

Docket Item:

Public University Tuition Increase Criteria

Summary:

The following summarizes the status of the 2022-23 tuition setting process at each of the public universities and summarizes recommended tuition increase criteria for consideration. One university is expected to exceed the 5% review threshold for resident, undergraduate tuition and mandatory enrollment fees requiring Commission approval. Consideration of this item is scheduled for the May Commission meeting. The appendices include additional information on historical changes in resident, undergraduate tuition rates, an explanation of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees, information about remission programs, and differential tuition.

Docket Material:

The table below includes a current summary of the proposed annual tuition increases at each institution including those mandatory fees the HECC considers in its calculations which exclude incidental and related fees.

Institution	2021-22 Tuition and Fees	2022-23 Proposed Tuition and Fees	Increase %	Status
EOU	\$8,682	EOU is proposing a 4.9% tuition increase, fee increases TBD	TBD	Awaiting Proposal (5/18 Board Meeting)
OIT-KF	\$10,223	\$10,923	6.85%	Tuition and Fees Proposed (4/7 Board Meeting)
OIT-WV	\$9,836	\$10,527	7.02%	Tuition and Fees Proposed (4/7 Board Meeting)
OSU-Corvallis	\$10,822 (Enrolled prior to 19-20)	OSU is recommending a 3.0% increase for all	TBD	Tuition Proposed (4/14 Board Meeting)

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	\$11,137 (Students enrolled in 20-21) \$11,317 (New students)	cohorts, fee level and exact calculations TBD		
OSU-Cascades	\$10,062 (Enrolled prior to 19-20) \$10,512 (Students enrolled in 20-21) \$10,692 (New students)	OSU is recommending a 3.0% increase for all cohorts, fee level and exact calculations TBD	TBD	Tuition Proposed (4/14 Board Meeting)
PSU	\$9,462	\$9,837	3.96%	Proposal (4/21 Board Meeting)
SOU	\$9,675	TBD	TBD	Awaiting Proposal (4/22 Board Meeting)
UO*	\$12,670 (current students) \$13,041 (2021 Guaranteed Tuition Students) \$13,616 (New Students)	\$13,050 (Pre Guaranteed Tuition students) \$13,041 (2021 Guaranteed Tuition Students) \$13,616 (2022 Guaranteed Tuition Students) \$14,631 (New Students- Guaranteed Tuition)	2.81% (Weighted)	Approved
WOU	\$9,204	TBD	TBD	Awaiting proposal (4/20 Board Meeting)

*Although not presented above, the increase in mandatory enrollment fees for the University of Oregon was due to a student-requested shift of the student union fee from one controlled by the students (and not included in the HECC's 5% calculation) to one controlled by the administration and included in the 5% calculation. The net increase in total cost to students when considering tuition and all mandatory fees together is less than the increase to just mandatory enrollment fees only.

Tuition Increase Criteria

The institutions are required under statute (ORS 352.025, 352.102 and 352.103) to use a tuition setting body (committee or workgroup) as part of an inclusive and transparent tuition-setting process. The tuition setting body must include a minimum of eight members with two administrators, two faculty, two students representing student government, and two students representing historically underserved students. Most are much larger. Each institution will also post meeting materials and additional information on websites established for this purpose.

The following criteria, as previously adopted by the Commission, can be used in determining whether or not a proposed university increase to its undergraduate resident tuition rate of greater than 5% is "appropriate" pursuant to statute (ORS 350.075 (3)(h)(B)).

It is expected that barring extraordinary circumstances, these criteria shall constitute the only criteria the Commission will employ during the tuition review process. In determining whether or not an institution has met any particular criterion, the Commission will employ a "reasonableness" test; in other words, considering context and constraints, can the institution be understood to have taken all prudent and reasonable measures to meet the standard suggested by the criterion?

When making its final determination about whether a university's above-threshold tuition increase is appropriate, the Commission will consider the totality of the institution's submission. An institution's shortcoming or success with respect to any one criterion will not necessarily determine the Commission's overall conclusion about the appropriateness of the proposed tuition increase.

