Samoa	Jack/Jo Pledge
	<i>Undergraduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Graduate</i>		<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>
	<i>Standard</i>	<i>American Samoa</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>American Samoa</i>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>	<i>Resident</i>
1	196.00	294.00	491.00	736.50	369.00	369.00	430.00	430.00	343.00	294.00	125.00
2	392.00	588.00	982.00	1,473.00	738.00	738.00	860.00	860.00	686.00	588.00	250.00
3	588.00	882.00	1,473.00	2,209.50	1,107.00	1,107.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,029.00	882.00	375.00
4	784.00	1,176.00	1,964.00	2,946.00	1,476.00	1,476.00	1,720.00	1,720.00	1,372.00	1,176.00	500.00
5	980.00	1,470.00	2,455.00	3,682.50	1,845.00	1,845.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	1,715.00	1,470.00	625.00
6	1,176.00	1,764.00	2,946.00	4,419.00	2,214.00	2,214.00	2,580.00	2,580.00	2,058.00	1,764.00	750.00
7	1,372.00	2,058.00	3,437.00	5,155.50	2,583.00	2,583.00	3,010.00	3,010.00	2,401.00	2,058.00	875.00
8	1,568.00	2,352.00	3,928.00	5,892.00	2,952.00	2,952.00	3,440.00	3,440.00	2,744.00	2,352.00	1,000.00
9	1,764.00	2,646.00	4,419.00	6,628.50	3,321.00	3,321.00	3,870.00	3,870.00	3,087.00	2,646.00	1,125.00
10	1,960.00	2,940.00	4,910.00	7,365.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	3,430.00	2,940.00	1,250.00
11	2,156.00	3,234.00	5,401.00	8,101.50	4,059.00	4,059.00	4,730.00	4,730.00	3,773.00	3,234.00	1,375.00
12	2,352.00	3,528.00	5,892.00	8,838.00	4,428.00	4,428.00	5,160.00	5,160.00	4,116.00	3,528.00	1,500.00
13	2,548.00	3,822.00	6,383.00	9,574.50	4,797.00	4,797.00	5,590.00	5,590.00	4,459.00	3,822.00	1,625.00
14	2,744.00	4,116.00	6,874.00	10,311.00	5,166.00	5,166.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	4,802.00	4,116.00	1,750.00
15	2,940.00	4,410.00	7,365.00	11,047.50	5,535.00	5,535.00	6,450.00	6,450.00	5,145.00	4,410.00	1,875.00
16	3,136.00	4,704.00	7,856.00	11,784.00	5,904.00	5,904.00	6,880.00	6,880.00	5,488.00	4,704.00	2,000.00
17	3,332.00	4,998.00	8,347.00	12,520.50	6,273.00	6,273.00	7,310.00	7,310.00	5,831.00	4,998.00	2,125.00
18	3,528.00	5,292.00	8,838.00	13,257.00	6,642.00	6,642.00	7,740.00	7,740.00	6,174.00	5,292.00	2,250.00
<i>Each Add'l Credit Hour</i>	<i>196.00</i>	<i>294.00</i>	<i>491.00</i>	<i>736.50</i>	<i>369.00</i>	<i>369.00</i>	<i>430.00</i>	<i>430.00</i>	<i>343.00</i>	<i>294.00</i>	<i>125.00</i>

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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS COMMON TO HIGHER EDUCATION

**Academic advisement:** Each admitted student is assigned to a faculty member or a trained adviser who helps the student create and implement a plan, via regularly scheduled meetings, to attain short- and long-term academic and vocational goals.

**Admitted student:** Applicant who is offered admission to a degree-granting program at an Oregon University institution.

**Applicant (first-time, first-year):** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

**Application fee:** That amount of money an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is *not* creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

**Application fee deferral:** The application fee for first-time freshmen or transfer students may be deferred for students who meet specific requirements.

**Articulation:** The process by which two or more institutions align courses and programs to ensure the smooth flow of students between campuses.

**Associate degree:** An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

**Bachelor's degree:** An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least four years to complete.

**Board rates (charges):** Cost for a predetermined number of meals per week: generally within a meal plan.

**Building fee:** A legislatively mandated fee, which is assessed at the same rate for all public universities, on a per term basis, to finance debt service for construction, associated with student centers, health centers, and recreational facilities.

**Calendar system:** The method by which an institution structures most of its courses for the academic year.

**Career counseling:** A range of services that may include: coordination of visits of employers to campus; aptitude and vocational testing; interest inventories; personal counseling; help in résumé writing, interviewing, launching the job search; listings for those students desiring employment and those seeking permanent positions; establishment of a permanent reference folder; and career resource materials.

**Class rank:** The relative numeric position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated based on grade point average, whether weighted or un-weighted.

**Continuous basis (for program enrollment):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year.

**Community college transfer student:** Within the Oregon University System, "transfer students" must have completed a minimum number of credits for acceptable college level work. The hours required vary among the Oregon Public University campuses.

**Credit:** A unit of recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Credit course:** A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Credit hour:** A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 10-week period within a quarter system. It is usually applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Deferred admission:** The practice of permitting admitted students to postpone enrollment for a specific period-of-time, for example one academic term or one academic year.

