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TEXAS RESIDENCY

All students attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi who are non residents of Texas will be charged additional tuition in accordance with State law. In general, students will be classified as Texas residents if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Any individual who has resided in Texas from birth.
2. Any individual 18 years of age or over who has come from outside Texas and who is gainfully employed in Texas for a 12-month period immediately preceding registration in any institution of higher learning.

Additionally, there are certain other circumstances under which an individual may be classified as a Texas resident. Residency status will be established according to the interpretations by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board pursuant to Title 3, Texas Education Code. The Coordinating Board rules on determining residency status may be found at the following web site: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/Rules/tac3.cfm?Chapter_ID=21&SubChapter=X.

Although classified as a non resident, a member of the armed services who is assigned to duty in Texas is privileged to register at the Texas resident fee rate. This includes immediate family members.

Under State law, certain other categories of students may be eligible for tuition and fees exemptions or adjustments. See the semester class schedule for more information.

The responsibility of registering under the proper residence is placed upon the student. If there is any possible question of legal residence, the student should confer with the Office of the University Registrar of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and have such question settled prior to registration.

A non Texas resident seeking to change residence status must fill out and submit to the Office of the University Registrar a Residency Status Questionnaire prior to registration.

* Tuition and fees are pending approval and are subject to change.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Students are expected to pay all financial obligations to the University when due. Failure to pay such obligations may result in the student’s removal from the University, transcripts placed on hold, exclusion from final exams and graduation, and/or exclusion from further enrollment. Financial obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: returned checks; returned check charges; library fines, lost or damaged book charges, or replacement costs of long overdue books; loss or breakage of instructional material or equipment; dormitory fees; installment payments; parking fines; and repayment of financial aid loans and emergency loans.

All tuition and fee costs are due upon registration, and failure to pay may result in the loss of the student’s schedule. Registration is not complete until the University Business Office has received payment and all necessary documentation has been completed. Regardless of the type of deferral, the ultimate financial responsibility rests with the student. There will be a late payment fee of $50.00 assessed for student’s who pay after the deadline established by the University Business Office. An additional fee of $100.00 will be collected for registration reinstatement into classes lost after non-payment by the student. The University Business Office periodically performs audits on students’ accounts to verify that the proper amount of tuition and fees has been paid; this may result in additional charges or refunds.

RETURNED CHECKS

When students write checks to the University or submit payments online via Webcheck that are not honored by the bank, and are subsequently returned to the University, the individual who gave the check will be notified. Within seven days of such notification, the individual should pay the amount of the check plus a returned check charge of $25.00 to:
This may be done in person or by mail and must be in the form of cash, money order, or cashier’s check. The University will not accept a personal check in payment of a returned check.

Should a returned check not be paid within the allotted time, the individual will be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the University, legal action as prescribed by law and payment of all collection fees. If an individual has written three (3) checks to the University that have been returned unpaid by his or her banking institution for any reason, the University will no longer accept checks from that individual.

Returned checks written for SandDollar accounts will result in the account being inactivated until the check and the returned check charge are paid in full.

**REFUND OF TUITION AND FEES**

A student officially and completely withdrawing from the University may apply for a refund of applicable tuition and fees according to the following scale:

**10 Weeks or Longer Term:**
- 100% prior to the University’s first official class day
- 80% during the first five class days
- 70% during the second five class days
- 50% during the third five class days
- 25% during the fourth five class days
- No refund thereafter

**Less than 10 Weeks but Greater than 5 Weeks Term:**
- 100% prior to the University’s first official class day
- 80% during the first three class days
- 50% during the second three class days
- No refund during the seventh class day and thereafter

**5 Weeks or Less Term:**
- 100% prior to the University’s first official class day
- 80% during the first class day
- 50% during the second class day
- No refund during the third class day and thereafter

For more information, contact the Business Office or go to [http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~business/default.html](http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~business/default.html) and click on Important Dates.

The process of withdrawing from the University begins in the Office of Admissions and Records.

