

# **Graduate Catalog 2018-2019**

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#### Tuition and Fees Schedule

#### Tuition and Fees Schedule 2018-2019 Academic Year

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#### Fall 2018

See below; subject to additional fees. 1

Texas	Resident	N	onresident
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
1	\$765.25	1	\$1180.25
2	1156.50	2	1986.50
3	1547.75	3	2792.75
4	1939.00	4	3599.00
5	2330.25	5	4405.25
6	2721.50	6	5211.50
7	3112.75	7	6017.75
8	3504.00	8	6824.00
9	3895.25	9	7630.25
10	4286.50	10	8436.50
11	4677.75	11	9242.75
12	5069.00	12	10049.00
13	5460.25	13	10855.25
14	5851.50	14	11661.50
15	6242.75	15	12467.75
16	6628.00	16	13268.00
17	7003.25	17	14058.25
18	7378.50	18	14848.50
19	7753.75	19	15638.75
20	8129.00	20	16429.00
21	8504.25	21	17219.25
22	8879.50	22	18009.50
23	9254.75	23	18799.75
24	9630.00	24	19590.00

#### Spring 2019

See below; subject to additional fees. 1

Texas Resident Nonresident			onresident
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
1	765.25	1	1180.25
2	1156.50	2	1986.50
3	1547.75	3	2792.75
4	1939.00	4	3599.00
5	2330.25	5	4405.25
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19	7753.75	19	15638.75
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21	8504.25	21	17219.25
22	8879.50	22	18009.50
23	9254.75	23	18799.75
24	9630.00	24	19590.00

#### Summer 2019

See below; subject to additional fees.<sup>1</sup>

Texas Resident		Nonresident	
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
1	\$747.25	1	\$1162.25
2	1120.50	2	1950.50
3	1493.75	3	2738.75
4	1867.00	4	3527.00
5	2240.25	5	4315.25
6	2613.50	6	5103.50
7	2986.75	7	5891.75
8	3360.00	8	6680.00
9	3733.25	9	7468.25
10	4106.50	10	8256.50
11	4479.75	11	9044.75
12	4853.00	12	9833.00

Included in the amounts above are Tuition, Graduate Tuition, Designated Tuition, Graduate Designated Tuition Differential, Student Service Fee, Student Center Fee, Technology Fee, Library Fee, Recreational Sports Fee, International Education Fee, Advisement Center Fee, Medical Fee, OneCard Service Fee, Records Fee, and Intercollegiate Athletic Fee.

Course-related or program-related fees are examples of fees not included in the above estimates. Please review Explanation of Fees in this catalog.

### Tuition and Fees Schedule 2019-2020 Academic Year

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#### Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

See below; subject to additional fees.<sup>1</sup>

Tex	as Resident		Nonresident
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
1	\$777.75	1	\$1192.75
2	1181.50	2	2011.50
3	1585.25	3	2830.25
4	1989.00	4	3649.00
5	2392.75	5	4467.75
6	2796.50	6	5286.50
7	3200.25	7	6105.25
8	3604.00	8	6924.00
9	4007.75	9	7742.75
10	4411.50	10	8561.50
11	4815.25	11	9380.25
12	5219.00	12	10199.00
13	5622.75	13	11017.75
14	6026.50	14	11836.50
15	6430.25	15	12655.25
16	6828.00	16	13468.00
17	7215.75	17	14270.75
18	7603.50	18	15073.50
19	7991.25	19	15876.25
20	8379.00	20	16679.00
21	8766.75	21	17481.75
22	9154.50	22	18284.50
23	9542.25	23	19087.25
24	9930.00	24	19890.00

#### Summer 2020

See below; subject to additional fees. 1

Texa	as Resident	I	Nonresident
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
1	\$759.75	1	\$1174.75
2	1145.50	2	1975.50
3	1531.25	3	2776.25
4	1917.00	4	3577.00
5	2302.75	5	4377.75
6	2688.50	6	5178.50
7	3074.25	7	5979.25
8	3460.00	8	6780.00
9	3845.75	9	7580.75
10	4231.50	10	8381.50

Texa	as Resident	N	Vonresident
Semester Hours	Amount	Semester Hours	Amount
11	4617.25	11	9182.25
12	5003.00	12	9983.00

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## **Explanation of Fees**

The following information is not intended to be comprehensive and is subject to change. Tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change by action of the State Legislature or by action of the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System. The following tuition, fees, and charge information should only be used as a guideline for estimating costs. For clarification of any matter relating to payment or refund of tuition, fees, charges, and deposits, contact the office or administrative unit from which the charge or refund originated.

