Fall 2020 Tuition and Fees
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What actions did the Board of Regents take on undergraduate e-tuition at the April 14th, 2020 meeting?

   The Board of Regents reduced undergraduate e-Tuition rates as of Summer 2020. The undergraduate e-Tuition rates now equal in-state tuition rates charged for face-to-face courses. This completes, one semester early, the three-year phase-out of undergraduate e-tuition differentials, started in 2018. Georgia residents will now pay the lowest tuition rate for all of their undergraduate courses. The rates approved for Summer 2020 will continue for Fall 2020 and throughout FY21.

   Additionally, beginning in Fall 2020, only students who are enrolled in 100% online courses will be eligible for the e-Tuition rate.

2. Now that e-Tuition rates equal in-state rates for undergraduates, do these rates still apply to both Georgia residents and non-residents?

   Yes, but only for those students who are enrolled in 100% online courses at institutions with an e-Tuition rate.

3. How are institutions that do not currently have an e-Tuition rate impacted?

   Institutions without an e-tuition rate are not impacted. These schools should continue to assess in-state and out-of-state rates to students based on residency, per usual.

4. Undergraduate tuition for face-to-face students is capped at 15 hours, while online students may be charged for more than 15 credits. Now that e-Tuition equals in-state rates, how are institutions to apply this policy?

   Undergraduate students taking 100% online or a combination of online and on-campus courses should be charged at the 15-credit hour cap if enrolled in 15 or more credit hours in a semester.

   BOR Policy 7.3.1.1 states, “Tuition for undergraduate students enrolled at a USG institution shall be charged at the full rate for students enrolled for 15 credit hours or more...Distance education courses and programs as defined in Section 7.3.1.4 of this Policy Manual may be exempted from this policy and charged on a per credit hour basis.” The policy does not require this exemption. Until such a time as the Board takes action to change this policy, the directive to institutions is to utilize a 15-hour cap.

5. Will the eCore tuition rate at $159 and the eMajor rate at $199 remain the same, or are we supposed to charge our campus online rates?

   The eCore and eMajor tuition rates remain unchanged for the Fall 2020 term.

6. How are graduate tuition rates affected by the Board of Regents action?

   The Board of Regents has approved graduate tuition rates for FY21 to be the same as the rates assessed during FY20. This includes graduate programs with a special rate, including professional and premium-priced programs, 100% online programs with special rates, or total program rates.
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Beginning Fall semester 2020, at institutions with graduate e-Tuition rates, those rates are only applicable to graduate students who are enrolled in 100% online courses.

7. Will institutions be charged for students taking more than 15 credit hours of eCore tuition in a single semester?

   eCore will not charge institutions for students taking more than 15 eCore credit hours in a single semester.

8. How should school apply the 15 credit hours cap in Banner?

   Institutions have implemented charging students in Banner from SFARGFE in various ways. The method to cap at 15 credit hours is to reverse out your tuition rate for students taking over 15 credit hours. The concept is institutions would charge students for all hours enrolled (example 18 hours), then with a negative rule reverse out the cost of for hours over 15 credit hours (example the 3 additional hours). It all depends on whether you are accessing based on student or campus rules but it can be accomplished either way on SFARGFE. You can also use the course overload option under Registration Criteria on SFARGFE.