A student dropping a course or courses yet remaining enrolled in the University in other courses may apply for a refund of applicable tuition and fees as follows:

**Ten Weeks or Longer Term:**
- 100% prior to and including 12th class day
- No refund after 12th class day
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Less than Ten Weeks but Greater than Five Weeks Term:
100% prior to and including 4th class day
No refund after 4th class day

Five Week Summer Term:
100% prior to and including 3rd 4th class day
No refund after 3rd class day

2 ½ Week Summer Term:
100% prior to and including 2nd class day
No refund after 2nd class day

For more information, contact the Business Office or go to http://www.tamucc.edu/~business/default.html and click on Important Dates.

The days of classes are counted from the first official class day of the University each term, not the first meeting day of a particular class.

After an audit of all fees has been made, the refund process will begin. This process requires a reasonable length of time. No refunds are given on audited courses.

Students using the Installment Payment Plan who withdraw from the institution will have the refund, if any, calculated based on the total amount of tuition and fees due at the time of registration, not the amount of tuition and fees paid at the time of withdrawal.

Students with financial aid who withdraw may be subject to the federal refunding timetable and rates. Consult with the Financial Aid Office about your situation before withdrawing.

REFUNDS

A refund will result when a credit balance remains on each student’s Business Office account after all charges are paid. A credit balance may occur due to overpayments, dropped courses, withdrawals or financial aid (loans, scholarships, grants, etc…). Refunds are issued to the students by a refund contractor, Higher One. A new student, upon registration, will receive in the mail, from Higher One, an account number along with refund preference instructions. Higher One will use the Billing Address on file with the University to send this correspondence to the student. It is important that this address is current. The account number, embossed on the Easy Refund Card (MasterCard Debit Card) is used to activate each student’s refund choice with Higher One. This is not a credit card, but an account for refund processing and will be needed for the entire time as a student, so it must not be throw away. The account must be activated at https://corpuschristi.higheroneaccount.com and the student can then must choose the method that the refund will be delivered. The three options are: 1) Direct Deposit into a bank account of the choice, 2) Opening a Higher One Bank Account or 3) Paper Check. If the student does not activate the account, Higher One will not be able to process the refund. To replace a lost card there is a $25 replacement fee, the initial card that is sent free of charge.

New students will begin the process of receiving their Easy Refund Card upon registration. Once the student has registered then he or she will receive the card in 7 to 10 business days. If a student does not receive his or her Easy Refund Card they should go to https://corpuschristi.higheroneaccount.com and select Where’s My Card or contact the Business Office at (361) 825-2600.

TUITION REBATES FOR CERTAIN UNDERGRADUATES

Certain undergraduate students who attempt no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete their degrees may be entitled up to a $1,000 tuition rebate after graduation.

To be eligible for rebates under this program, students must meet all of the following conditions:
1. They must have enrolled for the first time in an institution of higher education in the fall 1997 semester or later,
2. They must be requesting a rebate for work related to a first baccalaureate degree received from this University,
3. They must have been a resident of Texas, must have attempted all course work at a Texas public institution of higher education, and have been entitled to pay resident tuition at all times while pursuing the degree, and
4. They must have attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree under the catalog under which they were graduated. Hours attempted include transfer credits, course credit earned exclusively by examination, courses that are dropped after the official census date, for-credit developmental courses, optional internship and cooperative education courses, and repeated courses. Courses dropped for reasons that are determined by the institution to be totally beyond the control of the student shall not be counted.
5. Beginning with students admitted for the first time in fall 2005, a student must also graduate in a timely manner to earn the tuition rebate. A student who wants to qualify to receive the rebate must graduate within four calendar years for a four-year degree or within five calendar years for a five-year degree if the program is determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to require more than four years to complete.

Students desiring to qualify for tuition rebates are responsible for complying with all rules related to the administration of the program. Students are responsible for enrolling only in courses that will qualify them for the rebates. A student who has transferred from another institution of higher education is responsible for providing the University with official transcripts from all institutions attended. Students must apply for rebates on the appropriate forms prior to receiving their baccalaureate degrees and must keep the University apprised of their addresses for a specified period following graduation.

The amount of tuition to be rebated to students under this program will be based on state guidelines. If a student entitled to a rebate has an outstanding balance owed to the University or to student loans, the University shall apply the amount of the rebate to the balances owed. If the amount of the rebate exceeds the amount of the indebtedness, the University shall pay the student the excess amount.

