

Tuition & Fees

FEES

Registration and tuition fees are established by the Board of Trustees as required by the Florida Legislature. These fees are subject to change without notice. The currently authorized fees for academic year 2006-2007 are:

PER CREDIT HOUR FEES		
Estimated Per Credit Hour Fees		
	Florida Resident	Non-Florida Resident
Undergraduate	\$102.08	\$515.38
Student Fees		
Athletic	\$10.00	\$10.00
Health	\$67.20	\$67.20
Parking	\$65.27	\$65.27

****Each Fall semester, Tuition and fees may be subject to a minimum 3% increase**

Registration fees for course audits are the same as the above fees, except that no assessment will be made for the out-of-state portion.

FEE WAIVERS

Students using a fee waiver for part of the fee payment must pay their portion **on or before the last day to pay fees**. Students who are responsible for a portion of their fees in addition to the fee waiver will be required to pay their portion before the fee waiver is applied.

State employees using the State employee fee waiver to pay their fees must register on or after the day established in the official University calendar for State employee registration. The State Employee Fee Waiver pays up to six hours of tuition and fees per term. Summer sessions A, B, and C are considered one term. If the employee registers for more than six hours, they will be required to pay for the additional credit hours plus all per student related fees. A properly completed and approved waiver form must be presented at the Student Financials Office by the date published for the last day to pay fees. Fee Waivers will be processed only for those courses shown on the approved fee waiver request form presented at the time of registration. A permit will not be accepted with the tuition waiver program. Only one fee waiver form per employee will be accepted each semester. The State employee fee waiver will not be accepted as payment for course registrations prior to the announced date for state employee registration. State Employee Fee Waivers do not cover Thesis, Dissertation, Internships, Directed Individual Study, Non Credit Courses, Sponsored Credit Programs, Certificate Programs, Field Experience, Practicum, or courses taken for audit grades.

Senior citizens fee waivers are available to persons 60 years of age or older who meet the requirements of Florida residency as defined in this catalog. The fee waiver allows qualified individuals to attend credit classes on an audit basis. Senior citizens using the fee waiver must register during the first week of classes. Senior

citizens using the fee waiver must pay the photo id fee during their first term in attendance.

Florida law requires that State employee fee waivers and senior citizen fee waivers be granted on a space available basis only; therefore, individuals using these waivers must comply with the procedures outlined in the schedule of classes for each semester.

Refunds will not be given for employees who have registered and paid prior to the state employee registration day and wish to use the fee waiver.

Fee Payment

Fees may be paid at the Student Financials Office at University Park, PC 120, or at Biscayne Bay Campus ACI 140 or online through the on-line PantherSoft self-service system. The on-line payment system accepts credit card payments of AMEX, DISCOVER and MASTERCARD only. At this time, we do not accept VISA for tuition and fee payments. Check payments may also be done through the on-line system. Broward students may pay by mail or at the Student Financials Office at University Park or Biscayne Bay Campus. Night drop boxes outside the Student Financials Offices are available 24 hours a day for fee payments by check or money order through the last day to pay fees. The University is not responsible for cash left in the night drop or sent through the mail. Failure to pay fees by the established deadlines will cause you to be dropped from all courses. See *Fee Liability* below.

Late Registration Fee

Students who register after the established deadline for registration will be subject to \$100 late registration fee.

Late Payment Fee

Students who pay fees after the established deadline for payments will be subject to a \$100 late payment fee. If applicable, this fee may be assessed in addition to the late registration fee described in the preceding section.

FLORIDA PREPAID TUITION PLAN STUDENTS

Students utilizing the Florida Prepaid Tuition Plan must pay their portion of the student fees not covered by the plan by the published last day to pay fees. If you are a financial aid recipient – the portion of the student fees will not be deducted from your financial aid award. Please contact the Student Financials Office to pay the balance due.

FINANCIAL AID STUDENTS

All financial aid recipients whose financial aid award does not cover their tuition must pay the difference between their financial aid or scholarship awards less Federal Work Study and their final fee assessment. The student's schedule will then be automatically validated.

FEE LIABILITY

Students are liable for all fees associated with all courses in which they are registered at the end of the drop/add period. The fee payment deadline is published in the official University calendar. If fees are not paid in full by the published dates, all courses will be canceled.

Registration is not complete until all fees are paid in full.

REINSTATEMENT OF CLASSES

Appeals for reinstatement of registration for classes dropped for fiscal reasons must be filed in writing on the prescribed form with the Student Financials Office by the time specified on the cancellation notice. Reinstatement will be considered for all classes on the class schedule at the end of the drop/add period. Reinstatement cannot be requested selectively for certain classes. All reinstatement activity, including fee payment, must be completed by the date on the cancellation notice. All students whose registrations have been reinstated will be assessed a late payment fee. If the late registration fee is applicable it will also be assessed.

PARKING RULES AND REGULATIONS

All persons who park vehicles on the university's campuses must register their vehicle(s) with the department of Parking and Traffic, obtain a decal or permit, and display the decal or permit, as prescribed by the Parking Rules and Regulations. The University assumes no liability for vehicles parked or operated on University property. The issuance of a decal or permit does not guarantee a place to park.

Parking and Access Fees

All currently enrolled students will pay a Parking and Access Fee each semester. The fee will appear on the Student Fee Schedule.

Students must provide the following information to the Department of Parking and Traffic to obtain a parking decal: social security number, proof of current class registration, and current vehicle registration. All decals must be permanently affixed to the outside of the vehicle, either on the left side of the rear bumper or lower left corner, on the outside of the rear window. All decals are valid until the expiration date indicated on the decal or permit. A duplicate hang tag will be issued upon request for an additional charge of \$10.00 + tax. This hang tag is valid only for the vehicle under which it is registered. Hang tags are available to persons who have purchased an original decal for the current semester or year. The hang tags are for additionally owned vehicles and for situations where the original decal must be replaced due to an accident, painting, etc.