**Statutory Tuition:** Resident students pay \$50 tuition per semester credit hour during academic year 2018-19 and \$50 tuition per semester credit hour during academic year 2019-20. Nonresident students (out-of-state and international) pay \$465 tuition per semester credit hour during academic year 2018-19 and \$465 per semester credit hour during academic year 2019-20. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board calculates each year the nonresident tuition. Students enrolled in the same course for the third or more time will be charged a rate up to the non-resident tuition rate for the hours associated with the course even if the student normally qualifies for in-state tuition. Resident students who reach the "excessive hour limit" will be charged a set rate per hour (see Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours within this chapter for further details).

**Designated Tuition** is charged at the rate of \$184.00 per semester credit hour during academic year 2018-19. Designated tuition is charged at the rate of \$194.00 per semester credit hour during academic year 2019-20. In addition, graduate designated tuition differential will be charged at the rate of \$23.75 per credit hour for academic years 2018-19 and at the rate of \$26.25 for academic years 2019-20.

**Graduate Tuition Increment:** Graduate tuition is charged at the rate of \$50.00 per semester credit hour for academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20.

**Student Service Fee:** The student service fee per semester credit hour is \$16 for for academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20 (\$8 per summer semester) (not exceeding \$250 per semester and \$125 per summer session). The fee supports the Intramural Program, the Student Life Support Programs, and the Extramural Programs. The fee provides admission to athletic events at Sam Houston State under the auspices of the Department of Athletics.

Student Center Fee: The student center fee is required at the rate of \$100 per semester (\$100 per summer session) for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2017-20 and is used to fund the Lowman Student Center programs and activities.

**Technology Fee (Formerly Computer Use Fee)**: This fee is charged at a rate of \$34 per semester credit hour for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. It is used for the training of students, faculty and staff, and for providing support services for operation, maintenance, and replacement of computer hardware and software.

**Recreational Sports Fee:** Legislative action authorizes a recreational sports fee not to exceed \$100 per semester for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. It may be used to purchase equipment for and/or construct, operate, maintain recreational sports facilities and programs.

**International Education Fee:** This fee is charged at the rate of \$2 per semester for academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20. The International Education Fee is used only to assist students participating in international student exchange or study programs.

**Library Fee - Graduate:** Board action authorizes a graduate library fee of \$13.50 per semester credit hour for academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20. The library fee directly benefits students by supporting their classroom and research needs. The Newton Gresham Library uses this fund to purchase books, add electronic databases, and new journal subscriptions.

**Medical Fee:** A fee of \$75 per semester is charged for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. This fee covers services at the University Health Center.

Advising Fee: A fee of \$66 per semester is charged for academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20. This fee will be charged to fund advising, mentoring, and academic support services for students.

**Records Fee:** The records fee is \$12 per semester for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. The fee provides funding for positions, software maintenance, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Registrar.

**OneCard Service Fee:** The OneCard Service Fee is \$19 per semester for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. The OneCard fee funds the existing university ID and disbursement program and the Student Financial Center.

**Intercollegiate Athletic Fee:** A fee of \$20 per semester credit hour (\$ 10 per summer semester credit hour) is charged for academic year 2018-19 and academic year 2019-20. This fee will be used to support Intercollegiate Athletic programs.

#### Other Fees

Audit Fee: A \$50 fee per course that is audited.

**Distance Learning Fee:** A fee of \$101 per credit hour is charged in addition to tuition and mandatory fees when a course is designated as an electronically delivered (internet) distance learning course.

Lab Fee: Lab fees are charged at the rate of \$8 each course with a lab component.

Music Fee: Music fees are charged for music courses that require individual instruction. (charged per course)

Semester credits	Fee
1 semester credit hour:	\$30
2 semester credit hours:	\$60
3 semester credit hours:	\$75
4 semester credit hours:	\$75

**International Study Fee:** A fee of \$75 per semester charged to international students for services provided through the Office of International Programs.

"Three Peat" Tuition: In order to provide for loss of state funding, students attempting a course for the third or more time will be charged a statutory tuition rate up to the non-resident rate. The rate is currently \$168 per semester credit hour.

**Payment Plan Enrollment Fee:** a non-refundable fee of \$30 is assessed to students who enroll or opt-in for enrollment into an installment payment plan.

Late Installment Payment Penalty: A \$25 late fee is charged for each installment payment received after the installment due date.

The Woodlands Center Fee (passed through the Board as the University Center Fee): A fee of \$75 / SCH for courses taught at The Woodlands Center.

(MITC) Multi-institution teaching center fee: A fee of \$75 / SCH for courses taught at a MITC.

## Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes

The Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board establish the rules and regulations for determining residence classification. Texas residency for tuition purposes is generally obtained by residing and being gainfully employed in Texas for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to enrollment in any college or university or by being a dependent of a Texas resident (an individual who is claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes by the individual's parent or legal guardian by the census day--usually the 12th class day--of the semester in which the student is registering and for the tax year preceding that same semester).

