

FY2027 Tuition Rates, Mandatory Fees and Student Incidental Fees

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item includes President Murthy's recommendations to the Oregon State University Board of Trustees to set tuition rates, mandatory fees, and incidental fees for fiscal year (FY) 2027. Included in this material are revenue estimates that describe the budgetary impact for the university as well as the cost impacts to students. Advisory input from the University Budget Committee is also included. The president's recommendation is for a general undergraduate tuition increase of 5.75% for returning students and 6.25% for new incoming students. Graduate and professional program rates are also recommended for increases of various levels and differ by program. Importantly, this set of recommendations does not increase recurring mandatory fees for OSU students, so the combined cost increase for students is 4.97%.

Attachment 1 details the FY2027 tuition and fee rates. Attachment 2 provides the University Budget Committee's recommendation to the president (initially addressed to Provost Haggerty).

BACKGROUND

The tuition and fee recommendations presented here are part of OSU's long-term financial strategy in support of OSU's values and its mission to provide access to a high quality and affordable higher education for all qualified learners. The board's preferred range on the tuition and fee [process](#) reinforces this in stating the expectation that "annual tuition rate increases will be between 2 and 5 percent." Strategies for new enrollment growth and innovative efficiencies in administration, program and service delivery have been a foundational part of the university's operations and priorities and will continue to be in the future.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN TUITION AND FEES FOR 2026-27

Under the [Tuition and Fee Process](#) adopted by the board, the university considers a number of factors in developing tuition and fee recommendations. These include:

- Providing access to degree programs for students from all circumstances and recognizing challenges students and families face in today's environment.
- Creating a diverse student body.
- Maintaining strong degree programs at every level.
- Supporting world-class research, scholarship, and engagement aligned with the goals of the university's strategic plan.
- Maintaining the human and physical infrastructure necessary to support Oregon's educational outcome goals.
- Projected cost and revenue changes for FY2027, including inflationary cost increases, important strategic commitments and existing obligations.
- Undergraduate financial aid need and allocations to assist students with highest need.
- Comparisons of tuition rates with strategic plan peers.
- Impact of tuition increases on enrollment for undergraduate students.
- Any constraints from the Oregon Legislature on setting tuition and mandatory fees.

In Academic Years 2020-21 and 2021-22, OSU moved to a cohort tuition model, with the aim of limiting tuition rate increases for continuing undergraduate students to the estimated rate of inflation (or less) while increasing rates for incoming students in line with market comparators, which also provides resources for program improvements while those students are at OSU. The result is that undergraduate students now have tuition rates that vary by their year of matriculation. The approach creates more predictability for continuing students but allows sufficient flexibility to address growth in university costs and program development and adjust to the competitive landscape for students.

The UBC constitutes the tuition advisory body required by ORS 352.103. The UBC recommended rate changes in tuition and mandatory fees for 2026-27 to President Murthy in early February (a copy of that report is included in Attachment 2).

Oregon State’s tuition and fee structure is complex. Like most large public universities, there are distinct rates charged for Oregon resident students, non-residents, undergraduates, graduate students, and professional programs. A number of colleges at OSU have differential tuition over and above base tuition rates. Beyond this, Ecampus tuition charges are different from other tuition rates, and Ecampus charges make no distinction between resident and nonresident students. Mandatory fees are also an important resource for some core activities of the university.

The table below summarizes the various tuition and fee recommendations for OSU students for FY2027:

Rate	Recommendation	Notes
Continuing resident and non-resident undergraduate, Corvallis and OSU-Cascades	5.75%	Higher than recent years, but mitigated by zero increase in mandatory enrollment fees
New resident and non-resident undergraduate, Corvallis and OSU-Cascades	6.25%	Higher than recent years, but mitigated by zero increase in mandatory enrollment fees
Resident Graduate	5.0%	Graduate tuition is market driven, increase to help with inflationary pressures
Non-Resident Graduate	5.0%	
Continuing and New Ecampus undergraduates	2.6%	Ecampus rates remain at a competitive level with peers; lower than Corvallis/Cascades due to new fee
Continuing and New Ecampus graduate	2.0%	Maintains Ecampus rates at competitive level with peers; lower than Corvallis/Cascades increase due to fee
Professional tuition increases	2.7% - 5.0%	Depending on program
Differential tuition undergraduate	5.75%	
Differential tuition graduate	5.0%	
Summer tuition	5.75%	

Mandatory matriculation fees	4% - 7.7%	Three component increases, resulting in matriculation fees of \$380 for graduate students, \$435 for undergraduates at Cascades, and \$450 for undergraduates at Corvallis
Mandatory building debt fee – Corvallis	No change	
Mandatory building debt fee – OSU-Cascades	No change	
Student Health Services – OSU-Cascades	No change	
Student Health Services-Corvallis	No change	
Counseling and Psychological Services-Corvallis	No change	
Distance Education Fee	\$15/SCH	New fee for Ecampus courses

Note: Undergraduate rate increases noted are on the per credit hour charges, not on the base “zero-credit” charge made for resident and non-resident academic year tuition. Total increases are somewhat less than the noted percentages because of the fixed zero-credit charge and rounding to whole dollars.

While the Board of Trustees decides tuition and fee rates for the university, there is a limitation imposed by statute in the State of Oregon. Under ORS 352.102, the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) has statutory authority to approve or disapprove an increase in the total amount of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees greater than 5% for resident Oregon undergraduates at any public university in the state. OSU’s practices have generally adjusted tuition at the same rate across the various types of students noted in the prior table, but the HECC 5% limit only applies to resident undergraduates. Because most mandatory fees “count” toward that limit, the university takes those into account when considering increases that might be near or above the 5% threshold.