For more information on this program, contact the Business Office or the Office of the University Registrar or go to http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbin/tofa2.cfm?ID=75.

FEES FOR MULTIPLE REPEATS OF A COURSE

The State of Texas will not provide funds to state institutions of higher education for semester credit hours related to a course in which a student is enrolled for the third time. Therefore, as permitted by state law, the University will charge additional fees to a student who registers for a course for the third time or more. The fee will be $100 per semester credit hour for such courses. The courses counted toward the limitation include all hours attempted by the student except: Thesis, Dissertation, Individual Music Lessons, Theater Practicum, Music Performance, Ensembles, Studio Art, certain P.E. and Kinesiology courses, Independent Study (topic changes), Special Topics (topic changes), and Developmental Education (not to exceed 18 semester credit hours).

TUITION FOR EXCESSIVE UNDERGRADUATE HOURS

The State of Texas will not provide funds to state institutions of higher education for excess semester credit hours earned by a resident undergraduate student. Therefore, as permitted by state law, the University will charge additional tuition to students who exceed the semester credit hour limit for their programs. The additional charge of up to $277 per semester credit hour may be billed to any student that meets these applicable rules. The
Tuition rate will not exceed the rate charged to nonresident undergraduate students. Excess semester credit hours are those which accrue after the student exceeds by 30 hours the number of semester credit hours required for the completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled. Thus, the student may accumulate up to 30 hours beyond those required for the chosen degree program and not exceed the limitation. The limitation on excess credit hours applies only to those undergraduate students who first enter higher education in fall 1999 or later. The semester credit hours counted toward the limitation includes all hours attempted by the student except:

- semester credit hours earned by the student before receiving a baccalaureate degree that previously has been awarded to the student,
- semester credit hours earned by the student by examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned without registering for a course for which tuition is charged,
- credit for a remedial education course, a technical course, a workforce education course funded according to contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree program at the institution, and
- semester credit hours earned by the student at a private institution or an out-of-state institution.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

The methods of payment that are accepted by the Business Office include cash, checks, credit/debit cards, installment payment plans and emergency loans. Installment payment plans and emergency loans are discussed below. For information on payment by check or credit/debit card, see the Business Office website at http://www.tamucc.edu/~business/default.html or call (361) 825-2600.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN (FALL AND SPRING ONLY)

An installment payment plan is available to most students under the provisions of Section 54.007 of the Texas Education Code. The University offers two options to pay by installments: a three-payment plan (30% prior to the start of the semester with two more payments during the semester of 35%) and a four-payment plan (25% prior to the start of the semester with three more payments during the semester of 25%). Subsequent installment payments should be made directly to the Business Office. A nonrefundable processing fee of $20.00 will be charged and a late fee of $25.00 will be added to each installment not received by the due date.

Students utilizing the installment option must execute an electronic agreement which sets forth the conditions and repayment schedule of the payment plan selected. Under the provisions of the installment payment option in the law, a student who fails to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date may be prohibited from registering for classes until full payment is made. A student who fails to make payment prior to the end of the semester (last class day) may be denied credit for work done that semester.

Students who register for classes during WEB Registration and wish to use an Installment Payment Plan must sign up online though the SAIL website at http://www.tamucc.edu/%7Eadmiss/sailweb/index.html.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Short-term emergency loans are available to students who need assistance in covering tuition and fees and books. Funds are limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants. Information on eligibility requirements and the application process can be found on the Business Office website at http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~business/default.html. There is a non-refundable processing fee of $25.00 per loan. A late payment fee of $25 will be added to each loan that is not paid in full by the due date.
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The fees listed below are subject to change upon completion of the various approval processes.

Laboratory Fee
For each laboratory course a fee is charged in an amount to cover, in general, the cost of laboratory materials and supplies used by a student.

Supplementary Fees
Students taking selected courses (e.g., studio art, art education, music, language, and courses requiring field trips) are required to pay supplementary fees each semester. The course schedule or instructor will indicate the amount of a supplementary fee for a particular course.