A nonresident student may qualify to pay in-state tuition by meeting the requirements of a tuition waiver. Current tuition waiver options include but are not limited to

- 1. the student or his/her spouse or parent is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and their home of record is Texas;
- 2. the student or his/her spouse or parent is employed at least half-time by an institution of higher education in Texas as a teacher or professor;
- 3. the student or his/her spouse or parent has a teaching or research assistantship at any Texas institution of higher education on at least a half-time basis;
- 4. the student holds a competitive scholarship awarded by Sam Houston State University of at least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer; or

5. the student or student's family has been transferred to Texas by a company in keeping with the state's Economic Development and Diversification Program.

By state law, the student has the responsibility of registering under the proper residence classification. If a student has knowledge of an error in his/her residence classification for tuition purposes, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Residence Classification Officer immediately. For more information concerning the rules and regulations for determining Texas residence classification, please contact:

Residence Classification Officer Sam Houston State University Box 2418 Huntsville, Texas 77341-2478 or call (936) 294-1059

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# Payment Information

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## Financial Responsibility

Students are expected to meet financial obligations to the University within the designated time allowed. Registration fees are payable at registration, except for that portion of the registration fee that may be temporarily deferred, but payable later in scheduled payments as part of an installment payment agreement. Students are not entitled to enter classes or laboratories until their appropriate fees and deposits have been paid. Other charges are due at registration or within ten days after a bill is rendered by the University, or according to special payment instructions that may be listed on the bill or agreement.

### **Payments**

Payments made for registration purposes may be made by cash, cashier's check, personal check, money order, or pin debit in the Bursar's Office. All checks and money orders are accepted subject to final payment. Online payments may be made by E-Check, debit, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, JCB, China Union, Diner's Club, or Discover.

# Installment Payment Plan

The Texas Legislature has authorized collection of tuition and fees during a fall or spring semester by one of two methods: payment in full in advance of the beginning of the semester or payment in installments under a payment plan option. A nonrefundable fee of \$30 is charged for enrolling in an installment payment plan. Failure to make a timely payment for the first installment may result in loss of class schedule (first installment payment due before first class day or on the day the student registers if on or after the first class day). Failure to make timely payment on any remaining installment will cause accrual of late charges.

Any financial aid, tuition waivers, grants or deferments will be used to reduce the amount owed by the student, with the remaining balance eligible for the installment payment plan. During a summer session, tuition and fees are collectible in full. The Texas Legislature has reserved the right to discontinue the installment payment plan.

Students will not be allowed to attend classes until their tuition and fees, excluding that portion of the registration fee that may be temporarily deferred, but payable later in scheduled payments as part of an installment payment agreement, are paid.

STATUTORY WARNING: A STUDENT WHO FAILS TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES, INCLUDING ANY INCIDENTAL FEES, BY THE DUE DATE MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM REGISTERING FOR CLASSES UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE. A STUDENT WHO FAILS TO MAKE PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE END OF THE SEMESTER OR TERM MAY BE DENIED CREDIT FOR WORK DONE THAT SEMESTER OR TERM.

## Nonpayment of Tuition and Fees

Failure to pay the amount owed in full, including appropriate penalty and late fee charges, prior to registration for a future semester or prior to the last class day for the current semester or summer session can result in any or all of the following sanctions:

- 1. withholding of future registration privileges;
- 2. withholding award of degree;

- 3. withholding of an official transcript; and
- 4. loss of class schedule for future enrolled semester(s).

Students who pay fees with a returned item may suffer the above sanctions as well as those detailed in the following section.

# Collections for Nonpayment

Nonpayment by the end of the semester may result in transfer of the student's account to a contracted collection agency and assessment of a collection fee of at least 30 percent of the outstanding balance. The University may also choose to litigate an account on advice of University legal counsel. Should an account be litigated, the student will be responsible for all litigation expenses including attorney's fees and court costs. Accounts that are referred to a contracted collection agency may also be reported to credit bureaus

# Returned Payment Policy

A returned payment is defined as an item returned to the University rightfully unpaid due to no fault of the bank or the University.