UBC RECOMMENDATION

The University Budget Committee examined a range of tuition and fee scenarios in preparation for making a recommendation to President Murthy in early February 2026. As it has done in recent years, the UBC built an understanding of cost pressures across the university as well as considered proposals from units/colleges within OSU for increases to mandatory fees and differential tuition.

Early consideration by the UBC looked at scenarios primarily below the HECC 5% threshold for resident undergraduates, and in the end most closely evaluated and forwarded two options that remained below the HECC review threshold but sought to maximize resources to the university within that limit. The variations in those scenarios principally involved the tradeoff of more general revenue (tuition) with more targeted revenue (via mandatory fees), specifically the Athletics Excellence Fee that was proposed by Intercollegiate Athletics. The committee members tied in their vote of whether to recommend the new fee, but under both recommendations sought to have tuition rise to the maximum level allowed before a HECC approval would be necessary (5.0% and 4.65%, respectively, in the two options). Because tuition alone comprises 83% of the set of resources evaluated by HECC under the threshold—a combination of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees—a 5% tuition increase alone does not put OSU’s rate increase over the review threshold.

The president's recommendation recognizes the tradeoff of general versus dedicated revenues, and it has opted to maximize general and flexible resources by leaving mandatory fee rates unchanged and only increasing tuition as a source of marginal revenue for the university in FY 2027.

DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The tuition and fee rate recommendations included here cover the various complex categories OSU has for charging students. Tables 1, 2 and 4 below detail the specific charges by student type and by tuition and fee category. An online tuition calculator (and tuition tables, where appropriate) showing tuition by credit hour load for all majors will be available to students after approval of final rates by the board. OSU rounds tuition charges to the nearest whole dollar after the application of a percentage rate increase.

Undergraduate base tuition for Corvallis and OSU-Cascades is recommended to increase by 5.75% for continuing students and 6.25% for new undergraduate students.

Undergraduate base tuition for Ecampus students is recommended to increase at 2.6% (\$394/SCH). This figure is lower than on-campus students due to the introduction of a Distance Education Fee at \$15/SCH. The new Distance Education Fee is intended to support the operational and marketing needs of the Division of Educational Ventures as well as support collegiate costs while launching new Ecampus programs in support of the growth objectives of *Prosperity Widely Shared*.

Undergraduate differential tuition rates are generally recommended to increase at the rate for continuing students (5.75%). Differential tuition per credit charges are the same for all cohorts and do not differ by residency status of the student, even when the underlying base tuition does vary by a student's state of residency (Table 3). Additionally, the College of Engineering differential will rise at a 9.2% rate to allow the college to expand their "Engineering +" offerings to second, third, and fourth-year students.

Graduate base tuition is recommended to increase 5.0% for resident and non-resident students. Ecampus graduate base tuition is recommended to increase at 2.0%. Resident graduate tuition is at the high side of peer rates and a small increase will keep campus and Ecampus programs more competitive. Rates for non-residents are near the median for peers and an inflationary increase is market-appropriate.

Graduate differential tuition rates are also increased by the recommended rate for the respective graduate students. In Engineering differential charges are kept the same for residents and non-residents. Ecampus differential rates follow recommendations to increase at 2.0%

Professional program tuition for the PharmD, DVM, and professional degrees at OSU-Cascades were recommended to increase 2.0% - 5.0% depending on the program (see Table 4). These rates were recommended by the particular programs after an assessment of peer and market tuition rates, and an evaluation of demand for the programs.

Summer tuition rates for undergraduate and graduate students are recommended to match academic year resident per credit hour rates for the incoming cohort of resident students at the respective campuses. There is no differentiation between residents and non-residents for

undergraduate and most graduate programs in the summer. Summer tuition is charged by the credit hour for most programs.

While the University Budget Committee reviewed proposals for and made recommendations for increases in a number of mandatory fees, this set of recommendations from the President leaves these fees unchanged from their FY 2026 levels.

While there are no recommended increases in recurring mandatory enrollment fees, this recommendation does include a mandatory Student Services Fee that had previously been part of the incidental fees overseen by the respective student governments for Corvallis and Cascades (ASOSU and ASCC, respectively). After a university task force made recommendations to develop a definition of “incidental” for distinguishing between incidental and mandatory fees, the activities funded by this Student Services Fee did not meet the incidental definition. As a result, they are now contained within this set of fee recommendations for the first time.

Matriculation fee. The matriculation fee is charged on a one-time basis when a student enters OSU. This fee revenue is allocated and spent for a variety of functions that help students enter and succeed at OSU in Enrollment Management, Student Affairs’ Office of Student Orientation, and the Registrar’s Office. This set of recommendations adjusts the matriculation fees for Corvallis and Ecampus by \$32 (7.6%), the Cascades fee by \$17 (4.1%), and the Graduate student fee by \$16 (4.4%). The higher increase for Corvallis and Ecampus is to fund the further expansion of New Student Onboarding efforts in the Division of Student Affairs.

At the recommended undergraduate tuition rate increase of 5.75% for continuing students and 6.25% for most new students, the weighted average tuition and mandatory fee increase (the rate subject to the HECC 5% threshold) is 4.92%.

Other projected rate changes

Tuition and mandatory fees are only part of the cost of attendance for students. Student incidental fees and University Housing and Dining Services rates are the other major costs that are set by the university.