The public university tuition setting criteria as previously adopted by the Commission include the following focus areas and related goals:

Focus Area One: Fostering an inclusive and transparent tuition-setting process

Goals: Inclusion; transparency

Why this focus area is important:

Student engagement in tuition-setting decisions is a core priority for students, public universities, the state, and the HECC. The HECC seeks assurance that the tuition-setting process is open, fair and provides ample opportunities for student participation.

In order to assess the criteria in this focus area, evidence must be provided regarding the engagement of students throughout the process and that student engagement informed the development of an institution's final tuition proposal. This impact should be clearly documented by the available materials produced by the tuition setting body as well as the views of students and student organizations involved, either directly or indirectly, in the tuition-setting process.

Criteria for this Focus Area:

- A. The institution can demonstrate that students had multiple opportunity to engage in the tuition-setting process including, but not limited to, participation on the institution's tuition setting body.

The Commission determines that engagement with students occurred throughout the tuition-setting process and that student input was fully considered in the institution's tuition proposal.

- B. The institution demonstrates that information about the tuition setting process was easily accessible, that the tuition-setting process was transparent and in compliance with ORS 352.103 as established by House Bill 4141 (2018).

Information on the institution's process is available and accessible and meets or exceeds the requirements of ORS 352.103. Data that can be used to support this determination include: Tuition setting body structure; student outreach strategies that were undertaken at the institution with a particular focus on outreach to underrepresented student groups; extent of information available to tuition setting body members, particularly students; and how dissenting comments are reflected and incorporated into official tuition deliberations and/or recommendations.

Focus Area Two: Safeguarding the access and support for degree completion by historically underrepresented students

Goals: Mitigate equity impacts of tuition increase

Why this focus area is important:

The HECC's strategic plan emphasizes the importance of increasing the participation and completion of historically underrepresented students at every level. At a minimum, the HECC wants to ensure the impact of any tuition increases on these highly vulnerable groups is mitigated.

These criteria allow universities to identify how they will help targeted groups more by approving these increases than by not doing so – for example via targeted remissions or student support programs. In addition, criteria require detailing how tuition would decrease should the final PUSF exceed the funding level upon which the tuition increase is predicated.

Criteria for this Focus Area:

- A. Demonstration of impacts, with and without a tuition increase of more than 5%, on remission programs and support services that bolster retention and completion of underrepresented students.

The institution demonstrates that it reduced or mitigated impacts on underrepresented students under the proposed increase. Specific examples should be provided as related to programs that support these students, especially resident students.

- B. (For tuition increases scheduled to take place during an odd-numbered year): The institution has a plan for reducing tuition costs if the legislatively-adopted PUSF exceeds the funding level upon which the tuition increase is predicated.

The institution provides a plan for linking legislatively-adopted PUSF increases with tuition decreases.

Focus Area Three: Financial conditions demonstrating the need for resident, undergraduate tuition to be increased more than 5%

Goals: Explanation of cost drivers and revenue dynamics triggering tuition increase, demonstrated consideration of alternatives, and implementation of cost containment

Why this focus area is important:

The tuition-setting process presents an opportunity to describe the impact of state-mandated cost pressures as well as to understand institutional efforts to contain costs and improve long-run fiscal sustainability. The criteria under this focus area highlight these considerations.

Additionally, although universities establish tuition rates annually, this focus area highlights that decisions about tuition should consider the long-term consequences of annual decisions on the financial health of the institution, programs supporting student success, the quality of academic programs, and the institution's ability to recruit and retain faculty and staff.

Criteria for this Focus Area:

- A. The institution demonstrates that current and projected financial conditions compelling the need for the increase request to meet the critical portions of its HECC-approved mission or goals set in the HECC's strategic plan, including documentation that alternatives to raising tuition above 5% were considered.

