

Guidelines for Definitions Used in Setting Tuition and Fees

Throughout Board policy, unless the context otherwise provides or requires:

- A. “Accelerated program tuition” means tuition set for a program that allows a student to achieve an academic degree on an accelerated schedule.
- B. “Base tuition” means the amount of tuition set for Arizona State University’s Tempe, West, Polytechnic, and Downtown locations; Northern Arizona University’s Flagstaff location; and the University of Arizona’s primary Tucson location.
- C. “Class fees” means additional charges for specific classes or courses that have demonstrably higher costs of delivering instruction overall because of the need for or use of special equipment, supplies, technology, key personnel expenses, or field trips.
- D. “Differential tuition” means tuition that is higher or lower than the base tuition established for each university and applies to all graduate or undergraduate academic programs in a college, school or campus.
- E. “Distributed program tuition” means tuition charged for a program that is delivered at locations other than Arizona State University’s Tempe, West, Polytechnic, and Downtown locations; Northern Arizona University’s Flagstaff location; and the University of Arizona’s primary Tucson location.
- F. “Elected student representatives” means the students elected to the college councils and associated student government.
- G. “Mandatory fees” means Board-approved fees charged to all students at an Arizona university, unless specifically excluded by a university.
- H. “Off-cycle tuition” means tuition set for a session that begins or ends at times other than the Board approved fall or spring academic calendar.
- I. “Online tuition” means the tuition charged to students who are participating in programs fully delivered in an online format.
- J. “Peer institutions” means a Board approved list of higher education institutions for each Arizona university. In approving the list of peer institutions, the Board may consider characteristics such as enrollment, research capability, academic programs, stated mission, and an institution’s overall size.

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- K. “Multiple-year tuition plan” means a Board approved tuition plan offered to freshmen for a four-year enrollment period that either remains fixed (flat rate) or increases at a set rate for students continuously enrolled over a four-year period. The multiple-year tuition program may allow for new or transfer students to participate based on cohort year.

- L. “Program fees” means additional amounts charged to students in select degree programs within colleges, schools or departments, including honors colleges or programs, that have demonstrably higher costs of delivering instruction overall, or because of the need for or use of special equipment, technology, or key personnel expenses, or market conditions.

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