



Fees and Expenses

Academic Fees

Academic fees at the University of South Carolina Upstate are established by the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees and are subject to change. Fees printed in this publication are proposed for 2005-2006.

Application Fee

Every new degree-seeking student is charged a non-refundable application fee of \$40. Exceptions to this charge may be made for certain special categories of admission. Non-degree-seeking students must pay a non-refundable application fee of \$10. Applications for admission must be accompanied by the application fee.

Foreign Students

Foreign students must ordinarily pay non-resident fees for the duration of their enrollment, unless they qualify for permanent alien status. Their standing in this category and application for resident fees must be cleared with the residency officer in the admissions office.

Examination Fees

Special examinations to establish undergraduate college credit without class attendance, or to validate credits from a non-accredited college, cost \$15 per semester hour.

Tuition¹

All fees are payable in full at the beginning of each term.

Undergraduate¹

Full-time students (12-16 semester hours)

SC residents \$3,208 per semester
Non-residents \$6,627 per semester

Full-time students (17 semester hours and above)

SC residents \$80 per semester hour
Non-residents \$160 per semester hour

Part-time and summer school students

SC residents \$281 per semester hour
Non-residents \$582 per semester hour

Graduate¹

Full-time students (12-16 semester hours)

SC residents \$3,445 per semester
Non-residents \$7,460 per semester

Full-time students (17 semester hours and above)

SC residents \$80 per semester hour
Non-residents \$170 per semester hour

Part-time and summer school students

SC residents \$342 per semester hour
Non-residents \$727 per semester hour

Certified Teachers

SC residents \$237 per semester hour
Non-residents \$263 per semester hour

Students taking courses at more than one University of South Carolina campus are charged the appropriate campus rate per hour for each course taken. These charges may be in addition to the maximum fees, if

reached, at the student's home campus. For example, a student taking 12 hours (or more) at USC Upstate and three hours at Union will be charged the full-tuition rate for the USC Upstate courses **plus** the cost of the course taken at Union calculated at the Union rate per hour.

Course auditing

Course auditing fees are the same as courses taken for credit.

Senior citizens

Legal residents of South Carolina who have attained the age of 60 and meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the University may attend classes tuition-free for credit or audit purposes on a space-available basis.

Meals¹

Basic Plan (minimum requirement for residents of University Commons)

Seven meals per week \$650

Basic Plus

Seven meals per week plus 125 bonus bucks . \$750

Choice Plan (minimum requirement for residents of Palmetto House)

10 meals per week plus 100 bonus bucks \$850

Best Value (available to all students)

15 meals per week plus 100 bonus bucks \$980

Commuter Plan

Declining balance plans ranging from \$100 to \$250 in \$25 increments.

Housing¹

University Commons apartment-style complex for upperclassman

Double room (per semester, per student) \$1,600

Palmetto House traditional-style complex for freshman

Single room (per semester, per student) \$2,250

Double room (per semester, per student) \$1,950

Summer Term Housing in University Commons for freshman and upperclassman

(per Maymester term, per student) \$275

(per summer term, per student) \$375

NOTE: a security deposit of \$100 and \$35 application fee are required for both University Commons and Palmetto House.

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Insurance

Optional student health and accident insurance is available to all full-time students paying full fees. It may regularly be purchased only at the beginning of the fall semester, except in the case of new and transfer students. Contact the student affairs office for details on coverage and fees.

Other Fees¹

Matriculation fee ²	\$75
Technology fee	\$8 per credit hour (part-time) \$100 per semester (full-time)
Health fee	\$3 per credit hour (part-time) \$38 per semester (full-time)
Replacement of diploma as originally issued	\$25
Transcript fee (each copy)	\$8
Duplicate registration certificate fees	
Replacement identification card	\$10
Replacement treasurer's fee receipt	\$5
Reinstatement	\$40
Parking: Students are charged a parking/security fee each semester as follows. Students must display a USC Upstate parking sticker on each vehicle, and comply with regulations as set forth.	
Single semester	\$25
Summer term	\$10

Estimated Expenses for One Academic Year¹

Note: The following estimate represents a reasonable minimum for full-time enrollment; it does not include meals, travel, room and board and other incidental expenses.

South Carolina residents:

Academic fees, full-time (\$2,930 per semester)	\$5,860
Books (estimate: \$450 per semester)	\$900
Other fees	\$326
Total	\$7,086

Non-residents:

Academic fees, full-time (\$6,052 per semester)	\$12,104
Books (estimate: \$450 per semester)	\$900
Other fees	\$326
Total	\$13,330

Fines¹

Bad checks or credit cards returned for any reason: \$25 plus late fee if used for payment of enrollment fees.