The institution provides a clear explanation, backed up with appropriate quantitative evidence, that the institution's increase in excess of 5% is necessary to support the long-term ability to meet the institution's core mission or its ability to meet the HECC's strategic plan.

- B. The institution demonstrates it has considered and implemented cost containment efforts for those costs that are within their control.

The institution has a demonstrable history of cost control efforts, including engaging in a systematic review of cost efficiencies. In addition, these efficiency reviews and the resulting data/monitoring have been incorporated into an institution's budgetary decision-making process for an institution's cost control efforts to receive a passing analysis under this criterion.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend adoption and forward to the full commission for consideration.

Appendix A – Requirements for the Tuition Setting Process

As required in statute (ORS 352.103), the public universities must accomplish the following as part of the annual tuition setting process:

1. Creation of a tuition advisory body, which must create a written document describing its role and consist of at least the following members:
 - Two Administrators
 - Two Faculty
 - Two Students representing Student Government
 - Two Students representing historically underserved students
2. The university must provide training on the following:
 - The budget of the university
 - The legislative appropriation process
 - Data showing the relationship between tuition and fees to state appropriations
 - The university must provide the council with:
 - A plan for managing costs
 - A plan for how tuition and fees could be decreased if the university receives additional state funding
3. The advisory body must also provide the following opportunities:
 - Provide meaningful opportunities for members of the recognized student government and other students to actively participate in the process and deliberations
 - Provide a written report to the president with recommendations, deliberations and observations about tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year including any sub-reports requested by members of the advisory body or other documentation produced or received by the advisory body
4. The university must ensure that the process is described on the University's website and include downloadable materials such as:
 - The advisory body's role and relationship to the Board
 - Any documentation, agendas, and data considered during deliberations
5. If the council feels a recommendation greater than 5% annually is necessary, the council must document its consideration of:
 - The impact of that increase on students, especially historically underserved students
 - The impact of that increase on the mission of the university
 - Alternative scenarios involving smaller increases

Appendix B – Historical Changes in Resident, Undergraduate Tuition Rates

Includes tuition, mandatory and incidental fees

Annual Changes in Resident, Undergraduate Tuition Rates

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
EOU	2.70%	3.20%	-0.30%	4.10%	3.00%	4.50%	3.80%	4.86%	4.42%	1.56%
OIT*	5.30%	2.10%	-0.20%	4.50%	3.00%	4.80%	4.70%	7.33%	3.20%	3.14%
OSU**	6.40%	1.70%	10.20%	10.80%	2.60%	4.20%	3.80%	4.44%	3.91%	4.24%
PSU	-1.40%	2.20%	-0.30%	3.10%	3.80%	5.30%	3.70%	5.19%	5.58%	2.62%
SOU	4.20%	2.80%	-0.20%	5.50%	4.60%	9.00%	3.50%	8.99%	4.18%	2.28%
UO***	5.90%	4.20%	2.20%	3.70%	4.60%	7.50%	2.80%	6.91%	3.11%	4.07%
WOU	0%	2.80%	0.80%	1.90%	3.20%	5.70%	3.80%	2.33%	4.36%	0.74%

*=Klamath Falls Campus. **=Corvallis New Student Rate ***=Continuing Student Rate.

Average Annual Increase in Resident, Undergraduate Tuition Rates - Not Adjusted for Inflation

	EOU	OIT	OSU	PSU	SOU	UO	WOU	All
2011-12	7,046	7,889	7,648	7,764	7,215	8,789	8,076	7,775
2021-22	9,651	11,622	12,683	10,377	11,166	14,420	10,269	11,455
Total Increase	45.4%	60.1%	78.3%	45.5%	64.3%	76.1%	50.0%	60.5%
Avg Annual Increase	3.6%	4.4%	5.8%	3.3%	5.0%	5.7%	2.7%	4.4%

Average Annual Increase in Resident, Undergraduate Tuition Rates - Adjusted for Inflation*

	EOU	OIT	OSU	PSU	SOU	UO	WOU	All
2011-12	8,637	9,670	9,375	9,517	8,844	10,773	9,899	9,531
2021-22	9,651	11,622	12,683	10,377	11,166	14,420	10,269	11,455
Total Increase	11.7%	20.2%	35.3%	9.0%	26.3%	33.8%	3.7%	20.2%
Avg Annual Increase	1.4%	2.3%	3.9%	1.1%	3.0%	3.7%	0.5%	2.3%

*Using the higher education cost adjustment (HECA) to adjust for inflation.