Housing

All students in university housing complexes need to obtain a current semester housing sticker from the Department of Parking and Traffic. This sticker allows the vehicle to be parked legally in student housing areas. This sticker is valid for the current semester only. This housing sticker should be affixed to the left or right side of their current student decal.

Disabled

Any person who has been certified in accordance with Sections 320.084, 320.0848, or 320.0842, Florida

Statutes, and has been issued a Disabled placard by the Department of Motor Vehicle Bureau shall obtain and display a university parking decal in the classification which would otherwise be appropriate.

Towing and Impoundment

The university may tow and impound any vehicle, which is found to be parked illegally or in violation of these rules.

Rules and Regulations Pamphlets

A copy of the University Parking Rules and Regulations is available at the department of Parking and Traffic located at University Park, Parking Garage One or Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, Room 131. It is the responsibility of each student to become familiar and comply with the University's parking and traffic rules and regulations.

Other Fees

Library Fines

Per book per library hour	.25
Maximum fine per book	\$5.00
Lost book fine	\$51.15

Note: These fees are subject to change as permitted by law. Additional fees may be added and special purpose fees may be assessed in some instances.

CHECKS

The University will accept personal checks for amounts due to the University. These checks must be in the exact amount due only. The Student Financials Office will not accept checks above the amount due, third party checks or checks for cash. State law requires that a service fee be assessed on a check returned unpaid by the bank for any reason. Service fees are based on the amount of the unpaid check. Checks for \$0.01 - \$50.00 are charged a \$25.00 fee; \$50.01 - \$300.00, a \$30.00 fee; \$300.01 - \$800.00, a \$40.00 fee; and a fee of 5% of the amount of the check for all checks greater than \$800.00. Checks returned by the bank can be redeemed only by cash, cashier's checks, or money orders. A personal check will not be accepted to replace a dishonored check. If a check is returned from an on-line payment, returned check fines will also be charged as per the amounts indicated above.

Returned checks will be assigned to an agency for collection if not promptly paid. When an account has been assigned, the collection agency fee will be added to the University charges for collection at the current contract rate. Returned checks on student accounts will result in cancellation of classes and will require petition for reinstatement. See reinstatement of classes above.

The Student Financials Office will not accept a check on any student's account which has had two previous dishonored checks.

REFUNDS

Refunds will be processed and mailed to the address shown on the Registrar's files to all students whose fee accounts show an overpayment after the last day to pay fees. Students now have the option to add a direct deposit account. Information is available on line through Learner Services in the Finances icon (add a direct deposit link). Students due a refund will not be required to submit a refund application to receive their refund, it will automatically be calculated. If there is an amount due to

the university in the accounts receivable system, that amount will be deducted from any refund due.

Students who have completed registration and have paid all fees due and have completely withdrawn from the University prior to the end of the fourth week of classes are eligible for a refund of 25% of total fees paid.

In the following exceptional circumstances, a full refund of total fees paid will be made upon presentation of the proper documentation:

- Death of a student or immediate family member (parent, spouse, child or sibling). Death certificate required.
- Involuntary call to military service. Copy of orders required.
- Illness of student of such severity or duration to preclude completion of courses. Confirmation by a physician required.

Processing of refunds will begin after the end of the add/drop period for each semester.

Appeals for tuition refunds must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Registrar within one year after the end of the term for which the refund is requested. There are no exceptions to this policy. Refunds for financial aid recipients will be determined based on the "Return of Title IV Policy". Please refer to "the award terms and condition booklet" for specific details.

REPEAT COURSE TUITION SURCHARGE

Repeated Attempts of Courses

The 1997 Legislature passed House Bill 1545 mandates that undergraduate students pay additional charges for the **third time a student either takes or attempts the same college credit course**. Any undergraduate course taken, beginning Fall 1997, and all courses taken after this date will be subject to the repeat surcharge. Attempted hours mean those hours dropped/withdrawn after the drop/add period or failed. Withdrawals, incompletes and dropped courses will be subject to the tuition surcharge, if they are feeble. All students are included regardless of type of residency. Undergraduate courses are 1000 to 4000 level courses.

Exceptions:

- Any course work taken prior to Fall 1997

- Credits earned through: cooperative education, military, waivers, audits, individualized study, courses that are repeated as a requirement of a major (except courses repeated more than 2 times to increase GPA or meet minimum course grade requirements), courses intended to continue over multiple semesters
- Attempts taken at previous institutions prior to enrolling at FIU
- Any non feeble withdrawal of dropped course
- Graduate level courses (courses at 5000 level or above)
- Effective Summer 2000 Registration, Universities may make exceptions based on extenuating circumstances and financial hardships. Students wishing to appeal the repeat surcharge may complete an "Appeal of Repeat Course Surcharge" form, which may be obtained in the Registrar's Office, PC 130.

PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Delinquent accounts are sufficient cause to prohibit registration, graduation, release of transcripts, or release of diplomas.

The University is not able to grant credit or time payments for any fees.

The University reserves the right to assign any past due account to an agency for collection. When an account has been assigned, the collection agency fee will be added to the University charges for collection at the current contract rate.

Deadlines

Students are reminded that deadlines are strictly enforced. The University is not able to grant credit or to extend the fee payment period beyond the time set in its official calendar. The University does not have the authority to waive late fees unless it has been determined that the University is primarily responsible for the delinquency or that extraordinary circumstances warrant such waiver. The University has no authority to extend deadlines for individual students beyond those set by the official calendar.