



# Tuition and Fee Plan

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# House Bill 29, Mandated Fixed Tuition Plan



## **Legislative Intent**

- Freeze designated tuition for 12 consecutive semesters for new students, including transfers, enrolling Fall 2014 and beyond
- Adjust tuition rate to assure no loss of revenue to the university

## **MSU Assumptions**

- Establishing a 12 Semester Plan for new students and current sophomores
- Establishing a 9 Semester Plan for current juniors
- Establishing a 6 Semester Plan for current seniors and graduate students
- New academic year 12 Semester Plan tuition rate would apply after the specified semester for each plan
- Freezing only designated tuition

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## Definitions and Further Assumptions:

- 12 consecutive semesters
  - Our summer sessions count as one semester
  - If a student starts in spring or summer, their semester count begins in that term
  - The count of 12 semesters is NOT dependent on that student enrolling in the term. If a student begins Fall 2014, their 12 semester plan ends Summer 2018
- 9 consecutive semester plan
  - For Fall 2014 Juniors
  - Runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2017
- 6 consecutive semester plan
  - For Fall 2014 Seniors, Post Baccalaureate and Graduate Students
  - Runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2016
- Student semester begins after high school graduation
- Since only designated tuition is frozen, the plans are effective for all students including undergraduate, graduate, resident and non-resident
- No semester credit hour minimum or grade requirements will impact the plan a student is under

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- 12 Semester Plan

- For new MSU students, the plan begins in the semester of first enrollment
- Fall 2014 existing MSU freshmen and sophomore students will be placed in the 12 Semester Plan
- Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for 12 consecutive semesters
- Tuition rates in semester 13 and beyond will fall under the 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year

# Existing Students

- Existing Junior Students:
  - Plan runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2017
  - Tuition rates for Fall 2017 and further semesters will fall under the New Student 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year
  - Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for existing students to complete their degree within the next 9 semesters

# Existing Students

- Existing Senior and Graduate Students:
  - Plan runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2016
  - Tuition rates for Fall 2016 and further semesters will fall under the 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year
  - Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for existing students to complete their degree within the next 6 semesters

# Fixed Tuition Plan, Rate Calculation



## Data Reviewed:

- Consumer Price Index
- Higher Education Price Index
- MSU designated tuition history
- Approved plans by other Texas universities

# Other Universities

- Sam Houston State University – optional designated tuition increase of 12%, from \$195 to \$218.40 per semester credit hour
- Stephen F. Austin State University – optional fixed designated tuition increase of 13.9%, from \$158 to \$180 per semester credit hour
- Texas A&M – mandatory tuition and fee increase of 6% with designated tuition increasing 9.9%, from \$126.55 to \$139.10 per semester credit hour



# Proposed Tuition Rates



- Seniors and Graduate Students 6 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from \$111.50 to \$114.00, an increase of 2.2%. This will be frozen for 6 semesters.
- Juniors 9 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from \$111.50 to \$116.50, an increase of 4.5%. This will be frozen for 9 semesters.
- Sophomores and New Student 12 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from \$111.50 to \$119.00, an increase of 6.7%. This will be frozen for 12 semesters.

# University Services Fee



- Propose an increase for all students to a semester credit hour rate of \$54.25.
  - For Seniors and Graduate students, this would increase a 15 hour load by 4.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.
  - For Juniors, this would increase a 15 hour load by 5.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.
  - For Sophomores and new students, this would increase a 15 hour load by 6.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.

## Tuition and Fee Schedule Comparison

*Fall 2013 to Proposed Fall 2014*

	Actual Fall 2013 15 Hours	Seniors and Graduates Fall 2014 15 Hours	Juniors Fall 2014 15 Hours	Sophomores and New Students Fall 2014 15 Hours
State Tuition	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
University Designated Tuition	1,672.50	1,710.00 *	1,747.50 *	1,785.00 *
Student Union/Center Fee	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Recreational Center Fee	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Student Service Fee	232.50	232.50	232.50	232.50
Athletic Fee	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Instructional Enhancement Fees - avg*	211.99	211.99	211.99	211.99
University Services Fee	676.80	813.75	813.75	813.75
<b>Total for 15 SCH</b>	<b>\$ 3,838.79</b>	<b>\$ 4,013.24</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.74</b>	<b>\$ 4,088.24</b>
Proposed Increase for 15 Hour Schedule		\$ 174.45	\$ 211.95	\$ 249.45
Overall Percentage Increase over Fall 2013		4.544%	5.521%	6.498%
	<b>Actual Fall</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Designated Tuition	\$ 111.50	\$ 114.00	\$ 116.50	\$ 119.00
University Services Fee	45.12	54.25	54.25	54.25
* Designated Tuition Rate Guaranteed through		Summer 2016	Summer 2017	Summer 2018

# Uses of Increase

- None of the increase will be used on Master Plan construction projects. These have a different source of funding.
- Faculty and Staff salary increases - to keep up with the cost-of-living and retain good employees
- Health insurance increases – expect large increases next year because of the Affordable Healthcare Act
- IT Costs – want to continue to provide cutting-edge technology (e.g. expanded bandwidth) for campus
- Eureka – grow undergraduate research program
- Scholarships – continue offering scholarships to qualified students

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