

CSU Fee Increase – Guide for Students Frequently Asked Questions

The following table provides the registration fees authorized by the CSU Board of Trustees on June 18, 2010 for the 2010-11 Academic Year. The fees are approved effective Fall 2010 and until further amended.

Student Type	Units Enrolled	Fall 2010 State University Fee (Per Semester)	Fall 2010 Campus Fees (Per Semester)	Fall 2010 Registration Fees Due by July 30, 2010.	Fall 2009 Registration Fees (Listed for comparison purposes only)
Undergraduate	0 to 6.0	\$1227.00	\$324.50	\$1551.50	\$1490.50
	6.1 or more	\$2115.00	\$324.50	\$2439.50	\$2336.50
Teacher Credential	0 to 6.0	\$1425.00	\$324.50	\$1749.50	\$1679.50
	6.1 or more	\$2454.00	\$324.50	\$2778.50	\$2660.50
Post Baccalaureate	0 to 6.0	\$1512.00	\$324.50	\$1836.50	\$1763.50
	6.1 or more	\$2607.00	\$324.50	\$2931.50	\$2804.50
Education Doctoral	0 to 6.0	\$4773.00	\$324.50	\$5097.50	\$4661.50
	6.1 or more	\$4773.00	\$324.50	\$5097.50	\$4661.50
Graduate Business Professional Fee (A)				\$220.00 per unit	\$210.00 per unit
Nonresident Tuition (B)				\$372.00 per unit	\$372.00 per unit

(A) Graduate Business Professional Fee—will be charged at \$220 per unit, in addition to registration and any applicable tuition fees for the following graduate business programs:

- (1) Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- (2) Master of Science (M.S.) Accountancy

(B) Nonresident Tuition—Out-of-State tuition for nonresident and foreign students will be charged at \$372 per unit, in addition to registration fees.

Effective Fall 2010 and until further amended, there is no academic year maximum for the amount of nonresident tuition. The annual cap of this fee has been eliminated.

Here are answers to some questions students and parents may have about the fee increase:

1) Why was the fee increase necessary?

Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget requires a 10 percent fee hike to offset rising costs. The Assembly Budget Committee has advanced a proposal for the state to provide additional funding to the CSU to replace 5 percent of fee revenue. The Board of Trustees chose to increase fees by 5 percent, hoping the Assembly

Budget Committee proposal will ultimately be approved. If this proposal is not approved, the Board will re-visit the fee issue this fall.

2) I have been charged a Graduate Business Professional Fee at a rate of \$220 per unit. What financial assistance can I receive to help with this cost?

The Graduate Business Professional Fee will be included in determining your overall cost of attendance and financial need. Changes to your award will depend upon available funding, as well as annual loan limits. Please watch your Fresno State e-mail account closely for updates.

3) Will the Campus Based Fees increase for the Fall 2010 term?

The University Student Union component of campus based fees has increased by \$1 per semester.

4) Now that fees have increased, I owe more money. Is my fee deferment still valid?

As long as you meet fee deferment criteria, your fee deferment will remain valid until the final fall fee payment deadline of October 4. (Fee deferment criteria can be found on the Financial Aid Office Web site under Policy Pages.)

5) What happens if I don't meet the deadlines for payment of fees?

If you don't have a fee deferment and you do not meet the July 30, 2010 fee payment deadline, your enrollment for the fall term may be cancelled.

6) Paying my registration fees is going to be difficult. Is there any help out there for me?

Financial aid is available for eligible students. To get started, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is necessary even if you received financial aid in the previous academic year. Check your "To Do" list on your Student Center. All items in your "To Do" list must be complete before you can be awarded. Priority consideration will be given to students who submit all requested documents no later than June 30.

Financial aid comes in various forms – federal or state grants, federal work study and low-interest student loans. For more information, please check the Financial Aid Office website: www.csufresno.edu/studentaffairs/programs/financialaid/.