As noted above, student incidental fees are recommended to the president for referral to the board by the ASOSU and ASCC student governments based on recommendations from student-led committees and approval by the respective student government legislatures. Recommendations for incidental fee are \$161.41/term for Corvallis (3.3% increase) and \$206.68/term for Cascades (4.2% decrease).

BUDGET IMPACT

Tuition revenue is budgeted, allocated, and spent out of the University’s Education and General fund (E&G). This is OSU’s largest fund that most directly resources the education, research, and outreach mission of the institution. Tuition is the largest and most flexible resource within this fund.

Below is the estimated budgetary impact of the tuition increases that are recommended for next fiscal year. At the recommended rates of increase, tuition and fees would generate an aggregate \$23.7M of tuition and \$8.6M of fees above current year levels. These projections do

not yet include any projected change in enrollment for next year; those estimates are still under development for the FY2027 budget.

(\$millions)	Estimate <u>FY2026</u>	Estimate <u>FY2027</u>
Projected net tuition & Fees	548.6	580.9
Marginal revenue		32.3

STUDENT MARGINAL IMPACTS

The table below shows the marginal cost to individual undergraduate students based on the recommendations noted above. This table shows the cost on a per credit basis, as well as full tuition charges for the academic year. Additionally, this table shows *base* tuition charges and does not include the effect of changes in differential tuition for the colleges and programs where that is applicable or the charges associated with the Distance Education Fee for any courses taken through Ecampus. Further, these base charges do not take into account any discounts or scholarship funding a student may receive.

Tuition Changes		
UG Per Credit Cost	<u>Current</u>	<u>5.75%</u>
Oregon Resident	\$275	\$291
Non-Resident	\$819	\$866
UG Per Credit Cost	<u>Current</u>	<u>2.60%</u>
Ecampus	\$384	\$394
Marginal Difference Per Credit		
Oregon Resident		\$16
Non-Resident		\$47
Ecampus		\$10
Full-Year Costs (tuition only)	<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>
Oregon Resident (45 credits)	\$12,675	\$13,395
Non-Resident (45 credits)	\$37,860	\$39,975
Ecampus (24 credits)	\$9,216	\$9,456

DETAILED RATE INFORMATION

Table 1: Detail of undergraduate base tuition rate calculations for the current year and for the rates recommended to the board. Summer base tuition rates have no resident/non-resident distinction and are charged at a single rate per credit hour for all undergraduate students. The flat per-quarter charges are not incremented and per credit hour rates are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

	2025-26 Base Tuition Components			2026-27 Base Tuition Components			Increase for 3 terms (45)	% increase
	Zero credit hour flat charge	Total tuition per credit	Annual total at 15 credits per term	Zero credit hour charge	Total tuition per credit	Annual total at 15 credits		
Resident Corvallis								
Matriculated prior to July 2022	100	268	12,360	100	283	13,035	675	5.46%
Matriculated 2022-23	100	270	12,450	100	286	13,170	720	5.78%
Matriculated 2023-24	100	272	12,540	100	288	13,260	720	5.74%
Matriculated 2024-25	100	274	12,630	100	290	13,350	720	5.70%
Matriculated 2025-26	100	275	12,675	100	291	13,395	720	5.68%
Matriculated 2026-27	100			100	292	13,440	765	6.04%
Resident Cascades								
Matriculated prior to July 2022	100	264	12,180	100	279	12,855	675	5.54%
Matriculated 2022-23	100	270	12,450	100	286	13,170	720	5.78%
Matriculated 2023-24	100	272	12,540	100	288	13,260	720	5.74%
Matriculated 2024-25	100	274	12,630	100	290	13,350	720	5.70%
Matriculated 2025-26	100	275	12,675	100	291	13,395	720	5.68%
Matriculated 2026-27	100			100	292	13,440	765	6.04%
Non-resident								
Matriculated prior to July 2022	335	800	37,005	335	846	39,075	2,070	5.59%
Matriculated 2022-23	335	808	37,365	335	854	39,435	2,070	5.54%
Matriculated 2023-24	335	811	37,500	335	858	39,615	2,115	5.64%
Matriculated 2024-25	335	815	37,680	335	862	39,795	2,115	5.61%
Matriculated 2025-26	335	819	37,860	335	866	39,975	2,115	5.59%
Matriculated 2026-27	335			335	870	40,155	2,295	6.06%
Ecampus								
Matriculated prior to July 2022	-	384	17,280	-	394	17,730	450	2.60%
Matriculated 2022-23	-	384	17,280	-	394	17,730	450	2.60%
Matriculated 2023-24	-	384	17,280	-	394	17,730	450	2.60%
Matriculated 2024-25	-	384	17,280	-	394	17,730	450	2.60%
Matriculated 2025-26	-	384	17,280	-	394	17,730	450	2.60%
Matriculated 2026-27	-			-	394	17,730		
Summer								
Corvallis, all undergraduates		275	12,375		291	13,095		5.82%
Cascades, all undergraduates		275	12,375		291	13,086		5.75%

Table 2: Recommended base graduate and professional tuition rates. The Notes column indicates how the rate is applied. A plateau means the charge is constant within the range noted.