Appendix C – Explanation of Tuition and Mandatory Enrollment Fees

Undergraduate, resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees during the 2021-22 academic year for one term for a student enrolled full-time.

The amounts noted do not include differential tuition or other types of tuition that may depend on the student's academic program. More detailed information can be found at each institution's website. Information relevant to the main campus is included for those institutions with multiple campuses.

Tuition and fees are based on residency, student classification (undergraduate, graduate, etc.) and the number of credits enrolled. Course-specific fees may also apply. The amounts noted are for the current academic year, 2021-22.

Eastern Oregon University

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://www.eou.edu/staccts/tuition-and-fees/>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://www.eou.edu/staccts/files/2021/06/2021-22-AY-Tuition-Table-1-AY-UG-OC-RES.pdf>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time (15 credits) for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$2,610.00
Building Fee	\$85.00
Incidental Fee	\$310.00
Health Service Fee	\$199.00
Hoke Special Renovation Fee	\$28.00
Total Fees	\$622.00
Total Tuition & Fees	\$3,232.00

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – A building fee is assessed each term to all students registered for “On-Campus” courses. This fee is established by legislative statute and is intended to fund construction projects associated with student involvement.

Incidental Fee – This fee supports institutional student programs that are beyond the academic mission of the institution. Funds generated by incidental fees are used to fund student union operations,

educational, cultural, and student governmental activities, and athletics. Incidental Fees are governed by a committee, comprised of student body officers, students, faculty, staff, and advisors.

Health Service Fee – The Health Service Fee is a mandatory fee that provides student access to the Student Health and Counseling Centers.

Hoke Special Renovation Fee – As approved by ASEOU, students will pay \$28.00 per term to help defray the costs incurred for the renovation of the Hoke Student Union.

Oregon Tech

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://www.oit.edu/college-costs/tuition-fees>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://www.oit.edu/sites/default/files/2021/documents/2021-2022%20TandF%20by%20Program-3.9%25%20Up%20from%202021%20and%20Diff%20up%20to%2037%25%20of%20Base%20-%20Copy%20-%20Copy.pdf>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$3,190.50
Building Fee	\$45.00
Incidental Fee	\$397.50
Health Service Fee	\$172.00
Recreation Center Fee	\$69.00
Total Fees	\$683.50
Total Tuition & Fees	\$3,874.00

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with student centers, health centers, and recreational facilities.

Incidental Fee – covers the cost of student government and student groups who submit requests each year. Students enrolled in off-campus programs (OIMB and Portland only) are assessed 50% of the fee.

Health Service Fee – used to ensure a healthy and safe campus supporting immunization, health education, wellness activities, counseling services and to plan for and respond to emergencies.

Recreation Center Fee – used to retire the debt incurred to build and renovate the Student Recreation Center.

Oregon State University

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://financialaid.oregonstate.edu/cost-attendance>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://fa.oregonstate.edu/budget/tuition-fees>

Academic Year 2021-22 Fee Book: <https://fees.oregonstate.edu/Public/DownloadIE.aspx>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$3,520
Building Fee	\$45.00
Incidental Fee	\$455.31
Health Service Fee	<u>\$207.40</u>
Total Fees	\$707.71
Total Tuition & Fees	\$4,227.71

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with student centers, health centers, and recreational facilities.

Incidental Fee – covers the cost of student government and student groups who submit requests each year. Rates are established by the Student & Incidental Fees Committee.