**Differential tuition:** Differential tuition is defined as additional tuition that is supplementary to the base tuition level approved annually by the SOU Board of Trustees. Differential tuition is intended to 1) offset higher than average instructional costs; or 2) provide supplemental resources to enhance program quality; or 3) reflect the market for programs with high demand. *Note: Amounts included in the differential tuition schedules in this document represent the sum of the base tuition and the applicable differential amount.*

**Degree:** An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

**Degree-seeking students:** Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award. At the undergraduate level, this is intended to include students enrolled in vocational or occupational programs.

**Delegation of authority:** The Oregon statutes which grant authority to the Board of Higher Education to set tuition and fee rates for Oregon University System institutions through an established rulemaking process.

**Distance education:** An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, Internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.

**Doctoral degree:** The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

**Double major:** Completion of two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.

**Fee remission:** The fee remission is a means by which a student's fees are assessed at the prescribed tuition rate and offset by funds from some other source.

**First-time student:** A student attending any institution for the first time. Includes students enrolled in the WINTER & SPRING TERMS who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

**First time, first-year (freshman) student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the WINTER & SPRING TERMS who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

**Freshman:** A first-year undergraduate student.

**Freshman/new student orientation:** Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length. There is commonly a fee associated with this program.

**Full-time student (Undergraduate):** A student enrolled for 12 or more quarter credit hours.

**Geographical residence (as an admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.

**Grade point average (GPA):** The sum of grade points a student has earned divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and zero points for an I, W, P, or F.

**Graduate assistant:** Qualified students who are participating in a post-baccalaureate program and who have been appointed by an institution to assist in teaching courses.

**Graduate student:** A student who holds a bachelor's or first professional degree, or equivalent, and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level.

**Health services:** Low cost, on-campus, health care available to all full-time admitted students as well as part-time students who choose to exercise this option.

**Health services fee:** This fee provides for each institution's student health services, which are operated similarly to self-supported auxiliary services.

**High school diploma or recognized equivalent:** A document certifying the successful completion of a prescribed secondary school program of studies, or the attainment of satisfactory scores on the Test of General Educational Development (GED), or another state specified examination.

**Home institution:** Institution to which the student is formally admitted and matriculated in a degree program, regardless of where the student is enrolled. In the case where the student is working toward degrees from two institutions within the Oregon public Universities at the same time, either institution may be considered the *home* institution.

**Honors program:** Any special program for accomplished students offering the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.

**Host institution:** Institution to which the student is taking coursework necessary to complete a degree program, which is unavailable at the home institution.

**Incidental fee:** This fee is assessed to provide support for student activities. Student committees make recommendations for the amount and use of the fee on each campus.

**In-state tuition:** See **Resident tuition**.

**International students:** See **Nonresident tuition**.

**Internship:** Any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student earns academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.

**Mandatory enrollment fees:** Fees that are assessed to all full and part-time students as listed in the Academic Year or Summer Session Fee Books. Fees in this category include, but are not limited to, the Building, Health Service, Incidental and Recreation Center.

**Master's degree:** An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study beyond the bachelor's degree.

**Nonresident tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who **do not** meet Oregon residency requirements.

**On-campus day care:** Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

**Open enrollment:** Enrollment for course credits that is available to all qualified students (it is understood that enrollment in certain courses may be subject to requirements e.g., successful completion of prerequisites, grade point average, instructor's consent, etc.).

**Other expenses (costs):** Includes average costs for clothing, laundry, entertainment, medical (if not a required fee), and furnishings.

**Out-of-state tuition:** See **Nonresident tuition**.

**Part-time student (Undergraduate):** A student enrolled for 1-8 credit hours per quarter.

**Part-time fee policy:** Students enrolled under the part-time student fee policy are subject to the mandatory or course fees appropriate to specific courses taken.

**Per Term:** A term is equal to one academic quarter.

**Programmatic resource fees:** Programmatic resource fees assessed to students enrolled in specific academic programs to support extra costs associated with specialized materials, faculty, or services and equipment. These were to be eliminated effective Fall 2011.

**Public institution:** An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed officials, and which is supported by public funds.

**Public universities:** As defined by ORS 352.002:

- 1) University of Oregon
- 2) Oregon State University
- 3) Portland State University
- 4) Oregon Institute of Technology
- 5) Western Oregon University
- 6) Southern Oregon University
- 7) Eastern Oregon University

**Quarter calendar system:** An academic calendar system in which the instructional year consists of three academic sessions, called quarters, usually consisting of 10-12 weeks each.

**Recreation Center fee:** A fee approved by student referendum in 2012 at Southern Oregon University

**Required fees:** Fixed sum charged to all students for items not covered by tuition. These fees do not include fees or optional fees such as lab fees or parking fees.

**Resident tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet state or institutional residency requirements.

**Resource fees:** These fees include universal fees, assessed to all students and programmatic fees, assessed to students admitted only to particular academic programs.

**Special Fees:** These fees include course, laboratory, field trip and other related fees, assessed to students to cover special supplies and services unique to a specific course, not generally covered by tuition.

**Summer session:** A summer session is generally shorter than a regular academic quarter and not considered part of the academic year. An institution may have 2 or more sessions occurring in the summer months.

**Tax Relief Act Reporting:** The Taxpayer *Relief Act*, enacted in 1997, provides a tax benefit deduction of interest assessed on education loans for students and their families. The *Relief Act* specifically excludes books, student health insurance, room and board, and other incidental expenses.

**Transfer applicant:** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college level credit.

**Transfer student:** A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.

**Tuition:** Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit hour.

**Undergraduate:** A student enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program.

**Wait list:** List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.