Damage: Students are charged for damage to university property or equipment.

Parking:

Parking improperly	\$15
Parking decal or permit not displayed	\$5
Parking in no parking area	\$15
Parking in loading or service zone	\$15
Blocking (for example, sidewalk or driveway) ..	\$15
No parking permit for zone	\$15
Parking at fire plug, in lane	\$50
Parking on grass	\$5
Parking along yellow curbs	\$15
Parking in reserved spaces	\$15
Failure to register vehicle	\$15
Parking in handicap space (fine set by state law)	\$100
Blocking space or curb cut	\$100

Refunds

University charges are to be paid in full on the date they are incurred. Refunds are issued according to the schedules in this section to students who withdraw from the University, to part-time students who drop a course or courses, and to full-time students who are reclassified as part-time students as a result of dropping a course or courses.

Based on current federal regulations, students receiving federal Title IV financial assistance "earn" that assistance as they attend the University. All federal Title IV financial assistance is considered fully earned when the student has been enrolled past the 60% point of the enrollment term. If a student withdraws from the University prior to that 60% point, the unearned portion of the federal Title IV financial assistance must be returned to the source(s) of the funds. This is an obligation of **both** the University and the student.

The University is obligated to repay a calculated amount of the unearned portion of the student's Title IV financial aid, and this repayment is made from University funds. To the extent this repayment exceeds any applicable University policy refund, this amount is the finan-

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² A one-time fee paid by new degree-seeking students.

cial obligation of the student to the University. To the extent total unearned federal Title IV financial assistance exceeds the portion repaid by the University, that amount is a financial obligation of the student to the lender and/or the Department of Education.

The return of the University's repayment is made in the following regulation prescribed priority sequence.

1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loans
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford loans
3. Federal Perkins loans
4. Federal PLUS loans received on behalf of students
5. Federal Pell grants
6. Federal SEOG program aid
7. Other Title IV funds

University policy refunds for withdrawing students who have received non-Title IV financial aid, will be applied to the source(s) of that financial aid before any refund is made to the student.

The University administers refund policies for Title IV financial aid recipients as required by the Federal Higher Education Act. Immediately following is the standard university refund schedule. Specific refund dates are published in the course schedule for each semester. Additional information regarding federal refund policies is available in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

	<u>Complete Withdrawals¹</u>	<u>Course Drops²</u>
Fall and Spring Semesters		
By the last day of the late registration period		100%
By the end of the first week of classes	100%	
By the end of the 10% period of the enrollment period	90%	
By the end of the 16% period of the enrollment period	70%	70%
By the end of the 25% period of the enrollment period	50%	
By the end of the 50% period of the enrollment period	25%	
Summer Terms		
By the last day of the late registration period	100%	100%
By the end of the 10% period of the enrollment period	90%	
By the end of the 25% period of the enrollment period	50%	
By the end of the 36% period of the enrollment period	40%	40%
By the end of the 50% period of the enrollment period	25%	25%

¹Refunds for complete withdrawals cover tuition, fees, housing and meal plans at the appropriate percentage.

²Refunds for course drops cover tuition only at the appropriate percentage.

State Residency Requirements

The University of South Carolina Upstate assesses tuition and fees upon the basis of state residency. The rules regarding the establishment of legal residency for tuition and fee purposes for institutions of higher education are governed by the South Carolina Code of Laws. A copy of this law in its entirety is available from the Office of Admissions.

The initial resident status determination is made at the time of admission and prevails until such time that a student establishes a proper claim to residency as defined by the laws of South Carolina. Any student who is discovered to have been improperly classified as a South Carolina resident will be reclassified as a non-resident and will be required to pay differences in fees.

Persons having questions about residency are encouraged to secure a Residency Application Package from the Office of Admissions. Appointments with the director of admissions to discuss residency requirements are also encouraged.

The University reserves the right to alter any charges without notice. All charges are due and payable on the date that they are incurred, or the date indicated on the ticket, invoice or statement. Checks for the exact amount of the total charges should be made payable to the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Students failing to pay all required registration fees on or before the last date to change course schedule (as indicated in the university calendar) may be dropped from class rolls.

Students failing to relieve any other indebtedness to the University or to any of its auxiliary agencies on the date such obligations become due and payable may not be permitted to attend classes, stand final examinations, or be issued a transcript, diploma, degree or any other official statement.