Newly enhanced federal tax credits are now available to help with these additional costs, including the American Opportunity, Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits.

Don't forget to look into potential scholarship options. Although our campus scholarship deadline for Fall 2010/Spring 2011 has passed, other scholarship search engines are available through FastWeb! (www.fastweb.com).

7) Can my parent or spouse call on my behalf and get financial aid information?

The Financial Aid office adheres to strict confidentiality limitations. We provide information only to the student. If you would like for someone other than yourself to have access to your file, you must submit a Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form. FERPA Form 96 can be obtained at the 10.11 Online Forms section of our website: www.csufresno.edu/finaid.

8) When will I receive my financial aid checks for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters?

As a general rule, the first disbursement for each semester begins the week prior to the start of classes. Due to the large volume of checks being processed, it may take a few days to get these checks in the mail. Funds continue to be disbursed throughout the semester twice a week prior to census date; once per week afterwards. Note: Direct Deposit is now available for faster receipt of disbursed funds, refer to <http://www.csufresno.edu/accountingservices/direct/index.shtml> for details.

9) I received an e-mail notifying me of the June 30, 2010 priority completion deadline for financial aid. What if I missed this deadline?

To be as fair as possible, verification (review) of documents is performed according to the date that a student finishes all Financial Aid "To Do" list items. The earlier you complete all requests for documents or action, the earlier you can be awarded financial aid. It is our intention to have funds available for the start of the fall semester for students who submit all required documents by June 30.

10) I am not meeting financial aid satisfactory progress requirements. What does this mean and what do I have to do?

Explanation and instructions for your disqualification status can be found under the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Forms in the 10.11 Online Forms section of our Web site: www.csufresno.edu/finaid

11) I do not plan to enroll full time (at least 12 units) this semester. How will this affect my financial aid?

Initial awards are based on projected full-time enrollment. Disbursements will be prorated prior to census date (Sept. 20). 12 units or more is fulltime enrollment, 9 to 11 units is 3/4 enrollment, 6-8 units is halftime enrollment and there is no funding for anything less than half time. Information on proration can be found under the Policy Pages section of our website: www.csufresno.edu/finaid.

12) My class was canceled and now I am no longer enrolled full time. What will happen with my financial aid award?

Most financial aid programs require a minimum enrollment of 6 units. A prorated portion of your award will be disbursed to you based on your current level of enrollment. (Refer to #11 above.) If you remain enrolled less than full time as of census date (Sept. 20), your award will be revised.

13) I am on Federal Work-Study -- will I receive an IOU when I begin school?

The campus is allocated a specific amount of work-study funds through the federal government. Payment for hours worked will be received by you, the student.

14) Will my financial aid be increased to match the June 18 fee increase?

An established cost of attendance is used in determining your financial need (for financial aid). The fee change(s) will be used to adjust your cost of attendance/financial need. You will receive a revised award notification if this changes your award in any way. Additional funding would be contingent upon available dollars, annual limits and other eligibility criteria. Please watch your Fresno State e-mail account closely for updates.

15) Will the budget cuts affect when I can talk to someone about my file?

Service to our students remains a priority. We will make every effort to remain available without compromising work which must be completed on your file.

16) Will my financial aid be available in time when school starts?

The Financial Aid Office strives to have as many awards as possible made to students by the time school begins. All students were encouraged to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete/submit all required To Do items as early as possible. Priority consideration is given to students who submit all requested documents no later than June 30.

Need more information? Please visit the FAQ section of our Web site: www.csufresno.edu/finaid. Updates regarding budget issues and university news are also posted at www.FresnoStateNews.com.

Related links:

- Fees listing – <http://www.csufresno.edu/accountingservices/money/regfee-fall.shtml>
- Financial aid – www.csufresno.edu/studentaffairs/programs/financialaid/
- Trustees' action – [CSU Trustees Vote to Raise 2010-2011 Fees by Five Percent](#)