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Explanation of Fees

The following information is not intended to be comprehensive and is subject to change. Tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change by legislative or Board of Regents action, and changes become effective on the date enacted. The following tuition, fees, and charges information should be used only as a guideline for estimating costs. For clarification of any matter relating to payment or refund of tuition, fees, charges, and deposits, contact the office or administrative unit from which the charge or refund originated.

Tuition and Designated Tuition: Resident students pay \$50 tuition per semester credit hour during academic year 2006-07 and \$50 tuition per semester credit hour during academic year 2007-08. Nonresident students (out-of-state and international) pay \$325 tuition per semester credit hour during the 2006-2007 academic year and \$328 tuition per semester credit hour during the 2007-2008 academic year. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board calculates each year the nonresident tuition. Students enrolled in the same course for the third or more time will be charged the non-resident tuition rate for the hours associated with the course even if the student normally qualifies for in-state tuition. Resident students who reach the "excessive hour limit" will be charged non-resident tuition (see Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours within this chapter for further details). In addition, the designated tuition is charged at the rate of \$70 per semester credit hour for academic year 2006-07 and \$89 for academic year 2007-08.

Student Service Fee: The student service fee per semester credit hour is \$23 for academic year 2006-07 and academic year 2007-08 (not exceeding \$207 per semester and \$115 per summer session). The fee supports the Intramural Program, the Student Life Support Programs, and the Extramural Programs. The fee provides admission to athletic events at Sam Houston State under the auspices of the Department of Athletics.

Student Center Fee: The student center fee is required at the rate of \$60 per semester (\$30 per summer session) for academic year 2006-07 and academic year 2007-08 and is used to fund the Lowman Student Center programs and activities.

Computer Use Fee: This fee is charged at a rate of \$13 per semester credit hour for academic year 2006-07 and \$15 per semester credit hour for academic year 2007-08. It is used for the training of students, faculty and staff, and for providing support services for operation, maintenance, and replacement of computer hardware and software.

Recreational Sports Fee: Legislative action authorizes a recreational sports fee not to exceed \$75 per semester (\$37.50 per summer session) for academic year 2006-07 and for academic year 2007-08. It may be used to purchase equipment for and/or construct, operate, maintain recreational sports facilities and programs.

International Education Fee: This fee of \$1 is charged each semester or summer session and is used only to assist students participating in international student exchange or study programs.

Library Fee: Board action authorizes a library fee of \$30 per semester and \$15 per summer session for academic year 2006-07 and \$35 per semester and \$17.50 per summer session for academic year 2007-08. The library fee directly benefits students by supporting their classroom and research needs. The Newton Gresham Library uses this fund to purchase books, add electronic databases, and new journal subscriptions.

Medical Fee: A fee of \$30 per semester (\$15 per summer session) is charged for academic year 2006-07 and \$33 per semester (\$16.50 per summer session) is charged for academic year 2007-08. This fee covers services at the University Health Center.

Advisement Center Fee: A fee of \$50 per semester (\$25 per summer session) will be charged to fund advising, mentoring, and academic support services for students.

Records Fee: The records fee is \$12 per each fall and spring semester, (\$6 per summer session) for academic year 2007-08. It is used to provide official transcripts to students in attendance and eliminates the add/drop fee and late registration fee. The enrolled student may receive five official transcripts per semester and five official transcripts over the course of a year following a confirmed degree from SHSU.

Late Registration Fee: A late payment fee of \$10 is charged all students who register on or after the first class day of any semester or summer session. This fee applies only to the 2006-07 academic year.

Matriculation Fee: A matriculation fee of \$15 is charged if a student resigns before the 1st class day of the semester or summer session.