- The University accepts payment by personal check, which includes E-Check (ACH) payments online, and reserves the right to withdraw that privilege at any time to anyone.
- The University accepts payment by credit card online and reserves the right to withdraw that privilege at any time to anyone.
- The person receiving the benefit from the returned check, ACH, or credit card payment is responsible for repayment if the item is returned to the University unpaid or disputed.
- A twenty-five dollar returned item charge and the amount of the returned item will be posted to the account of the person
  who received benefit of the check, ACH, or credit card payment.
- Students, who fail to clear their account of returned checks, ACH, or credit card payments within ten days, MAY BE resigned from school and will have to pay a fifty dollar reinstatement fee, the returned item, and returned item charge.
- It should not be assumed the University will resign the student. A student who discontinues going to class without officially resigning from the University will be subject to the grade of "F" in each course.
- Students who have been resigned are eligible for reinstatement upon repayment of the fifty dollar reinstatement fee, the returned item, and the returned item charge.
- Stop payments are considered returned items and are subject to all penalties.
- A student who fails to make payment prior to the first day of final exams may not receive credit for the work done that semester and will not be allowed to register for future semesters until the delinquent amount is paid. In addition, unpaid returned items may be turned over to other agencies for prosecution and collection.
- Any questions concerning this matter may be addressed to the Bursar's Office at (936) 294-1087.

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### **Refund Information**

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## Tuition and Fees Refund Policy

A student enrolled at Sam Houston State University may receive a refund of tuition and fees as a result of dropping courses or resigning from the University as indicated in the following schedules.

Refunds and credits from one department will be applied to any other outstanding balances in other departments. Any remaining refund will be sent to Bank Mobile and credited to the Bearkat OneCard or other selected refund preference. The University may refund tuition and fees paid by a sponsor, donor or scholarship to the source rather than directly to the student who has withdrawn if the funds were made available to the University.

Refund policies were established by Senate Bill No. 604 of the 65th Legislature and adopted by the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, in August of 1977 and by the applicable federal regulations dealing with first semester financial aid students.

## **Dropping Courses**

A student who submits a request to drop one or more courses in any given term or summer session but remains enrolled in at least one course may be eligible for refunds. The refund schedule for dropping courses follows.

#### Fall and Spring Terms

Date	Refund %
First 12 class days	100%
After 12th class day	None

#### **Summer Sessions**

Date	Refund %
First 4 class days	100%
After 4th class day	None

**NOTE:** Class days are university class days, not the number of days an individual class meets. Class days are to be counted from the first class meeting of on-campus daytime courses as indicated in the Academic Calendar.

# Resignations/Withdrawals

A student who officially withdraws from all courses at Sam Houston State University within a term may be eligible for a refund of tuition and the specified fees, based upon the courses in which the student is enrolled on the official date of withdrawal. Refunds are made in accordance with the following schedules.

# State Statutory Refund Schedule of Tuition and Fees

#### Refund Schedule For Terms Greater Than 10 Weeks

Date	Refund
Before the 1st class day	100% (Less \$15 Matriculation Fee)
1st class day through 5th class day	80%
6th class day through 10th class day	70%
11th class day through 15th class day	50%
16th class day through 20th class day	25%
Thereafter	No refund

### Refund Schedule For Terms Less Than 10 Weeks But Greater Than 5 Weeks

Date	Refund
Before the 1st class day	100% (Less \$15 Matriculation Fee)
1st class day through 3rd class day	80%
4th class day through 6th class day	50%
Thereafter	No refund

#### Refund Schedule For Terms Up To 5 Weeks

Date	Refund
Before the 1st class day	100% (Less \$15 Matriculation Fee)
1st class day	80%
2nd class day	50%
3rd class day and thereafter	No refund

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The above refund schedules assume all fees have been paid in full. A different schedule applies to the installment payment plan participants, the primary difference in the schedule being the requirement for the University to compute the refund based on the assumption that the full amount of tuition and fees has been collected. Therefore, it is possible and probable, that a student in the installment plan could owe **more** in tuition and fees than already collected by the University. These extra amounts, if any, would be due and payable before the student would be allowed to resign from the University.

Students who receive Title IV aid and resign on or before completing 60% of the semester will be required to repay the percentage of unearned financial aid according to the federal "Return to Title IV Aid" formula derived from the 1998 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Repayments are to be returned to lenders and/or program accounts in the following statutorily specified order provided the student has received funds through the program:

- 1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- 2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- 3. Federal Perkins Loans
- 4. Federal PLUS Loans
- 5. Other federal, state, private or institutional sources of aid
- 6 The student

More details regarding the "Return to Title IV Aid" policy may be obtained through the Financial Aid website or from the Financial Aid Office.

#### Tuition Rebates for Certain Undergraduate Students

A tuition rebate program was created by Senate Bill 1907, 75th Texas Legislature, and is authorized by Section 54.0065 of the Texas Education Code.

The purpose of this program is to provide tuition rebates that will provide a financial incentive for students to prepare for university studies while completing their high school work, avail themselves of academic counseling, make early career decisions, and complete their baccalaureate studies with as few extraneous courses as possible. Minimizing the number of courses taken by students results in financial savings to students, parents, and the state.

Students are required to apply for the rebate prior to receiving their baccalaureate degrees. Applications are available online through the Registrar's homepage. For further details regarding eligibility, please visit www.shsu.edu/~reg www/.