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Tuition and Fees

It is the intent of the university to keep at a minimum the necessary expenses of its students. Increases are put into effect only when public funds are inadequate and no other resource is available. Therefore, the university reserves the right to increase or modify fees, tuition, or scholarships without prior notice, upon approval by the Board of Trustees. A portion of student tuition and fee charges is used for operating costs, including scholarships and tuition waivers. The [Bursar's Office](#) is responsible for the assessment and collection of tuition and fees.

Tuition

[Tuition](#) is assessed by credit hour based on the admission status of a student (e.g., undergraduate, graduate, law, etc.), with an additional nonresident fee being assessed for students who are not residents of the state. For the 2019-20 academic year, the base undergraduate tuition rate is \$363.25 and \$1,041.25 per credit hour for residents and nonresidents, respectively. The base graduate tuition rate is \$484.25 and \$1,388.25 per credit hour for residents and nonresidents, respectively.

- Tuition Estimator [fall/spring](#) or [intersessions/summer](#)

Special Fees

Special fees may be associated with various services or with enrollment in specific courses. A [complete listing of courses with special fees](#) is available as part of this catalog.

Payment of Fees

Information on how to make payments for tuition and fees and due dates is posted on the [bursar's Web page](#).

Delinquent Accounts

Regular student account balances and student loan balances are collected by the Bursar's Office, and, if not paid, constitute a delinquent account. The university reserves the right to withhold re-admission to a student until all delinquent amounts owed to the university have been paid. Diplomas and course transcripts are not issued for students whose accounts are delinquent. Delinquent accounts may be referred to a collection agency, in which case the account will be assessed all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney fees, whether or not a lawsuit is commenced as part of the collection process.

Legal Residence

Tuition charges are based on whether or not a student is considered a resident of the state of Mississippi. For information about the definition of legal residence and how to change residence status, see the section under Admission.

