

STUDENT FEES

PURPOSE OF FEES

Student fees are the primary and dedicated funding source for student activities, athletic programs, student technology, student health services, student centers, transportation and campus recreation.

Mandatory student fees are defined under the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Policy Manual 7.3.2.1 as fees that are assessed to all students, all undergraduate students, or all full-time undergraduate students on one or more campuses of a USG institution, including those fees due prior to registration that may be refunded later in the semester and fees for which the student receives a cash equivalent in the amount of the fee. Mandatory student fees may be required by the Board of Regents or by the institution and are subject to annual approval by the Board of Regents.

The information on mandatory student fees is provided to help students understand how their fees are used and the process to recommend the fee to the university president and the BOR for approval. These guidelines are not intended to be all inclusive, but to provide a general framework on how student fees should be used to support student related operations, services, programs and activities.

UGA MANDATORY FEES

Student Activity Fee

This fee is dedicated to the student programming and operational expenses associated with the programs and services to enhance all aspects of student life at UGA. Students are the beneficiary of this fee by participating in the activities and programs funded through the activity fee. The Student Government Association, along with leadership in UGA's student affairs office, steward these funds by recommending and supporting annual allocations to various student led groups, organizations, and initiatives.

Athletic Fee

This fee offsets the cost of a ticket to sporting events for students, as well as supporting the maintenance and upkeep of facilities that are regularly available to all students either participating as individuals or when participating in University activities. The student fee revenue is utilized to offset facility maintenance costs related to Spec Towns Track, Ramsey Center, Stegeman Coliseum and Sanford Stadium.

ConnectUGA Fee

This fee supports better tracking and management of student outcomes through the implementation and ongoing support of a new student academic information system (BANNER). The fee provides technologies and support for information systems, analytics, and software packages that track student degree progress, enhance the advising experience through data reports and analytics, provide Web and mobile access to key student processes such as course registration, and enhanced student services through the Office of the Registrar, the Office of Financial Aid, and the Bursars Office.

Green Fee

This fee helps to fund UGA's Office of Sustainability and its role in both coordinating existing programs that reduce the University's environmental impact on each of its campuses as well as establishing new or more comprehensive programs with the same objective. This fee also supports student internships in the Office of Sustainability, student research/service grants, and environmental education initiatives.

Health Fee

This fee supports operation of the Joint Commission accredited, University Health Center, whose mission is to advance the well-being of students and other members of the University community and support student success and retention by providing primary and specialty health care, education and prevention focused services, and research which contributes to the health knowledge and skills.

Recreation Fee

This fee supports recreational and wellness programming, facilities and administrative costs provided by the Department of Recreational Sports. Through this fee, students are granted semester-long membership to access the Ramsey Student Center facility and are eligible to participate in programs such as competitive sports, fitness and wellness, outdoor recreation, aquatics and other informal recreation activities.

Student Center Facility

This fee supports utility and operating costs for student service and recreational facilities (Ramsey Center, Intramural Fields and Tate Center). The revenue generated from the fee also supports debt service related to the Tate Center Expansion/Renovation.

Technology

This fee supports UGA's mission to enrich the educational, institutional, and cultural experience of students via enhanced technology services. The fee supports a variety of academic and instruction related technology services, including (but not limited) to the following: physical and virtual computer labs, computer software for computer labs, subsidized printing via print kiosks, helpdesk support for technology issues, Internet bandwidth, network and wireless support, electronic learning commons (eLC), mobile technology, classroom technologies that enhance the presentation of course materials, the development of electronic course materials, and computer software subscriptions such as Office 365.

Transportation

The transportation fee is used to support bus and para-transit operations and training, including salaries and maintenance, associated with transporting more than 15,000 passengers each day. In addition, the fee is used to maintain a fleet of buses that are aged appropriately to ensure the safety of those riders. To complement the service provided on campus, the fee is also used to support a reduced rate that has been negotiated with the Athens Clarke-County Transit system to allow students to travel off-campus for free with a valid UGA ID. The student transportation fee does not cover costs related to charter operations. Charter fees support the direct and indirect costs of operating charters including support fleet renewal and replacement.

Online Learning Fee

Implemented for Fall 2024, this fee applies only to students enrolled in distance learning courses or programs who are not also enrolled in on-campus courses nor residing on campus. Students paying this fee do not pay other mandatory student fees but are eligible to receive the benefit of the services for the mandatory fees.

MANDATORY STUDENT FEE COMMITTEE

The University of Georgia Mandatory Student Fees Committee was created to implement the provisions of Board of Regents Policy 7.3.2.1, as amended on February 9, 2000. The Committee shall make recommendations to the President who makes recommendations to the BOR on changes to existing mandatory student fees or on possible new mandatory fees. Fees considered by the Committee shall exclude elective fees that are paid by the students who choose to receive specific services.

"Proposals to increase mandatory student fees and proposals to create new mandatory student fees, submitted by an institution, shall first be presented for advice and counsel to a committee at each institution composed of at least 50% students. Students shall be appointed by the institution's student government association. All mandatory student fees collected by an institution shall be budgeted and administered by the president, using proper administrative procedures, which shall include the advice and counsel of an advisory committee composed of at least 50% students. Students shall be appointed by the institution's student government association. All payments from funds supported by the student mandatory fees shall be made according to Board of Regents approved business procedures and the appropriate business practices of the institution." (Board of Regents Policy 704.021 February 9, 2000)

FEE RECOMMENDATION & APPROVAL PROCESS

All fees are reviewed annually by members of the Mandatory Student Fee Committee. The committee reviews the annual fee recommendation and associated budget and makes recommendations to the President of UGA for the fee who ultimately recommends the fee to the Board of Regents.

Once approved by the Board, the fee is implemented for the associated academic year.