

## CSU Tuition Fee Increase – Guide for Students Frequently Asked Questions (Updated July 21, 2011)

The table below shows CSU tuition fees and Fresno State fees by semester. The information is based on the tuition fee authorized by the CSU Board of Trustees on July 12, 2011 for the 2011-12 academic year. The fees are approved effective fall 2011 and until further amended.

Student Type	Units	Tuition Fee <u>Per Semester</u>	Campus Based Fees for Fall 2011	Total Fall 2011 Tuition and Fees  (Due by Wednesday, August 3, 2011)
<b>Undergraduate</b>	0 to 6.0	\$1587.00	\$395.50	\$1982.50
	6.1 or more	\$2736.00	\$395.50	\$3131.50
<b>Credential Program</b>	0 to 6.0	\$1842.00	\$395.50	\$2237.50
	6.1 or more	\$3174.00	\$395.50	\$3569.50
<b>Graduate/Post Baccalaureate</b>	0 to 6.0	\$1953.00	\$395.50	\$2348.50
	6.1 or more	\$3369.00	\$395.50	\$3764.50

The following FAQs are intended to help answer questions you may have regarding the tuition fee increase. Please continue to check your Fresno State e-mail for further updates.

### 1) Why was the increase to tuition fees approved by CSU Trustees?

The tuition fee increase was necessary due to the reduction in funding for the California State University in the state of California budget for the 2011-12 academic year. While the university has taken many steps to reduce expenditures, the tuition fee increase was adopted to avert damage to student access, student support, program quality and student progress toward the degree.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed their commitment to offer as many classes and course sections as possible and to maintain access by opening enrollment for the spring 2012 semester.

### 2) Will the tuition fees approved by the trustees for fall 2011 also apply to the spring 2012 semester?

Yes, the tuition fees approved are for both fall and spring semesters. However, the uncertain state budget could mean another cut of \$100 million to the CSU budget. The Trustees will meet in November 2011 and will determine if any additional tuition fee increase will be required. Please keep checking your Fresno State email account for updates.

### 3) Have the Campus Based Fees increased for the fall 2011 term?

Yes. The Instructionally Related Activities Fee (IRA) increased to \$132 per semester and the University Student Union Fee increased to \$110 per semester. Both increases are reflected in the fee chart noted above.

**4) When will the tuition fees be posted to my student account?**

We expect to post fall 2011 tuition fees during the week of July 18.

**5) When is the payment deadline for the fall 2011 tuition fees?**

The payment deadline has been extended to Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

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

If you don't have a financial aid fee deferment and you do not meet the August 3 deadline for payment of fall tuition fees, your enrollment for the fall term may be canceled.

**7) With my tuition fees increased, will my financial aid be increased to cover the extra cost?**

The fee increase proposal adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees includes a provision to allocate one-third of the revenue from the tuition increase to financial aid. It is estimated that almost half of all CSU undergraduates will be fully covered by the tuition increase thanks to this provision and other grants and fee waivers.

The tuition fee increase will be used to adjust your cost of attendance and could increase your financial need. Additional funding will be contingent upon available dollars, annual limits, and other eligibility criteria. Please access your Fresno State e-mail account closely for updates.

**8) Will my fee deferment be valid in the event of a tuition fee increase?**

As long as you meet financial aid fee deferment criteria, your fee deferment will remain valid until the final fall fee payment deadline of October 3. (Fee deferment criteria can be found on the Financial Aid Office Web site under Policy Pages.)

**9) I am relying on assistance through financial aid. Why has my financial aid not been awarded?**

Perhaps, you did not file a 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a necessary step even if you received financial aid in the previous academic year. Please check your "To Do" list on your Student Center. All items on your "To Do" list must be completed before you can be awarded.

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

The Financial Aid office adheres to a strict confidentiality policy. 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 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form.

FERPA Form 96 can be obtained at the 11.12 Online Forms section of our Web site:  
<http://www.csufresno.edu/finaid>.

**11) When will I receive my financial aid checks for the fall 2011 semester?**

The first disbursement for each semester begins the week prior to the start of classes. [Direct Deposits](#) are typically made in 24 hours. To sign up for Bulldog Direct Deposit please access this link: <https://my.csufresno.edu>. Students who have not elected Direct Deposit will receive their checks via the U.S. Postal Service, which could take several days to reach you.

***Need more information about Financial Aid? Please visit the FAQ section of our Web site:*** <http://www.csufresno.edu/finaid>.

***Updates regarding budget issues and news from the university are also posted at*** <http://www.FresnoStateNews.com>.