Special Fees:

Add/Drop Fee* (per course)	\$2
Audit Fee* (per course)	\$50
Course Fee (per course; ranges from \$5 - \$100)	\$5-\$100
Distance Learning (per course, in addition to tuition and fees)	\$303
(Student Service, Student Center, and Recreational Sports Fees are waived, if only on-line courses are taken and the distance learning fee is charged.)	
Laboratory Course Fee (per course)	\$8
Music Fee for Individual Instruction (per course with suffix of "x"):	
1 semester credit hour course	\$30
2 semester credit hours course	\$60
3 semester credit hours course	\$75
4 semester credit hours course	\$75

* Applies only to academic year 2006-07.

The University Center Fee: Classes provided at The University Center have an additional fee of \$50 per semester credit hour for academic year 2006-07 and for academic year 2007-08.

General Property Deposit: Each student is required to make a General Property Deposit of \$10 which will remain with the University through his/her SHSU career except as noted below. All charges for property losses, damages, and breakages in libraries or laboratories must be settled promptly. However, any unpaid current charges will be deducted from the deposit before a refund is made. The General Property Deposit, less charges, will be returned to the student at the end of his/her career as a student. However, any General Property Deposit which remains without call for refund for a period of four years from the date of last attendance at this university shall be forfeited. The deposit will then become a part of, and operative to, the permanent use and purpose of the University Student Deposit Fund.

Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours

The Texas Education Code states that an institution of higher education, under specific conditions, may charge a resident undergraduate student a higher tuition rate than the rate charged to other resident undergraduate students. The higher tuition rate may not exceed the rate charged to nonresident undergraduate students.

- For students who enrolled for the first time in a Texas public institution of higher education between the 1999 fall semester and the 2006 summer semester:

The higher tuition rate may be charged to an undergraduate student, who is classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes and, who before the semester or other academic session begins, has previously attempted at least 45 semester credit hours above the number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

- For students who enrolled for the first time in a Texas public institution of higher education beginning with the 2006 fall semester and thereafter:

The higher tuition rate may be charged to an undergraduate student, who is classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes and, who before the semester or other academic session begins, has previously attempted at least 30 semester credit hours above the number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

The following are not counted for purposes of determining whether the student exceeds the 45/30 semester credit hour limit: (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before receiving a baccalaureate degree that has been previously awarded to the student; (2) semester credit hours earned by the student by examination or any other procedure by which credit is earned for which tuition was not charged; (3) hours from remedial and developmental courses, workforce education courses, or other courses that

would not generate academic credit that could be applied to a degree at the institution if the course work is within the 27-hour limit at two-year colleges and the 18-hour limit at general academic institutions; and (4) semester credit hours earned at a private institution or out-of-state institution.

Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes

The Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board establish the Rules and Regulations for determining residence classification. Texas residency for tuition purposes is generally obtained by residing and/or being gainfully employed in Texas for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to enrollment in any college or university, by being a dependent of a Texas resident (individual who is claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes by the individual's parent or legal guardian at the time of registration and for the tax year preceding the year in which the individual registers), or by being classified as a Texas Resident for the first five of the six years immediately preceding registration (not living out of the state more than 12 months immediately prior to registration).

A nonresident student may qualify to pay in-state tuition by meeting the requirements of a tuition waiver. The current tuition waiver options include: 1) the student or his/her spouse or parent is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and is stationed in Texas; 2) the student or his/her spouse or parent is employed at least half time by an institution of higher education in Texas as a teacher or professor; 3) the student or his/her spouse or parent has a teaching or research assistantship at any Texas institution of higher education on at least a half-time basis; 4) the student holds a competitive scholarship awarded by the university of at least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer; or 5) is a student whose family has been transferred to Texas by a company in keeping with the state's Economic Development and Diversification Program.

By state law, the student has the responsibility of registering under the proper residence classification. If a student has knowledge of an error in his/her residence classification for tuition purposes, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Residence Classification Officer immediately. For more information concerning the Rules and Regulations for determining Texas residence classification, please contact the Residence Classification Officer, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Sam Houston State University, Box 2418, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2418, or by calling (936) 294-3783 or 294-1828.