

Tuition, Fees, and Exemptions

Tuition & Required Fees (T&RF)

Tuition and Required Fees are assessed on a per-credit-hour basis at the prevailing rates as determined by the Institutions of Higher Learning, the governing board of the University. These rates are applicable at the time of publication and are subject to change without notice.

For Tuition and Required Fee information, access <https://www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition/> and select the applicable tab.

- Starkville Campus Graduate
- Distance Education
- Meridian Campus

T&RF Relative to Student Activities

All students, by payment of Tuition & Required Fees, are eligible for use of facilities, participation in intramural sports, admission to intercollegiate athletic events, student health services (Starkville students only) and other miscellaneous activities. These fees are applicable regardless of the method of course instruction (i.e., traditional, online, distance, etc.).

Course Participation Fees

Fees in addition to Tuition & Required Fees are associated with some courses which require the use of special equipment, facilities or materials. These fees, which vary by course, will be charged as part of registration.

Schedule Change Fees

Please see <http://www.registrar.msstate.edu/Calendars/academiccal.html> and access information by the applicable term.

Graduate Student Financial Information

Additional information regarding tuition and fees, cost of living, assistantships, and other relevant information is found on the Graduate School website at <https://www.grad.msstate.edu/tuition/fees/>. (<https://www.grad.msstate.edu/tuition/fees/>)

International Student Charges

All international students are assessed an Administrative Programming fee of \$100.00 each fall, spring, and summer term. Sponsored international students whose programs of study are administered through the International Services are assessed an additional fee of \$200.00 each fall, spring, and summer term. Health insurance for international students will be assessed at the prevailing rate for the fall semester and for the spring/summer semester. All international students are required to purchase the International Health Insurance unless an acceptable, alternative policy can be proven and accepted by International Services, preferably prior to registration. Health insurance charges will not be removed after the 10th class day.

Student Account Management

Tuition, Billing, Payment, Refund, Delinquent Accounts and other information: <https://www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/index.php> (<https://www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/>).

Tips for Managing Your Account: <https://www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/resources/>

Refund schedule information: <http://www.registrar.msstate.edu/Policies/RefundSchedule.pdf>.

Failure to take appropriate withdrawal action may result in significant payment obligations. According to established University policy, student accounts must be current (i.e., not on an Account Services/Financial hold) in order to continue enrollment at MSU. To avoid unnecessary delays in your continued enrollment, please review your account to insure all previously billed charges have been paid. If you have questions about this policy, please feel free to contact Account Services:

Contact Information

Account Services

Phone: 662-325-2071

Fax: 662-325-8236

Email: studentaccounts@msstate.edu; refunds@msstate.edu

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Graduate Assistantships

For complete information, see <https://next.catalog.msstate.edu/graduate/graduate-assistantships/>. (<http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2024-25/graduate/graduate-assistantships/>)

Employees

Mississippi State University "Benefits Eligible" employees who have appropriate approval may have tuition remitted for up to 6 credit hours per semester with a maximum of 18 credit hours per calendar year. Employees are required to pay tuition and required fees for any additional hours taken during the enrollment period and other assessments to their student account. In order to receive tuition remission, employees must gain admission/readmission to the University and complete the Application for Tuition Remission – Employee e-form.

Senior Citizen

Legal residents of the State of Mississippi age 60 or older may enroll tuition-free in a maximum of 6 hours per semester with a maximum of 18 credit hours per calendar year. These courses are available on a space-available, first-come, first-serve basis. Enrollment in courses offered for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is not permitted. The application fee is required with the graduate application.

Alumni Nonresident Exemption

Graduate students who are sons or daughters of an MSU alumnus or alumna, and who have not received other tuition waivers, may be eligible to receive up to \$4,000 per year (\$2,000 per semester) to apply towards the non-resident tuition fee. To qualify as an alum for this scholarship, the parent must have completed a minimum of 48 undergraduate credit hours, 30 graduate credit hours, or have received a degree from Mississippi State University. A minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA is required for renewal of the exemption. Grades are reviewed at the end of each fall semester. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at scholarships@msstate.edu.

Academic Common Market

Academic Common Market non-resident tuition remission (exemptions) are available for specific academic programs for students from certain states. Application must be made first with the awarding state. The student must be a legal resident of that state and approved for a specific major at MSU. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply. The waiver is 100 percent of the non-resident tuition remission and will remain at this level unless the student's field of study changes, the student no longer has full-time status, or the student has fallen below an MSU and cumulative 2.0 GPA.

A qualified student must maintain full-time status, remain in academic good standing and comply with all the requirements of the degree program. If a student changes his/her major from the approved ACM certified major, then they must inform the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President of the change of status. The student will be responsible for the non-resident tuition for the remaining semesters at Mississippi State University. To be eligible for the non-resident tuition remission during the first semester of enrollment, applications and resident verification must be submitted to and approved by the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President prior to the first day of class.

For more information about submission and deadlines, please contact that office at 662-325-3742. Students seeking information on the Academic Common Market waiver should contact the Academic Common Market, Southern Regional Education Board, 592 10th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318-5790 or access the Web site at http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html