	FY26 Rate	FY27 Rate	Annual cost at 12 credits	% increase	Notes
Base resident graduate tuition	\$ 518	\$ 544	\$ 14,688	4.99%	per credit with plateau 9-16 credits
Base non-resident graduate tuition	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,264	\$ 34,128	4.98%	per credit with plateau 9-16 credits
Base Ecampus graduate tuition	\$ 582	\$ 594	\$ 21,384	1.99%	per credit with plateau 9-16 credits
Base summer graduate	\$ 518	\$ 544	\$ 14,688	5.02%	per credit, all credits, all residencies
Professional degrees					
PharmD resident	\$ 851	\$ 894	\$ 32,184	5.05%	Per credit to 12 credits then flat
PharmD non-resident	\$ 1,391	\$ 1,461	\$ 52,596	5.03%	Per credit to 12 credits then flat
DVM resident	\$ 31,147	\$ 32,704	\$ 32,704	5.00%	Flat rate
DVM non-resident	\$ 62,296	\$ 65,411	\$ 65,411	5.00%	Flat rate
MBA, MS Business resident	\$ 830	\$ 872	\$ 31,392	5.06%	Per credit, base tuition of \$518 plus \$337 per credit
MBA, MS Business non-resident	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,675	\$ 60,300	5.02%	Per credit, base tuition of \$1,204 plus \$474 per credit
Cascades MS Coun resident	\$ 497	\$ 522	\$ 18,792	5.03%	Per credit
Cascades MS Coun non- resident	\$ 949	\$ 995	\$ 35,820	4.85%	Per credit
Cascades MAT resident	\$ 464	\$ 487	\$ 17,532	4.96%	Per credit
Cascades MAT non-resident	\$ 906	\$ 951	\$ 34,236	4.97%	Per credit
Cascades MFA resident	\$ 520	\$ 546	\$ 19,656	5.00%	Per credit
Cascades MFA non-resident	\$ 534	\$ 561	\$ 20,196	5.06%	Per credit
Cascades Doc Phys Therapy resident	\$ 24,121	\$ 24,845	\$ 24,845	3.00%	3% increase
Cascades Doc Phys The. non-res	\$ 35,260	\$ 36,318	\$ 36,318	3.00%	3% increase

Table 3: Differential tuition charges. Some programs have additional charges added to base tuition. The recommended rate increases are shown. These are rounded to the nearest dollar. Differential rates are the same for all undergraduate cohorts. All are added on a per credit hour basis, except for the Honors College differential, which is charged as a flat charge per quarter.

	FY26 Rate	FY27 Rate	% increase
Undergraduate campus differentials			
Engineering resident	65	71	9.23%
Engineering non-resident	65	71	9.23%
Forestry resident	21	22	4.76%
Forestry non-resident	21	22	4.76%
Business resident	27	29	7.41%
Business non-resident	27	29	7.41%
Arts CLA resident	26	27	3.85%
Arts CLA non-resident	26	27	3.85%
Honors resident & non-resident differential (part time or 1-11 cr.)	270	280	3.70%
Honors resident & non-resident differential (full time or 12+ cr.)	540	550	1.85%
Graduate campus differentials			
Engineering resident	65	71	9.23%
Engineering non-resident	65	71	9.23%
MBA and MS Business resident	337	356	5.64%
MBA and MS Business non-res	474	501	5.70%
Ecampus undergraduate differentials			
Computer Science - Applied	221	200	-9.50%
Business Students	27	29	7.41%
Engineering students	65	71	9.23%
BS Computer Science	65	71	9.23%
Developmental Math	(107)	(113)	5.61%
Honors resident & non-resident differential (part time or 1-11 cr.)	270	280	3.70%
Honors resident & non-resident differential (full time or 12+ cr.)	540	550	1.85%
Ecampus graduate differentials			
AHE PhD and EdD	32	34	6.25%
PhD in Counseling	32	34	6.25%
MS in Counseling	32	34	6.25%
MBA and Business Courses	337	356	5.64%
Engineering MS Rad. Health Phy	144	152	5.56%
College of Engineering students	65	71	9.23%

Table 4: Mandatory Enrollment Fees. Recommended charges for mandatory enrollment fees are noted below. For FY 2027, the Student Services Fee is a change from previously incidental fees.

	FY26 Rate	FY27 Rate	Annual cost at 12 credits	% increase	
Mandatory fees - Fall/Winter/Spring					
Matriculation fee (Undergraduate)	\$ 418.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	7.66%	Charged once on matriculation
Matriculation fee (Graduate)	\$ 364.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00	4.40%	Charged once on matriculation
Matriculation fee - Ecampus	\$ 418.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	4.07%	Charged once on matriculation
Building fee - Corvallis	\$ 70.80	\$ 70.80	\$ 212.40	0.00%	Charged per quarter,varies by the number of credits in which a student enrolls
Building fee - Cascades	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 164.99	0.00%	Charged per quarter,varies by the number of credits in which a student enrolls
Student health services Corvallis	\$ 172.27	\$ 172.27	\$ 516.81	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Counseling Corvallis	\$ 80.29	\$ 80.29	\$ 240.87	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student health services Cascades	\$ 119.70	\$ 119.70	\$ 359.10	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student Services Fee - Corvallis	\$ 379.27	\$ 379.27	\$ 1,137.81	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student Services Fee - Cascades	\$ 181.09	\$ 181.09	\$ 543.27	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Distance Education fee - Ecampus	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 345.00	0.00%	Charged per credit, avg Ecampus learner takes 23 credits/year
Mandatory fees - Summer					
Matriculation fee (Undergraduate)	\$ 418.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	7.66%	Charged once on matriculation
Matriculation fee (Graduate)	\$ 364.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00	4.40%	Charged once on matriculation
Matriculation fee - Ecampus	\$ 418.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	4.07%	Charged once on matriculation
Building fee - Corvallis	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 144.00	0.00%	Charged per quarter,varies by the number of credits in which a student enrolls
Building fee - Cascades	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 123.00	0.00%	Charged per quarter,varies by the number of credits in which a student enrolls
Student health services Corvallis	\$ 167.43	\$ 167.43	\$ 502.29	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Counseling Corvallis	\$ 58.07	\$ 58.07	\$ 174.21	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student health services Cascades	\$ 119.70	\$ 119.70	\$ 359.10	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student Services Fee - Corvallis	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	\$ 145.50	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Student Services Fee - Cascades	\$ 37.79	\$ 37.79	\$ 113.37	0.00%	Charged per quarter
Distance Education fee - Ecampus	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 345.00	0.00%	Charged per credit, avg Ecampus learner takes 23 credits/year

