

Policy Manual



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GENERAL STATEMENT

All student fees shall be approved by the Board of Trustees, including annual or periodic fee changes. Unless otherwise designated, the effective date of all course the fees shall be prior to the starting date of registration for the term in which the fee is being assessed. All student user fees and fines associated with non-instructional services must be approved by the Board prior to fee assessment. A schedule of student fees and charges shall be updated immediately following Board action and published for reference by students and college staff.

Pursuant to statutes 1009.22 and 1009.23 tuition and out-of-state fees shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act. Tuition, out-of-state fees, and other fees shall fall within the percentages defined in statute and shall be assessed per credit hour/credit hour equivalent.

Laboratory fees, special fees, distance learning fees and all other user fees and fines shall not exceed the cost of the services provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the service.

Economic Development course fees shall be established per Policy 6Hx2-4.13 *Economic Development*.

THE POLICY and THE STUDENT

Students must pay all applicable fees by the established deadlines. When course fees are not paid by the student's due date, the student's classes shall be dropped for non-payment. Designated College employees may extend a student's class payment due date under extenuating circumstances as prescribed in Procedure A6Hx2-6.13 *Student Fees and Fee Payment*. Approved methods of payment shall include student fee payment, payment through federal, state, or institutional financial aid, and employer fee payments.

The College reserves the right to refuse check or debit/credit card payments when a student's account contains a history of returned checks or debit/credit card charge backs.

THE POLICY and THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Lab and special fees shall be periodically reviewed per Academic Affairs Policy 6Hx2-4.XX to ensure that fees do not exceed the cost of the services provided. Designated College employees may extend a student's class payment due date under extenuating circumstances as prescribed in Procedure A6Hx2-6.13 *Student Fees and Fee Payment*. College employees may be entitled to College fee waivers per Policy 6Hx2-3.12 *Educational Benefits for Employees* and 6Hx2-3.41 *Retired and Emeritus Standing*. Faculty and staff are required to comply with applicable Federal, State, and College rules regarding student fees and fee payment.

IMPLEMENTATION and OVERSIGHT

The President or his/her designated representative is authorized to establish the necessary procedures for efficient and effective control of the administration of these fees and fee payment. The Chief Financial

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Officer has responsibility for the implementation and oversight of this policy.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Alleged violations of this policy shall be investigated by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Vice President for Human Resources and Equity to determine the appropriate course of disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

DEFINITIONS

Tuition – Florida residents and non-residents shall both be assessed a tuition fee.

Out of State Fee – a non-resident fee charged to an enrolled student who does not qualify as a Florida resident.

Other Fees – both Florida residents and non-residents shall pay a financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, student activity fee, technology fee and service fee.

User Fees and Fines – may include (but are not limited to): laboratory and special fees when extraordinary expenses (equipment, personnel, software etc.) are associated with the course; distance learning fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; late fees related to registration and payment and other user fees and fines allowed by statute and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The following fees shall be assessed per credit hour/credit hour equivalent.

~~**Tuition Fee.** Florida residents and non-residents shall both be assessed a tuition fee.~~

~~**Out-of-State Fee.** An enrolled student who does not qualify as a Florida resident shall be charged an out-of-state fee in addition to the tuition fee.~~

~~**Other Fees.** Both Florida residents and non-residents may be required to pay the following fees:~~

- ~~• Student Activity and Service Fee~~
- ~~• Student Financial Aid Fee~~
- ~~• Capital Improvement Fee~~

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• Technology Fee

In addition to tuition, out-of-state, student activity and service, financial aid, capital improvement and technology fees, the College Board of Trustees is authorized to establish fee schedules for the following user fees and fines (but not limited to): laboratory fees and special fees when extraordinary expenses (equipment, personnel, software etc.) are associated with the course; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; and late fees related to registration and payment.

Refunds

~~When a student petitions for a refund, he/she must have withdrawn from any class(es) for which a petition is being considered.~~

~~**Refunds for Degree and Certificate Program Courses.** A full refund of tuition and out-of-state fees, and all other special fees categorized as refundable shall be made when official drop notification is received and approved prior to the end of the College's published drop period.~~

~~Student Financial Services and Student Business Services shall establish refund guidelines pursuant to federal rules.~~

~~**Refunds due to extenuating circumstances.** When a student is required to withdraw from all courses because of documented circumstances determined by the College to be exceptional and beyond the control of the student, and the student's petition is received by the College after the official drop period but prior to the withdrawal date of the subsequent major term, a 100 percent refund may be approved. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, serious illness, involuntary call to active military duty, and other emergency circumstances or extraordinary situations. The Campus Provost may consider petition for refunds received outside the specified time frame.~~

~~Students have responsibility to learn and comply with prerequisites and co-requisites of courses for which they register. Refunds will not be given when students are not in compliance and do not drop such courses by the College's official drop period.~~

~~The refund may be issued in the form of a check or credit card refund depending on how class(es) were originally paid. A class that is paid with cash or check will be refunded in the form of a check. A class that was paid with a credit card will be refunded to the credit card. Students whose classes were paid with financial aid may receive a check refund pending a review of the student's continued eligibility after the drop~~

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of class(es) by the Office of Student Financial Services. Any outstanding debt owed by the student will be paid prior to the student receiving a class refund.

~~**Refunds for Continuing Education Courses.** A 100 percent refund for continuing education courses shall occur up to the date of the first class for those classes meeting only once. A 100 percent refund for continuing education courses may occur up to the second class period for those meeting more than once. Refunds for extenuating circumstances may be approved by the appropriate senior administrator in accordance with the above requirements for degree and certificate program courses.~~

[Link to Procedure A6Hx2-6.13](#)

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