Student Fees

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2008-09 FEE SCHEDULE **Note: Fees shown are per semester**

UNDERGRADUATES	Residents	Nonresidents
Educational Fee	$3,131.00	$3,424.50
University Registration Fee	$432.00	$432.00
Health Services fee	$50.00	$50.00
Transportation fee	$35.00	$35.00
Student Life fee	$15.00	$15.00
Associated Students fee	$65.68	$65.68
Recreation fee	$146.00	$146.00
Student Health Insurance*	$308.00	$308.00
Non-Resident Tuition	$N/A	$10,010.50
TOTAL	**$4,182.68**	**$14,486.68**

GRADUATES	Residents	Nonresidents
Educational Fee	$3,561.00	$3,717.00
University Registration Fee	$432.00	$432.00
Health Services fee	$50.00	$50.00
Transportation fee	$35.00	$35.00
Student Life fee	$15.00	$15.00
Associated Students fee	$10.00	$10.00
Recreation fee	$146.00	$146.00
Mandatory Health Insurance*	$573.00 FALL	$573.00 FALL
Mandatory Vision Insurance	$52.00	$52.00
Mandatory Dental Insurance	$61.00	$61.00
Non-Resident Tuition	$N/A	$7,347.00
TOTAL	**$4,935.00**	**$12,438.00**

** As a non-academic condition of enrollment, undergraduate and graduate students must purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) or request a waiver of this fee. The Fall undergraduate health insurance fee provides coverage from August through December; the Spring fee provides coverage from January through August. The Spring undergraduate health insurance fee is $432.00, for graduate students the rate is $778.00. The Spring Dental Insurance Fee for graduate students is 86.00. The Spring Vision Insurance Fee for graduate students is $73.00. Graduate students who wish to cover spouses, domestic partners or children should contact Health Services at health@ucmerced.edu for rates.*

Fee Disclaimer

The amounts shown in this document represent fees as currently approved. However, all University fees are subject to change, and the fee amounts billed for this period may be adjusted at a future date. Detailed information regarding on campus room and board charges is available at housing.ucmerced.edu. Detailed information regarding parking fees, regulations and rules is available at taps.ucmerced.edu.

COURSE MATERIALS FEES

Students may be charged fees in some courses for the use, rental or consumption of materials, tools or equipment, or for the costs of materials or services necessary to provide a special supplemental educational experience. For example, course materials fees may cover the cost of chemicals and glassware for a science laboratory or art supplies for a studio class. They also might cover film rentals, field trips or the purchase/rental of specific equipment.

UC EMPLOYEE-STUDENT FEES

Reduced fees are available to UC career employees and certain UC retirees who are eligible for admission to the university. Once admitted, the employee-student must file a petition for the reduction in fees before each semester of enrollment. Employee-students pay one-third of the full-time registration fee and one-third of the full-time educational fee. Employee students may enroll for up to nine (9) units or three (3) courses per semester, whichever is greater. Contact the Office of Human Resources for further information.

PART-TIME STUDY

Students approved for enrollment on a part-time basis pay the same registration fees as full-time students, but pay only one-half of the Educational Fee. Part-time, non-resident students pay full registration fees, one-half of the Educational Fee and one-half of thenonresident tuition fee. Undergraduate students must file their petition for part-time study with the Office of the Registrar. Graduate students must file their petition with the Division of Graduate Studies. For more information on the eligibility requirements for part-time study, please see the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

Registration at UC Merced is a two-step process: (1) enrollment in classes and (2) payment of fees. You must enroll first so that your fees can be assessed. You can pay fees at any time after you enroll in classes, but a failure to pay fees in full by the 10th day of instruction may result in you being dropped from your courses for non-payment and officially withdrawn from the university. Note: the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) fee is part of registration fees and is due and payable, unless waived, at the time registration fees are paid.

An electronic billing statement will be available to you after enrollment; however, if you wait to enroll just prior to the enrollment deadline, do not wait for a billing statement to pay your fees. Fees are due and payable by the published deadline whether or not a billing statement is available.

Your billing statement from the University will list charges and credits. Charges include registration fees, housing charges and any additional billable services. Credits include all payments, as well as financial aid disbursements. If you are a financial aid recipient, the aid will be applied to allowable charges on your account. All financial aid, less allowable charges, will be refunded to you. You are responsible for the payment of any charges not covered by your financial aid.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

MyBill.ucmerced.edu

Monthly financial activity is displayed for the current month, as well as account activity for the prior semester(s) at MyBill.ucmerced.edu. Students may pay their account balance electronically using MasterCard, American Express, Discover or E-Check.

In-Person Payment

Students can also print a remittance document and mail in payments with a check or money order. Students may make payments in person at the Campus Cashiering Office located in Kolligian Library next to the Students First Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

DEADLINES AND PENALTY FINES

You must pay all prior delinquent debts prior to registering. An additional charge will be made for failure to pay required fees or deposits by the dates announced. If you enroll in courses after the enrollment deadline, you may be assessed a late enrollment fee and possibly, a late payment fee.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

Campus cashiering accepts personal checks as well as cash payments. Returned Check Fee: $20.00. Cash-Only Policy for Returned Check Writers. Any person who has more than two checks returned unpaid to the University is placed on a cash-only basis (i.e. cash, credit card, cashier's check or money order) for all future transactions. A letter will be mailed to the current mailing/billing address on file, and no future checks will be accepted.

CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL AND FEE REFUNDS

To cancel registration before the first day of instruction or to withdraw from the University on or after the first day of instruction, you must complete a Cancellation/Withdrawal form and return the form to the Office of the Registrar. If you do not submit a Cancellation/Withdrawal form, you will be liable for fees according to University policy (below). It is very important that you contact the Office of the Registrar and initiate withdrawal/leave of absence procedures even if your fees are fully paid by financial aid or other programs. Failing to do so may result in you owing money to the University.

The effective date for determining a refund of fees is the date a completed Cancellation/Withdrawal form is received by the Office of the Registrar. It is presumed that no University services will be provided to the student after that date. If a student is enrolled in classes, he or she will be dropped from all courses automatically when the Cancellation/Withdrawal form is processed.

The percentage of fees that may be refunded is determined by the number of calendar days (not school days) elapsed, beginning with the first day of instruction of the semester. For students who paid fees and then canceled or withdrew by filing with the Office of the Registrar, fees may be refunded according to the Schedule of Refunds.

New undergraduate students:

The $100 deposit paid with the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) is not refundable. Because it is not refundable, it is not included in the balance when applying the Schedule of Refunds. Thus, before or on the first day of instruction, registration fees paid are refunded in full minus $100.

All continuing students, readmitted students and new graduate students:

On or before the first day of instruction, registration fees are refunded in full for cancellation/withdrawal. After the first day of instruction, the Schedule of Refunds is applied to the total of fees assessed.

Failure to submit a Cancellation/Withdrawal form:

If you are not a financial aid recipient and you fail to submit a Cancellation/Withdrawal form to the Office of the Registrar, you will be presumed to have left at the end of the semester and will not be eligible for a fee refund. If you are a financial aid recipient, you must contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for information on how this will affect your refund.

SCHEDULE OF FEE REFUNDS

The Schedule of Fee Refunds applies to all new students who do not receive federal financial aid and continuing and readmitted students.

The Schedule of Refunds refers to calendar days beginning with the first day of instruction of the semester. The number of days elapsed is determined from the date the completed Notice of Cancellation/Withdrawal form is received in the Office of the Registrar. Percentages listed should be applied respectively to the University registration fee, educational fee, nonresident tuition and other student fees.

University Registration Fee, Educational Fee, Nonresident Tuition, Fee for Selected Professional Students and Other Student Fees:

New Students Who Receive Title IV Federal Financial Assistance and Withdraw During their First Academic Term

CALENDAR DAYS ELAPSED	PERCENTAGE OF FEES REFUNDED
0-7 days	100% less any applicable fees
8-14 days	90%
15-28 days	80%
29-35 days	70%
36-49 days	60%
50-56 days	50%
57-63 days	40%
64 days or more	0%

All Continuing and Readmitted Students and New Students Who Do Not Receive Federal Financial Aid

CALENDAR DAYS ELAPSED	PERCENTAGE OF FEES REFUNDED
0-1 days	100% less any applicable fees
2-11 days	90%
12-27 days	50%
28-53 days	25%
54 days or more	0%

Federal regulations require UC Merced to calculate the amount of federal financial aid that has been "earned" for all students who are receiving financial aid and withdraw from UC Merced during a semester. If the student withdraws prior to completing 60 percent of the semester, a pro rata portion of the aid must be returned to the federal government. Any portion of unearned aid that must be returned to federal aid programs by UC Merced will be deducted from the amount of the tuition and fee refund. If the amount UC Merced must return to federal aid programs exceeds the amount of the student's institutional refund, the student's account may be billed for the balance.

REFUND OF HEALTH INSURANCE FEE

Health insurance is mandatory for all students, both graduate and undergraduate, as a non-academic condition of enrollment. All students will be assessed the health insurance fee; however, students who already have adequate health insurance should request a waiver of this fee. If you have paid the health insurance fee and cancel your registration on or before the first day of instruction, you are entitled to a full refund of this fee. Insurance fees are not refundable after the first day of instruction and coverage remains in effect until the date specified by the insurance plan.

OTHER REFUNDS

Charges other than the registration fee, the educational fee, nonresident tuition and campus-based fees are refunded according to guidelines and schedules published by the appropriate department.

VETERAN SERVICES

UC Merced Veteran Services staff acts as a liaison between students and the Department of Veteran Affairs. This includes providing educational certifications for veterans, reservists, active duty military, and dependents of veterans. The California Department of Veterans Affairs college fee-waiver program also is available for children and spouses of veterans who have service connected disabilities or who have died from service related causes. To ascertain eligibility the students, who must be California residents, apply for the college fee-waiver program through a county Veterans Service Office. Once approved by the county Veterans Service Office, the UC Merced Veteran Services staff processes the paperwork associated with administering the program and reducing the fees. More information on the documentation required to initiate Veterans' benefits may be found at the UC Merced Veteran Services web site located at veteranservices.ucmerced.edu.

Students who are veterans or dependents of veterans should contact the UC Merced Veteran Services staff if they have any questions or as soon as they receive notification of admission to UC Merced. Veteran Services is located in the Registrar's Office in Kolligian Library 122. An appointment may be arranged by calling (209) 228-2734 or by e-mail at registrar@ucmerced.edu.