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends that the board approve the resolution presented in Attachment 1 establishing the academic year 2026-27 and summer 2026 tuition and mandatory fees, at the rates documented in Attachment 1, Exhibit A. The principal recommendations are for a 5.75% increase for continuing undergraduates (Corvallis and OSU-Cascades) and a 6.25% increase for new incoming undergraduate students (Corvallis and OSU-Cascades). The weighted average tuition and mandatory fee increase for resident undergraduates is 4.97%. Graduate and professional program rates are also recommended for increases of various levels and differ by program.

**Oregon State University
Tuition and Mandatory Fees
For Academic Year 2026-27 and Summer Term 2026**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Oregon State University (the “Board”) has the authority to determine tuition and mandatory enrollment fees in accordance with ORS 352.102 and ORS 352.105, and other applicable law;

Whereas, the Board adopted a Tuition and Fee Process on January 16, 2015 and most recently amended on October 18, 2019 setting out the factors considered by the Board in setting tuition and fees;

Whereas, the Board authorizes the collection of mandatory incidental fees recommended by the President of the University and the recognized student governments (ASOSU and ASCC) and established in accordance with provisions outlined in ORS 352.102, ORS 352.105, and other applicable law;

Whereas, the university has recommended tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for Academic Year 2026-27 through the work of campus groups including undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff;

Whereas, the President, after considering historical tuition and fee trends, comparative data for peer institutions, the University’s budget and projected costs, and anticipated state appropriation levels, has approved the tuition and the mandatory fee recommendations for consideration by the Board;

Whereas, after consideration of the impact on students and OSU’s commitments as the state’s land-grant university, the President’s recommendations include for students at Corvallis and OSU-Cascades a 5.75% increase in tuition for continuing resident and non-resident undergraduate students and a 6.25% increase for new resident and non-resident undergraduate students (a weighted average of 4.97%);

Whereas, the President has reported to the Board the nature and outcomes of consultations with students and others, including any significant disagreement; and

Whereas the Board has considered the desire to create affordable access to degree programs, create a diverse student body, maintain strong degree programs at every level, and develop and maintain the human and physical infrastructure necessary to support Oregon’s educational outcome goals;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University hereby approves the Academic Year 2026-27 and summer 2026 tuition and mandatory fee schedules calculated as defined in Exhibit A.

This Resolution is effective _____, 2026.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees _____, 2026

Secretary to the Board

Date

Because of the complexities of cohort tuition, we have identified tuition rules instead of individual tables.

Oregon State University
Tuition and Mandatory Fee Schedules
Academic Year 2026-27 and Summer Term 2026

EXHIBIT A: Tuition and Fee Schedule Rules and Tables

The tuition and fee schedules are derived from the rates in Table 1, Table 3, Table 4, applied as defined in the following sections. Rates for specific programs, course loads, and year of matriculation will be available through an interactive tuition calculator located on an OSU website. Static tables will be posted where appropriate.

Undergraduate tuition rates at Corvallis and Cascades have a cohort structure with tuition varying by the year of matriculation. OSU maintains six undergraduate tuition cohorts at a time. When a student is enrolled longer than six years their tuition is assigned by the rates for the oldest remaining cohort.

Undergraduate tuition rates

“Base” in the formulas refers to base tuition rates per credit hours as specified in Tables 1 and 2 for the fiscal year in which a student matriculated and the student’s residency status. There will be six cohorts of base tuition rates for Corvallis and Cascades undergraduates in 2026-27.

Differential refers to a per credit hour rate for an undergraduate program with differential tuition as specified in Table 3 except for the Honors College differential which is added as an additional \$540 per quarter for 12 credits and over or \$270 per quarter for 11 credits and under, in addition to other tuition calculations.

SCH (Student Credit Hour) refers to the number of credit hours a student is registered for.

For the academic year (fall, winter spring):

- Resident undergraduate programs without differential tuition per quarter at both Corvallis and Cascades = \$100 + SCH x Base
- Non-resident undergraduate programs without differential tuition per quarter tuition at both Corvallis and Cascades = \$335 + SCH x Base
- Resident undergraduate programs with differential tuition per quarter tuition at both Corvallis and Cascades = \$100 + SCH x (Base + Differential)
- Non-resident undergraduate programs with differential tuition per quarter tuition at both Corvallis and Cascades = \$335 + SCH x (Base + Differential)

- Undergraduate programs without differential tuition through Ecampus, regardless of residency, per quarter tuition (including summer) is = SCH x Base
- Undergraduate programs with differential tuition through Ecampus, regardless of residency, per quarter tuition (including summer) = SCH x (Base + Differential)
- Summer undergraduate programs without differential tuition at both Corvallis and Cascades are charged at one rate corresponding to the rate for incoming resident students, so per quarter tuition = SCH x Base
- Summer undergraduate programs with differential tuition at both Corvallis and Cascades are charged at one rate corresponding to the rate for incoming resident students, so per quarter tuition = SCH x (Base + Differential)

For students in the Honors College, an additional \$540 per quarter is charged for credit loads of 12 credits per quarter and above or a charge of \$270 per quarter for credit loads of 1 to 11 credits per quarter.

