

# Student Fees at UCLA

## Universitywide Fees

Universitywide fees are established by The Regents of the University of California and apply to students at all ten campuses in the system. The fee amount is the same at all UC campuses.

**Tuition.** Used to help fund financial aid and various academic and non-academic programs as determined by the Office of the President. These programs include financial aid, instructional equipment, faculty salaries, operation and maintenance of plant, admissions and registration. The amount of Tuition is set by The Regents.

**Nonresident Supplemental Tuition.** Paid only by students who are not California residents. Nonresident Supplemental Tuition levels are set by The Regents. Beginning with the first academic term following advancement to doctoral candidacy, nonresident supplemental tuition for graduate students is reduced by 100% for a maximum of three years including nonregistered time periods.

**Student Services Fee.** Covers services that benefit the student and that are complementary to, but not part of, instructional programs. The fee supports operating and capital expenses for services related to the physical and psychological health and well-being of students; social and cultural activities and programs; services related to campus life and campus community; and educational and career support services. Student Services Fee income generated by UCLA students funds UCLA programs. The amount of the Student Services Fee is the same for all campuses in the UC system. The amount is set by The Regents.

**Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST).** Charged to students in the D.D.S., D.Env., Dr.P.H., J.D., M.Arch, M.B.A., M.D., M.F.A. (Art, TFT), M.P.P., M.S.N., M.S.W., and M.U.R.P. programs. The amount of the PDST can be different for each professional school program and on each campus. Regents' policy specifies that an amount equal to at least one-third of any new fee increase must be used for financial aid. The remainder is retained by the professional schools to maintain academic quality.

## Campus-Based Fees: Referenda Fees

The Regents have authority to impose fees for any University purpose. All campus-based student fees must be approved by the Chancellor, except that no compulsory campus-based fee shall be effective until also approved either by The Regents or by the President under the President's delegated authority, as appropriate. Compulsory campus-based fees must be paid by all registered students to whom the fee applies. Compulsory campus-based fees may only be established, increased, or renewed following a referendum in which students vote in favor of the compulsory fees, except as provided in section 83.00 of *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*.

Any compulsory campus-based student fee approved as either a new fee or an increase to an existing fee shall provide for fee revenue for local need-based financial aid ("return-to-aid") to be set aside in an amount equal to at least 25% of the total new fee or fee increase as appropriate. The return-to-aid generated by undergraduate students shall be reserved for undergraduate student financial support and the return-to-aid generated by graduate and professional students shall be reserved for graduate and professional student financial support. (See section 81.20 of *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*.)

**Ackerman/Kerckhoff Seismic Fee.** In September 1992, The Regents approved the assessment of a Student Seismic Fee to fund debt service related to the seismic and life safety renovations for Ackerman Union and Kerckhoff Hall. The fee, which is payable by both regular session and summer session students, was assessed for the first time in Fall 1996.

**Ackerman Student Union Fee.** Covers payment of the capital construction loans for various projects in facilities operated by ASUCLA. The original fee was instituted after a student referendum in the mid-1950s.

**Bruin Bash Fee.** Effective Fall 2013, the Bruin Bash Fee funds the cost of the annual Fall student event that welcomes new and returning students. The event includes activities such as concerts, film screenings, a lounge, dance, and the Enormous Activities Fair. The Enormous Activities Fair gives more than 500 campus organizations and club sport teams the opportunity to share information about their organizations and provides opportunities for students to get involved throughout the year. Twenty-five percent of the fee is returned to support financial aid.

**Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fee.** Supports graduate student government. It is collected by the University and passed on to Associated Students of UCLA (ASUCLA) to administer on behalf of the students. It can be increased only by a vote of the students in a student referendum. GSA uses these funds to support itself and for programming.

**Graduate Writing Center Fee.** Assessed to graduate students. Provides permanent funding to support the Graduate Writing Center, which offers writing assistance for all types of professional academic writing and presentations. Twenty-five percent of the revenue generated from the fee is used for student financial aid.

**Green Initiative Fee.** Assessed to undergraduates to raise funds for projects focused on environmental sustainability at UCLA. The funded projects focus on minimizing UCLA's contribution to global climate change; conserving water, energy, and other resources; increasing UCLA's use of renewable energy; promoting local and organic food; educating the campus community about environmental sustainability; and providing paid student internships.

**Practicing Leadership and Empowerment to Develop Growth through Education (PLEDGE) Fee.** Supports the efforts of Undergraduate Student Association student-initiated outreach, community, retention, and media programs that increase student access to university resources and services at UCLA and the surrounding community. The fee provides supplemental funding to the Community Programs Office, Student-Initiated Access Committee, and the Campus Retention Committee to support more than 30 projects and activities. The fee also provides supplemental funding to the UCLA Marching Band, the Communications Board and its student-run media, and the USAC External Vice President's office for advocacy on behalf of undergraduate students. The fee was passed by student referendum in Spring 2009 and approved in July 2009. The PLEDGE fee is assessed only to undergraduates.