Health Service Fee – entitles the student to access the health care and counseling services offered.

Portland State University

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://www.pdx.edu/student-finance/tuition>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://www.pdx.edu/student-finance/tuition-fees-2021-2022-academic-year>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$2,895.00
Building Fee	\$39.00
Incidental Fee	\$308.00
Health Service Fee	\$176.00
Academic Student Recreation Center Fee	<u>\$44.00</u>
Total Fees	\$567.00
Total Tuition & Fees	\$3,462.00

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – This fee is allocated to pay debt service associated with past construction and renovation projects on the PSU campus. Any additional funds collected are put into a reserve or used for small construction projects. The amount varies depending on the number of credits a student is enrolled in. The Student Fee Committee is responsible for recommending the amount and allocation of the incidental fee to ASPSU and the President.

Incidental Fee – This fee funds services such as Student Activities & Leadership Programs, resource centers, childcare services, and athletic activities. The amount varies depending on the number of credits a student is enrolled in. The Student Fee Committee is responsible for recommending the amount and allocation of the incidental fee to ASPSU and the President.

Health Service Fee – The Student Health Center Fee is a mandatory fee assessed to all students taking 5 or more in-load, non-Restricted Differential Tuition credit hours. The fee is in place to support all of the services offered by the Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) both remote and in-person.

Academic Student Recreation Center Fee – A fee assessed each term to fund the construction, maintenance, and operation costs, and to purchase and maintain equipment, for the Academic and Student Recreation Center Building.

Southern Oregon University

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://sou.edu/admissions/afford/>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://sou.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/tuition-fees/>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$3015.00
Building Fee	\$60.00
Incidental Fee	\$393.00
Health Service Fee	\$150.00
Recreation Center Fee	<u>\$104.00</u>
Total Fees	\$707.00
Total Tuition & Fees	\$3,722.00

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – This mandatory enrollment fee is allocated to pay debt service associated with past construction and renovation projects on the SOU campus. Any additional funds collected are put into a reserve or used for small construction projects. The amount varies depending on the number of credits a student is enrolled in.

Incidental Fee – The Student Incidental Fee is a mandatory incidental fee which pays for a plethora of different things, including but not limited to athletics, certain administrative positions, operating costs and maintenance of the Stevenson union, as well as clubs and services operations out of it, and a variety of smaller clubs managed through the Inter-Club Council. The purpose of the student incidental fee is to provide services and enriching experiences to the students at SOU.

Health Service Fee – This mandatory enrollment fee is assessed to all students taking 4 or more regular class credit hours. The fee supports all of the services offered by the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) both remote and in-person.

Recreation Center Fee – This mandatory incidental fee covers the debt services for the building (principal and interest) and some overhead expenses (utilities, reserves, etc). The fee was established by student referendum in 2012 and the debt service payments will end in 2047.

University of Oregon

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://brp.uoregon.edu/content/Tuition-and-Fees>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables:

[https://pages.uoregon.edu/baoforms/bao_drupal_6/sites/brp.uoregon.edu/files/brp/fees/2021-22_Tuition_and_Fee_Tables_\(09MAR2021\).pdf](https://pages.uoregon.edu/baoforms/bao_drupal_6/sites/brp.uoregon.edu/files/brp/fees/2021-22_Tuition_and_Fee_Tables_(09MAR2021).pdf)

Under the Guaranteed Tuition program, admitted undergraduate, resident students first enrolled after summer 2021 full time (15 credit hours) will pay the following tuition and mandatory fees during academic year 2020-2021 per term as referenced at <https://registrar.uoregon.edu/tuition-fees/undergraduate/guaranteed>:

Tuition	\$3991.20
Building Fee	\$45.00
Incidental Fee	\$268.25
Health Service Fee	\$236.25
Recreation Center Fee	\$133.00
Student Union Fee	\$81.75
Technology Fee	<u>\$51.50</u>
Total Fees	\$815.75
Total Tuition & Fees	\$4806.95

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with student centers, health centers, and recreational facilities.