Graduate tuition rates

Base in the formulas refers to base tuition rates per credit hours as specified in Table 3. Rates for graduate and professional education are the same regardless of the year of matriculation.

Differential refers to a per credit hour rate for a graduate program with differential tuition as specified in Table 3.

SCH (Student Credit Hour) refers to the number of credit hours a student is registered for.

Rates are the same for Corvallis and Cascades. For the academic year (fall, winter spring):

- Resident graduate programs without differential tuition per quarter through 9 credits = SCH x Base.
 - Charges for 9 to 16 credits are the same, then per credit charges are added for each credit above 16 SCH. This is referred to as a “plateau” tuition structure.
- Non-resident graduate programs without differential tuition per quarter through 9 credits = SCH x Base
 - Charges for 9 to 16 credits are the same, then per credit charges are added for each credit above 16 SCH.
- Graduate programs with differential tuition in Engineering and Public Health, an additional charge is added to the base tuition calculated above as noted in table 3 calculated as:
 - Differential tuition charge = SCH x Differential. The charge is on all credit hours and is the same for residents and non-residents in Engineering, but different for residents and non-residents in the Master of Public Health.

- Graduate programs with differential tuition including the MBA, MS in Business, MAT at Cascades, MFA at Cascades, and MS in Counseling at Cascades, tuition per quarter for residents and non-residents is calculated using the rates in Tables 2 and 3 as:
 - Tuition charge = SCH x (Base + Differential). These charges are on all credit hours. Rates are different for resident and non-residents in both Business programs, the MAT, and the MS in Counseling but are the same for residents and non-residents in the MFA.
 - Non-residents in the MBA, MAT at Cascades, MFA at Cascades, and MS in Counseling at Cascades are charged resident rates in the summer.
- Non-residents are charged resident rates in summer.

Tuition rates for DVM, PharmD, DPT

Programs for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) are professional programs with an expectation of full-time study. The rates for those programs are shown in Table 2.

Tuition for the DVM is an annual charge based on residency as noted in Table 4. For years 1 through 2 tuition is charged in three increments over fall, winter, and spring. For fourth year students, who pursue a variety of series of study, externship, and clinical rotations from the beginning of Finals Week in June to the end of Dead Week the following June are charged in four increments over summer, fall, winter, and spring.

Tuition for the DPT degree is a flat rate for summer, fall, winter and spring quarters as noted in Table 2.

Tuition for the PharmD degree expects full time enrollment (at 12 credits) for the rate noted in Table 2 but allows for per credit enrollment at loads less than 12. Rates are the same for summer, fall, winter, and spring.

Recommendations for Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rates for 2026–2027 (FY27)

Dear Provost Haggerty,

In my role as Chair of the University Budget Committee (UBC), I write to convey the committee's discussion and recommendations for tuition and mandatory fees for 2026–2027 ([Appendix A](#)).

The UBC serves as Oregon State University's tuition advisory body under state law ([Appendix B](#)). Throughout Fall and Winter terms of this past academic year, the UBC considered multiple scenarios to balance affordability, program quality, and institutional financial sustainability within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) 5% threshold for resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee increases.

Summary of the Committee's Deliberations

UBC discussions focused on the interplay between **tuition** and **mandatory fees** with particular attention to:

- **Student affordability and transparency**, including the overall cost of attendance and clarity in regards to what fees fund.
- **Institutional budget pressures** and uncertainty in state support.
- A proposed **Distance Education (DE) fee** as a potential dedicated funding mechanism to meet strategic growth goals.
- An **Athletics Excellence Fee** proposal, which prompted differing views about whether basic support for athletics should be funded by a mandatory student fee or by other means.
- **A new Student Services Fee**, which transitions several student-focused programs from the **Student Fee Committee (SFC) to the UBC process**, consolidating them into a single mandatory fee that improves transparency and supports core services such as the Memorial Union, Recreational Sports, and the Family Resource Center.

Student members consistently emphasized affordability and raised questions about the role, size, and visibility of fees in the overall price students pay. Other members underscored the importance of preserving **flexible E&G resources** to sustain academic quality and service continuity.

Recommendations

The UBC recommends two scenarios for your consideration. Neither exceeds growth of **5%**, which require additional HECC approval. The **only difference** between them is the **Athletics Excellence Fee** (absent in Scenario A, present at **\$15/term** in Scenario B). The committee vote was tied on whether to include this new fee or not, resulting in our two scenarios.

Scenario Comparison Tables

March 12 – 13, 2026, Board of Trustees Meetings

Corvallis/OSU-Cascades Tuition	5.0%	4.65%
Ecampus Tuition	2.6%	2.6%
Distance Education Fee	\$15/SCH	\$15/SCH
Athletics Excellence Fee	\$0	\$15/term
Building Debt Fee (Corvallis)	\$87/term	\$87/term
Marginal Tuition Revenue	\$21.0M	\$19.9M
Marginal Fee Revenue	\$12.3M	\$13.4M

Scenario A (No Athletics Fee)

- **Corvallis/OSU-Cascades tuition: 5.0%** increase
- **Ecampus tuition: 2.6%** increase
- **Distance Education fee (all Ecampus credits, all students): \$15 per SCH**
- **Building Debt (Corvallis):** increase from **\$70.80/term to \$87/term** (≈ 22% increase)
- **Athletics Excellence Fee: \$0**
- **Other mandatory fees:** as proposed in the fee packet within the HECC limit
- **Indicative marginal revenue (one-year): Tuition \$21.0M; Fees \$12.3M**

Rationale: Maintains maximum flexible E&G from Corvallis/Cascades tuition (5%), dedicates DE fee revenue to online investment, and limits new fees by **excluding an athletics fee**. This supports institutional flexibility while still advancing targeted investments in Ecampus through the DE fee.

