Systemwide Fees

Systemwide fees are established by The Regents of the University of California and are assessed to all registered students at all ten campuses in the system.

Educational Fee
The Educational Fee is a systemwide mandatory charge assessed to each registered student to fund costs related to instruction including faculty salaries, libraries, operation and maintenance of plant, and the overall university’s operating budget. The university’s student aid program although calculated on the educational and registration fee combined, is being funded with educational fee. The prevailing return to aid rates is 33% for undergraduate and professionals and 50% for academic. The Educational Fee revenues from all campuses flow to the Office of the President and then are re-distributed to the campuses by the Office of the President. The Educational Fee amount is the same at all UC campuses.

Registration Fee
The Registration Fee is a systemwide mandatory charge assessed to each registered student for support of services which benefit the students and which are complementary to, but not a part of, the instructional programs. These programs include, but are not limited to, operating and capital expenses for services related to the physical and psychological health and well-being of students; social and cultural activities and programs; services related to campus life and campus community; and educational and career support. The Registration Fee revenues remain at the campus and the fee amount is the same at all UC campuses.

Summer Per Unit Fee
The Summer Per Unit Fee is the equivalent of the Educational and Registration Fee combined. Students attending summer instruction are assessed per unit fee based on the total number of units taken. The fee revenue referred to as summer fee remains at the campus for funding operating costs of summer sessions and overall campus needs.

Nonresident Tuition Fee
The Nonresident Tuition Fee is systemwide mandatory charge assessed to all students who do not qualify as California residents. The nonresident tuition fee is intended to replace the State subsidy provided for covering educational costs of California students since the State does not provide subsidy for instructional costs of non-California students. Beginning in 2006-07, students who have advanced to doctoral candidacy are eligible for a 100% reduction in the nonresident tuition up to three calendar years. Starting in 07/08, campuses retain the nonresident tuition fee revenues for operating budget support. The Nonresident Tuition Fee amount is the same at all UC campuses.

Professional Degree Fee
The Professional Degree Fee is a systemwide mandatory charge assessed to students enrolled in graduate professional degree programs to sustain and enhance the quality of the professional schools' academic programs and services. At least one-third of the income generated from Professional Degree Fees is used for financial aid or an equivalent for all funding sources. The remainder is retained by the professional degree fee schools to maintain academic quality. The Professional Degree Fee amount varies by program and by campus.