Incidental Fee – covers the cost of student government and student groups who submit requests each year. Students enrolled in off-campus programs (OIMB and Portland only) are assessed 50% of the fee.

Health Service Fee – used to ensure a healthy and safe campus supporting immunization, health education, wellness activities, counseling services and to plan for and respond to emergencies.

Recreation Center Fee – used to retire the debt incurred to build and renovate the Student Recreation Center.

Student Union Fee – used to fund the construction, debt service, maintenance, and operation costs of the student union.

Technology Fee – helps defray the rapidly rising cost of technology services provided to students including wireless internet access, classroom technology, and widely distributed computer availability.

Western Oregon University

Overview of tuition and fees: <https://wou.edu/admission/tuition-and-aid/>

Complete list of tuition and fee tables: <https://wou.edu/business/files/2021/04/Tuition-and-Fee-Book-2021-22.pdf>

Average tuition and mandatory fee charges for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled full time for one term during the 2021-22 academic year:

Tuition	\$2,820
Building Fee	\$45.00
Incidental Fee	\$355.00
Health Service Fee	\$150.00
Student Health Bldg Fee	\$11.00
Student Rec Center Bldg Fee	\$42.00
Total Fees	\$603.00

Total Tuition & Fees \$3,423.00

Explanation of fixed, mandatory enrollment fees:

Building Fee – used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with student centers, health centers, and recreational facilities.

Incidental Fee – covers the cost of student government and student groups who submit requests each year.

Health Service Fee – used to ensure a healthy and safe campus supporting immunization, health education, wellness activities, counseling services and to plan for and respond to emergencies.

Student Health Building Fee – Used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with the health center.

Student Recreation Center Building Fee – used to fund the construction and debt service for capital projects primarily associated with the student rec building.

Appendix D – Information about Remission Programs

The student financial aid offerings at Oregon’s seven public universities include a variety of remission programs that mirror others offered across the country. These are often referred to as “fee waivers” or “tuition discounts” and are often tied to institution specific initiatives. This means students don’t often pay the entire tuition and fee amount (gross amount) charged to them. Instead they pay a net amount which is the entire amount discounted by applied remissions.

Programmatic student aid allows the University to target specific enrollment goals such as recruitment of students with financial need or meritorious students, international students, athletes, and other student populations, dependent on the university’s mission.

Below is more information on remission programs required by the state and offered at all seven public universities. Although not exhaustive, there are also examples of certain institutional remission programs currently offered.

State Mandated Programs:

Voyager Tuition Assistance Program

VOYAGER fee remissions are for Oregon residents who are members of the National Guard or Reserves and were deployed in an area of military combat since September 11, 2001. This fee remission is for full-time students pursuing their initial bachelor’s degree.

Resident Tuition for Veterans

This program is available for those that are veterans of the armed forces pursuing undergraduate studies at a public institution in Oregon. They will pay tuition rates and fees no greater than the Oregon resident rate – even if they are not yet considered a permanent resident of the state.

These savings also apply to veterans’ dependents using transferred benefits, as well as orphans of veterans who died on active duty.

ORS 350.290 from the original House Bill 2158 and as amended by HB 4021, 2670, and 4019.

Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver

The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver is open to qualified current and former foster children enrolled as undergraduate students for the purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate degree. This program waives tuition and fees for current and former foster youth who enroll prior to reaching 25 years of age until the student receives “the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.”

The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver originated with the passage of HB 3471 in 2011.

Tuition Equity (HB 2787)

Oregon's Tuition Equity law provides undocumented students (largely those in the DACA program, aka "Dreamers") the ability to pay resident tuition rates when they meet certain criteria.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

The Western Undergraduate Exchange program is a voluntary remissions program sponsored by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), in which all seven of Oregon's public universities participate. It allows students from any WICHE participating state who attend an Oregon public university to pay no more than 150% of the resident tuition rate.