Scenario B (Athletics Fee at \$15/term)

- **Corvallis/OSU-Cascades tuition: 4.65%** increase
- **Ecampus tuition: 2.6%** increase
- **Distance Education fee (all Ecampus credits, all students): \$15 per SCH**
- **Building Debt (Corvallis): \$87/term** (≈ 22% increase)
- **Athletics Excellence Fee: \$15 per term**
- **Other mandatory fees:** as proposed in the fee packet within the HECC limit
- **Indicative marginal revenue (one-year): Tuition \$19.9M; Fees \$13.4M**

Rationale: Slightly reduces the Corvallis/Cascades tuition increase in exchange for a **modest, dedicated athletics fee** that supports the stability of athletics programs during ongoing realignment. It preserves the DE fee for online growth and keeps total increases within the HECC threshold.

Points from UBC discussions:

- **Flexible E&G vs. Dedicated Fees:** The **DE fee** is a **dedicated revenue source** directed to online program investment. This **shifts some dollars from the general tuition bucket** to a designated purpose. A direct implication is that **Ecampus tuition increases are lower** than they might otherwise be, which **reduces marginal flexible E&G revenue** from Ecampus relative to a higher Ecampus tuition path. The committee sees this as a **trade-off:** near-term

investment in online capacity and quality (via a fee) versus maximizing flexible funds available for broad university needs (via tuition).

- **Athletics Fee (Scenario B only):** The committee heard **diverse views**. Proponents cited the reputational and community value of athletics and the unusual financial environment post-conference realignment. Opponents prioritized keeping fees focused on direct academic and student service needs and expressed concerns about affordability and optics. In Scenario A (no athletics fee), more adjustment occurs through tuition and other fees; in Scenario B, some support for athletics is made explicit and dedicated.
- **Building Debt Fee:** Both scenarios **moderate** the increase to the Corvallis **Building Debt Fee** to approximately **22%**, acknowledging facility needs while prioritizing staying within the HECC threshold and preserving tuition flexibility.
- **Student Perspectives:** Student members urged caution on fee growth, emphasized affordability and clarity in communications, and asked that any new or increased fees be accompanied by clear statements of purpose and accountability.

Additional discussion points:

- **Communications:** Clear, student-facing explanations of **what each fee funds**, especially for **DE** and **Athletics** (if applicable), and how the overall package stays within the HECC threshold.
- **Monitoring:** If a DE fee is adopted, **transparent criteria** for investment, **reporting on outcomes** (program starts, retention, quality improvements), and periodic review of the **balance between Ecampus tuition and the DE fee**.
- **Equity & Access:** Monitoring impacts on students with financial need and consider aid or outreach strategies that mitigate affordability concerns.
- **Future increases:** **A number of the units that presented fees for consideration are intending for increases beyond inflation in the years ahead, including the matriculation fee, distance education fee, athletics fee, and the building fee.**

Differential Tuition


UBC supports the two proposed changes to differential tuition (DT) that were proposed by the College of Engineering. The first is an increase to the base DT rate for all students in Engineering, from \$65/SCH to \$71/SCH. This 9.2% increase is intended to help the college expand the “Engineering +” program to students beyond their first year. Separately, the college proposed decreasing the DT they charge for their Ecampus Computer Science – Applied program (previously CS post-bacc) from \$221/SCH to \$200/SCH to help address the enrollment declines that program has experienced.

Conclusion

The UBC offers **Scenario A (no Athletics Fee)** and **Scenario B (Athletics Fee at \$15/term)** as **equally strong options** that maintain compliance with the HECC threshold while balancing affordability, flexibility, and targeted investments. We recognize that the choice between these options primarily depends on whether to fund a portion of athletics through a **dedicated student fee** or to **exclude** that fee and rely more on tuition and other fees within the cap.

We appreciate the opportunity to advise and are grateful for the partnership of the Office of Budget and Resource Planning and the engagement of students and campus leaders throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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Nicole von Germeten, Chair, University Budget Committee
Oregon State University

Appendix A: Tuition & Fee Tables *NOTE: Highlighted *Athletics Excellence Fee* only applies to Scenario B

