

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS  
POLICY MANUAL**

4-101 Tuition and Fee Definitions

Revision Dates

6/14/2019 (effective 4/12/2019), 11/16/2018 (adopted)

**Note: This policy will remain in effect for setting tuition and fees for FY 2024. (Arizona Board of Regents Meeting, February 9, 2023, Item #22)**

- A. “Academic Fees” consist of mandatory, college, program, class, and other fees levied as a result of enrollment as a student in the university, in a program of the university, or in a class offered by the university.
- B. “Accelerated program tuition” means tuition set for a program that allows a student to achieve an academic degree on an accelerated schedule.
- C. “Base tuition” means the amount of tuition set for an academic year for a full-time student at identified campuses or locations of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and University of Arizona.
- D. “Class fees” means additional charges for specific classes or courses that have demonstrably higher costs of delivering instruction overall because of the need for or use of special equipment, supplies, technology, key personnel expenses, field trips or other costs approved by the board.
- E. “College fees” means additional amounts charged to students in all graduate or undergraduate academic programs in a college, school, or division.
- F. “Differential tuition” means tuition that is higher or lower than the base tuition established for each university campus or location and applies to all graduate or undergraduate academic programs in a college or school.
- G. “Elected student representatives” means the students elected to the college councils and associated student government.
- H. “Mandatory fees” means fees charged to students for a specific purpose, activity, or service. Mandatory fees can be university wide or differentiated by campus location, delivery-method, enrollment level, or other criteria approved by the board. All mandatory fees must be approved by the board.
- I. “Non-Academic Fees” are user fees levied not as the result of enrollment as a student in the university, in a program of the university, or in a class offered by the university. Examples include parking, entry, extracurricular, graduation, copy, and other administrative fees.

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- J. “Online tuition” means the amount of tuition set for students in a fully online academic program.
  - K. “Peer institutions” means a board approved list of higher education institutions for each Arizona university to provide benchmarks for assessing institutional effectiveness. The criteria for selections may include an institution’s size, student characteristics, program mix, institutional mission, and research focus.
  - L. “Program fees” means additional amounts charged to students in select degree programs within colleges, schools, or departments, including honors colleges or programs, that demonstrate one or more of the following: higher costs of delivering instruction; the need for or use of special equipment, technology, or key personnel expenses; market conditions.

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Policy History

- 11/16/2018 Approved by the Board on second reading.
- 4/12/2019 Policy revision approved by the Board on first reading with immediate implementation.
- 6/14/2019 Policy revision approved by the Board on second reading.

Related Information

4-101 was originally assigned to the Authority to Set Tuition and Fees policy. In November 2018, Article A was revised and renumbered.