A Non-Exhaustive List of Institution Specific Remissions Programs:

PathwayOregon – at University of Oregon ensures that academically qualified (3.40 high school GPA), Pell-eligible students will have their tuition and fees covered through a combination of federal, state, and university funds.

Four Years Free – at Portland State University is an institutional aid program for eligible Oregon resident students. It covers tuition and mandatory fees after financial aid is applied. In order to be eligible students must be Oregon residents, have graduated high school, be Pell grant eligible, a first time PSU student, enrolled full time, and start in fall term. If a student meets these requirements they are automatically considered for Four Years Free, there is no separate application. PSU also offers a similar program for transfer students, called Transfers Finish Free.

The Pell Plus Program – at Western Oregon University covers standard tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students. To be eligible students must be first-year Oregon residents, have a cumulative 3.4 high school GPA, and be Pell eligible.

Appendix E – Differential Tuition

Differential tuition is an additional tuition charge above base tuition for certain academic programs, or sometimes courses taken in certain departments. This is distinct from fees that are charged for specific courses (such as a fee for a pottery course or a lab fee). Typically, differential tuition is charged for academic programs that are higher cost in an effort to recover above-average, actual instructional costs.

In some cases, low-income students may be discouraged from certain majors due to the additional tuition, and therefore some institutions require that part of the differential fee be set aside for student financial aid, to avoid this unintended consequence. Nationally the use of differential tuition has increased to avoid across-the-board tuition increases as a result of less state funding relative to the total cost of education.

Below is a summary of the differential tuition policies at each institution for resident, undergraduate students. WOU does not charge differential tuition.

Eastern Oregon University

EOU charges a business differential for all ACCT (Accounting), BA (Business Administration), and ECON (Economics) prefix courses. The rate is an additional \$13.50 per credit on top of base tuition, which is a 7.7% increase.

Oregon Tech

Differential tuition is charged for the Allied Health, and Engineering and Technology programs at OIT at a rate of 37% above base tuition. In order to be approved by the board to charge differential tuition, a program must show that the quality of learning will be increased in a way that would not be possible without the extra costs. In addition, 10% of the increased differential cost is earmarked for financial aid funding that targets low-income students majoring in the program. This is intended to prevent differential tuition from discouraging students to pursue these majors.

Oregon State University

OSU charges differential tuition for Business, Engineering (general and professional), Arts, Forestry, and the Honors College. The rates vary by program, and range from 5.2%-11.0% above base tuition, with the exception of the honors college, which is \$500 per term above base tuition. The intent of their differential is to make up costs for programs that are substantially more costly than others, as well as to provide services and experiences that are clearly distinct from those offered to students outside the program(s).

Portland State University

PSU charges differential tuition for the College of Engineering and Computer Science, Business, College of the Arts, and the University Honors Program. Rates vary by program, but range from 3.8%-26.2% over base tuition.

Southern Oregon University

SOU charges differential tuition for Art, Art History, Creative Writing, Emerging Media and Digital Arts, Military Science, Music, and Theater. The rates are \$10/credit above base tuition. There is also a differential charge for the honor college, which is \$25/credit over base tuition.

University of Oregon

UO charges differential tuition for its Honors College (they charge an extra fee for the first credit and all other credits at the normal rate), as well as for students in the Business School, at a rate of \$20/credit over base tuition.

Differential Tuition Compared to Base Tuition

The table below shows the percent increase over base tuition for the different programs that are charged differential tuition. The base tuition is based on one credit hour, for a resident undergraduate.

	EOU	OIT	OSU	PSU	SOU	UO
Base Tuition	\$174.00	\$212.70	\$328.00	\$193.00	\$201.00	\$266.08
Allied Health		37.0%				
Engineering and Technology		37.0%		26.2%		
Business	7.7%		7.0%	9.5%		7.5%
Engineering			11.0%			
Art			6.7%	5.7%	5%	
Forestry			5.2%			
Honors				3.8%	12.4%	