Division	Type	Detail	Charged by	Term(s)	Campus	HECC (Resident Only)	FY25	FY26	FY27 Recommended	% CHANGE (from FY26-FY27)
Undergraduate	Tuition	Continuing Student	Credit Hour	Academic Year, Summer	Corvallis, Cascades	Yes				4.65%
Undergraduate	Tuition	New Student	Credit Hour	Academic Year, Summer	Corvallis, Cascades	Yes				4.65%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Academic Year	Cascades	Yes	\$ 53.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.00	3.64%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis	Yes	\$ 59.00	\$ 70.80	\$ 87.00	22.88%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Cascades	Yes		\$ 181.09	\$ 192.50	6.30%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis	Yes		\$ 379.27	\$ 394.46	4.01%
Undergraduate	Fee	Counseling & Psychological Services	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis	Yes	\$ 77.36	\$ 80.29	\$ 83.47	3.96%
Undergraduate	Fee	Health & Wellness	Term	Academic Year	Cascades	Yes	\$ 114.00	\$ 119.70	\$ 137.66	15.00%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Health Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis	Yes	\$ 166.49	\$ 172.27	\$ 177.13	2.82%
Undergraduate	Fee	Athletics Excellence	Term	Academic Year, Summer	Corvallis	Yes			\$ 15.00	
Graduate	Tuition	Non-resident	Credit Hour	Academic Year	Corvallis, Cascades					4.65%
Graduate	Tuition	Resident	Credit Hour	Academic Year	Corvallis, Cascades					4.65%
Graduate	Tuition	Resident & Non-resident	Credit Hour	Summer	Corvallis, Cascades					4.65%
Undergraduate	Tuition	Tuition	Credit Hour	Academic Year, Summer	Ecampus					2.60%
Graduate	Tuition	Tuition	Credit Hour	Academic Year, Summer	Ecampus					2.00%
Graduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Academic Year	Cascades		\$ 53.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.00	3.64%
Graduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis		\$ 59.00	\$ 70.80	\$ 87.00	22.88%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Summer	Cascades		\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 43.00	4.88%
Graduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Summer	Cascades		\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 43.00	4.88%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 40.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 58.00	20.83%
Graduate	Fee	Student Building Loan/Debt	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 40.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 58.00	20.83%
Graduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Cascades			\$ 181.09	\$ 192.50	6.30%
Graduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis			\$ 379.27	\$ 394.46	4.01%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Summer	Cascades			\$ 37.79	\$ 39.30	4.00%
Graduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Summer	Cascades			\$ 37.79	\$ 39.30	4.00%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Summer	Corvallis			\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	0.00%
Graduate	Fee	Student Services Fee	Term	Summer	Corvallis			\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	0.00%
Graduate	Fee	Counseling & Psychological Services	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis		\$ 77.36	\$ 80.29	\$ 83.47	3.96%
Undergraduate	Fee	Counseling & Psychological Services	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 55.31	\$ 58.07	\$ 60.97	4.99%
Graduate	Fee	Counseling & Psychological Services	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 55.31	\$ 58.07	\$ 60.97	4.99%
Graduate	Fee	Health & Wellness	Term	Academic Year, Summer	Cascades		\$ 114.00	\$ 119.70	\$ 137.66	15.00%
Undergraduate	Fee	Health & Wellness	Term	Summer	Cascades		\$ 114.00	\$ 119.70	\$ 137.66	15.00%
Graduate	Fee	Matriculation Fee	*One-time charge	*One-time charge	All		\$ 350.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 380.00	4.40%
Undergraduate	Fee	Matriculation Fee	*One-time charge	*One-time charge	Cascades		\$ 350.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 435.00	4.07%
Undergraduate	Fee	Matriculation Fee	*One-time charge	*One-time charge	Corvallis		\$ 350.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 450.00	7.66%
Undergraduate	Fee	Matriculation Fee	*One-time charge	*One-time charge	Ecampus		\$ 350.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 450.00	7.66%
Graduate	Fee	Student Health Services Fee	Term	Academic Year	Corvallis		\$ 166.49	\$ 172.27	\$ 177.13	2.82%
Undergraduate	Fee	Student Health Services Fee	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 159.45	\$ 167.43	\$ 175.80	5.00%
Graduate	Fee	Student Health Services Fee	Term	Summer	Corvallis		\$ 159.45	\$ 167.43	\$ 175.80	5.00%
Undergraduate	Fee	Distance Education Fee	Credit Hour	*Per Student Credit Hour	All				\$ 15.00	
Graduate	Fee	Distance Education Fee	Credit Hour	*Per Student Credit Hour	All				\$ 15.00	
Graduate	Fee	Athletics Excellence	Term	Academic Year, Summer	Corvallis				\$ 15.00	

Appendix B: UBC Membership

Chair

- **Nicole von Germeten** — Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts; Professor of History

Student Representatives

- **Saegis Abbott** — ASOSU Student Fees Committee Chair; Graduate Student, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering
- **Allison Barr** — ASCC Vice President; Undergraduate Student, Human Development and Family Sciences, College of Health (OSU–Cascades)
- **Allan Campbell** — Ecampus Undergraduate Student, Marketing, College of Business
- **Masha Mogylevsky** — ASOSU President; Undergraduate Student, Digital Communications Arts, College of Liberal Arts

Faculty & Academic Leadership

- **Tom DeLuca** — Cheryl Ramberg-Ford and Allyn C. Ford Dean, College of Forestry
- **Jessica Dupont** — Associate Vice Provost, Market Development and Student Experience, Division of Educational Ventures (Ecampus)
- **Jonathan Fram** — Associate Professor, Ocean Observatories Initiative; Chair, Faculty Senate Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee
- **Susan Gardner** — Dean, College of Education
- **Jake Hamblin** — Faculty Senate President-Elect; Professor, School of History, Philosophy and Religion
- **Stephanie Harvey** — Financial Officer, College of Agricultural Science
- **Wade Marcum** — Senior Associate Dean, College of Engineering; Henry W. and Janice J. Schuette Professor in Nuclear Science and Engineering
- **Marc Norcross** — Associate Dean, College of Health; Professor of Kinesiology and Athletic Training

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- **Nechell Bonds** — Vice Provost for Enrollment Management
- **Laurie Hill** — Chief Business Officer, OSU–Cascades
- **Steve Hoelscher** — Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Finance and Operations
- **Brent Gustafson** — Associate Vice President and Chief Budget Officer, Budget and Resource Planning (Ex-officio, non-voting)

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- **Cameron Cox** — Financial Analyst, Data Analytics, Budget & Resource Planning
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- **Karley Lewis** — Director, Budget Development and Analytics
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- **Tyler Redden** — Senior Financial Analyst for Budget Development