Computer Fee
A general computer fee of $7.00 per semester hour is charged to every student. This fee is used for operation of on and off campus dial-in support, support for on campus ethernet connections, providing access to the WAN via high speed fiber optic backbone, maintaining of campus unix and netware servers, computer helpline for students, and support and monitor Texas A&M College Station internet connection.

Student Services Fee
A student services fee of $18.30 per semester hour is charged, up to a maximum of $250.00 per semester. This fee is used for student organizations, government, programs, publications, counseling, placement, tutors, and other student services.

Athletic Fee
An athletic fee of $13.23 per semester hour is charged, up to a maximum of $171.99 per semester. This fee is used to fund the athletic program.

Recreational Sports Fee
The recreational sports fee is $10.00 per semester hour up to a maximum of $90.00 per semester. This fee is used for recreational sports facilities and programs. All students have use of the gym and other recreational facilities.

Health Services Fee
A health services fee of $7.00 per semester hour is charged, up to a maximum of $22.00 per semester. This fee is used to provide Health Center medical and counseling services on campus, which includes nurses, a doctor, and small pharmaceutical needs.

Student Center Fee
A flat fee of $45.00 per semester and $22.50 per summer session is charged. This fee covers the building maintenance of the University Center and is also used to assist in paying for the debt service of the University Center.

Library Fee
A library fee of $5.50 per semester hour is used for services and acquisition of library material directly related to student use.

ID Card Maintenance Fee
A fee of $7.50 per fall/spring semester and $3.75 per summer semester is used to maintain and upgrade the SandDollar$ ID card system. The fee to replace an ID card is $10.00.

Energy Fee
An energy fee of $2.00 per semester hour is charged to every student. This fee will be used to cover utilities for educational and general space.

International Education Fee
An international education fee of $3.00 per semester is charged to every student. This fee will provide funds to aid in international study abroad opportunities.
International Processing Fee

An international processing fee of $75.00 per semester and $37.50 per summer semester is charged to all international students. This fee will be used to help pay for the costs of processing the applications, transcripts and other special service needs of international students.

Records Maintenance Fee

A records maintenance fee of $5.00 per semester and $2.50 per summer semester is charged to all students. This fee will be used to defray costs of materials and services in maintaining the student’s records, including transcripts.

Student Scholarship Endowment

A student scholarship endowment fee of $1.00 per semester credit hour is charged to all students. This fee will be used to create an endowment fund in which the earnings will be used to fund scholarships and internships.

Liability Insurance

Nursing, Psychology, Kinesiology, Clinical Laboratory Science, and Counseling Graduate Internship students must obtain liability insurance before off-campus practice begins. This liability insurance fee is included in registration bills for each semester enrolled.

Academic Advising Fee

A flat fee of $30.00 per semester and $15.00 per summer semester is charged to provide a comprehensive system of academic advising, which allows students more access to advising/advisors through the establishment of college advising centers. These centers are designed to provide students with better communications, follow-through on transactions and more opportunities for one-on-one advising and mentoring relationships with faculty and professional academic advisors.

Parking Fees

All students who park their vehicles on campus lots, including the lots at the housing complexes, must obtain a permit to park in the designated areas. The University Police Department implements and enforces the parking regulations. Payments are made in the Business Office.

- Fall or spring permit: $45/semester
- Fall and spring permit: $85 for both, if purchased during one business transaction
- Fall, spring, and future summer: $100 for all, if purchased during one business transaction
- Summer only: $25
- Motorcyclists
  - one semester only: $25/semester
  - Fall, spring and future summer: $70 for all year, if parking in areas designated for motorcycles only

Designated Tuition

Designated Tuition is currently $103.00 per semester hour with a flat rate of $1498.00 at 12 or more semester hours. The fee is used to support institutional expenses.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TUITION FOR 2009-2010

Tuition for Texas residents is $50.00 per semester credit hour for undergraduate classes. Tuition for non-resident U.S. citizens and foreign students is $327.00 per semester credit hour for both long and summer sessions. Tuition is calculated based upon the student’s level (undergraduate or graduate) not the level of the course. Tuition is subject to change as required by law.

HOPE AND LIFETIME LEARNING TAX CREDITS