

University of West Florida

Tuition and Fee Definitions

Tuition – Tuition is the basic fee charged to a student for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational institution. In some contexts, matriculation is synonymous with tuition.

Out of State Fee – The out of state fee is an additional fee charged to a student for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational institution in Florida who does not qualify for in-state tuition pursuant to s.1009.21.

Tuition Differential – The tuition differential fee is a supplemental fee used to support undergraduate instruction and student support, and need based financial aid for undergraduate students.

Financial Aid Fee – The financial aid fee is used to provide financial aid and administer the program. The student financial aid fee is set by the Florida State Legislature at 5 percent of tuition.

Capital Improvement Fee – The capital improvement fee exists to provide educational and support facilities for students, faculty, and staff in a manner that maximizes the effectiveness of the capital investment, maximizes the use of existing facilities, and promotes orderly, planned campus development.

Student Activity Fee – The student activity fee supports student government association and student programs / organizations to improve services that benefit the general student body.

Athletic Fee – The athletic fee supports intercollegiate athletics and enables students to attend athletic events at no cost.

Health Fee – The health fee funds programming that provides students access to the campus-based Student Health Services with many services offered at little to no direct cost to the student.

Transportation Fee – The transportation fee is used to support the university's transportation infrastructure and to increase student access to transportation services.

Online Fee – The online fee is used to recover the cost for developing and delivering distance learning programs and courses.

Technology Fee – The technology fee supports enhancement to instructional technology resources for students primarily and ancillary support to faculty technology.

Green Energy Fee – The green energy fee is used to establish or improve the use of renewable energy technologies or energy efficiencies that lower the university's greenhouse emissions.