**Student Programs, Activities, and Resource Center (SPARC) Fee.** Assessed to all undergraduate and graduate students for the construction of non-seismic renovations in the Men's Gymnasium building; for the construction and expansion of the John Wooden Recreation Center; and for the building maintenance, utilities costs, and future repair and

improvement needs of these two projects as well as similar needs of other student-fee supported activity and recreational facilities on campus. The fee is increased periodically based on the Consumer Price Index.

**Undergraduate Student Association Fee.** This is an undergraduate student government fee collected by the University and passed on to Associated Students of UCLA (ASUCLA) for use by the undergraduate student government organization. The fee can be increased only by a vote of the students in a student referendum. Funds are used primarily to support student government and for programming such as community service, films, cultural events, and concerts.

**Wooden Center Fee.** Covers repayment of the construction bond plus the ongoing maintenance and utilities costs for the John Wooden Recreation Center. It was approved by student referendum. The fee is increased periodically based on the Consumer Price Index.

### **Campus-Based Fees: Course Materials Fees**

These fees are approved by the Chancellor and reported to the Office of the President. They cover the cost of providing course materials to be consumed, retained, or used by the student. Materials and supplies may include chemicals and other one-time use items, as well as reproduction costs for supplemental materials such as laboratory manuals and non-commercial computer software. The fees can also cover: the costs associated with the use of University-owned tools; musical instruments and other equipment; the cost of supplemental educational experiences such as off-campus field trips, film rentals; online electronic audio and visual course materials; software that directly support the instructional activities of a course; and the cost of other materials or services necessary to provide a special supplemental educational experience of direct benefit to the student. Fees vary and are listed in the Schedule of Classes.

There are numerous course materials fees on the campus. Some examples include:

**Dentistry Gown and Instrument Sterilization Fee.** A course materials fee that is assessed to all students enrolled in the regular (state-supported) D.D.S. program. The fee is assessed Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring terms.

**Disability Insurance Fee.** Assessed to medical school and dental school students, and collected during the Fall term only.

**Instructional Enhancement Initiative (IEI) Fee.** A course materials fee that supports the use of technology in teaching undergraduates. The fee funds online learning support including course websites and syllabi, computer labs and wireless access, course software, and staffing of computer labs for student use. The per-unit fee is assessed after the fourth week of the term to students enrolled in most undergraduate nontutorial courses.

**Law Materials and Technology Fee.** A course materials fee that is assessed to all Law School students to develop and maintain technology-based materials and enhanced services to support students' educational program. It supports such services as the Electronic Course Reserves and student computer laboratories.

**MBA Activities Fee.** Effective Winter quarter 2002, an MBA Activities fee was established for students enrolled in the full-time MBA program to support student-sponsored programs and activities. It supports the Anderson Student Association's (ASA) extracurricular professional and career-related programs including student professional clubs. Programs include special events and conferences, the student-managed career night, events, and seminars.

**MBA Course Materials Fee.** First approved in 1991 to cover case studies and other course materials, the fee was expanded in 1996-97 to include support for an electronic environment: e-mail, servers, telephone lines, electronic course communication and materials, webpages, software support, and computer classroom workstations.

## **Campus-Based Fees: Other Fees**

**Mandatory Medical Insurance Fee (University of California Student Health Insurance Plan/UCSHIP).** Medical insurance is a condition of registration for both graduate and undergraduate students at the University of California. As such, the cost of the University of California Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP) is billed along with other UCLA fees each academic term. The UCSHIP fee is waivable if a waiver is submitted by the fee payment deadline for each term. Waiving UCSHIP is an online process. UCSHIP fulfills all of the requirements mandated for qualified medical/health insurance as defined by the University. The Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center is the primary health care provider for UCSHIP and is where all nonemergency medical care must be initiated for UCSHIP claim payment consideration.

**Registrar's Document Fee.** Effective Fall 2013, new undergraduate and graduate students (excluding students enrolled exclusively in Medicine, Dentistry, and Law degree programs) are assessed a one-time Document Fee that provides lifetime access to official transcripts and academic verifications without a fee for standard processing. In addition, fees are no longer charged for incomplete grade removals and mailing the initial diploma. The Document Fee is assessed to BruinBill accounts for all students starting a new degree program during their first term of matriculation. Alumni and former students receive the same Document Fee benefits but do not pay the new one-time fee, since they have been subject to various fees previously for their degree program. However, if a current or former student returns to UCLA for a new degree program, that student is assessed a Document Fee. Eligible students are able to use financial aid to cover the Document Fee.

## **Student Fee Advisory Committee**

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) is a student-majority committee that advises the Chancellor on the allocation of the Student Services Fee and the implementation course materials fees. The purpose of SFAC is to obtain and channel student input into decisions regarding the level and use of Student Services Fee resources.