

# Expenses and Fees

College expenses are payable in advance. **All charges are subject to change at the end of any term.**

For the purpose of paying fees, twelve or more semester hours are considered a full-time load, and eleven or fewer semester hours are considered a part-time load. There are separate fee schedules for each. The schedule below indicates semester ABAC costs for the 2007-2008 academic year for new students new to the University System.

## Matriculation Fees (tuition):

Georgia Resident, Full-time	\$ 936
Georgia Resident, Part-time	\$ 78 per semester hour
Non-resident, Full-time	\$3,744
Non-resident, Part-time	\$ 312 per semester hour

Student Activity Fee	\$ 45
Athletic Fee	\$ 78
Clinical Fee	\$ 65
Technology Fee	\$ 38
One-Card Fee	\$ 15
Public Safety Fee	\$ 10

The estimated cost for books and supplies is approximately \$400 per semester.

## REFUND POLICY

Except for those institutions for which special refund policies have been approved by the Board of Regents, the policy for determining refunds to be made on institutional charges, and other mandatory fees at institutions of the System follows.

The refund amount for students withdrawing from the institution shall be based on a pro rata percentage determined by dividing the number of calendar days in the semester that the student completed by the total calendar days in the semester. The total calendar days in a semester includes weekends, but excludes scheduled breaks of five or more days and days that a student was on an approved leave of absence. The unearned portion shall be refunded up to the point in time that the amount earned equals 60%.

Students that withdraw from the institution when the calculated percentage of completion is greater than 60% are not entitled to a refund of any portion of institutional charges. A refund of all non-resident fees, matriculation fees, and other mandatory fees shall be made in the event of the death of a student at any time during the academic session.

After the published drop/add period of each semester, a student who drops below 12 credit hours or who registered for fewer than 12 semester hours and further reduces the load is not entitled to any refund of tuition.

## REGENTS' POLICIES GOVERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES

The following policies have been adopted by the Board of Regents for the purpose of determining the tuition status of a student:

1. a) If a person is 18 years of age or older, he or she may register as an in-state student only upon a showing that he or she has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of registration.

Exceptions:

- i. A student whose parent, spouse, or court appointed guardian is a legal resident of the State of Georgia may register as a resident providing the parent, spouse, or guardian can provide proof of legal residency in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of registration.
  - ii. A student who previously held residency status in the State of Georgia but moved from the state, then returned to the state in 12 or fewer months.
  - iii. Students who are transferred to Georgia by an employer are not subject to the durational residency requirement.
- b) No emancipated minor or other person 18 years of age or older shall be deemed to have gained or acquired in-state status for tuition purposes while attending any educational institution in this State, in the absence of a clear demonstration that he or she has in fact established legal residence in this State.
2. If a parent or legal guardian of a minor changes his or her legal residence to another state following a period of legal residence in Georgia, the minor may retain his or her classification as an in-state student as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled in the University System of Georgia, regardless of the status of his or her parent or legal guardian.
  3. In the event that a legal resident of Georgia is appointed by a court as guardian of a nonresident minor, such minor will be permitted to register as an in-state student providing the guardian can provide proof that he or she has been a resident of Georgia for the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of the court appointment.
  4. Aliens shall be classified as nonresident students, provided, however, that an alien who is living in this country under an immigration document permitting indefinite or permanent residence shall have the same privilege of qualifying for in-state tuition as a citizen of the United States.
  5. **Waivers:** An institution may waive out-of-state tuition and assess in-state tuition for:
    - a) Academic Common Market. Students selected to participate in a program offered through the Academic Common Market.
    - b) International and Superior Out-of-State Students. International students and superior out-of-state students selected by the institutional president or an authorized representative, provided that the number of such waivers in effect does not exceed 2% of the equivalent full-time students enrolled at the institution in the fall term immediately preceding the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived.
    - c) University System Employees and Dependents. Full-time employees of the University System, their spouses, and their dependent children.

- d) Medical/Dental Students and Interns. Medical and dental residents and medical and dental interns at the Medical College of Georgia.
- e) Full-Time School Employees. Full-time employees in the public schools of Georgia or of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, their spouses, and their dependent children. Teachers employed full-time on military bases in Georgia shall also qualify for this waiver.
- f) Career Consular Officials. Career consular officers, their spouses, and their dependent children who are citizens of the foreign nation that their consular office represents and who are stationed and living in Georgia under orders of their respective governments.
- g) Military Personnel. Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children stationed in or assigned to Georgia and on active duty. The waiver can be retained by the military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children if the military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia, as long as the student(s) remain(s) continuously enrolled and the military sponsor remains on active military status.
- h) National Guard Members. Full-time members of the Georgia National Guard, their spouses, and their dependent children.
- i) Students enrolled in University System institutions as part of Competitive Economic Development Projects. Students who are certified by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism as being part of a competitive economic development project.
- j) Students in Georgia-Based Corporations. Students who are employees of Georgia-based corporations or organizations that have contracted with the Board of Regents through University System institutions to provide out-of-state tuition differential waivers.
- k) Students in Pilot Programs. Students enrolled in special pilot programs approved by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall evaluate institutional requests for such programs in light of good public policy and the best interests of students. If a pilot program is successful, the tuition program shall be presented to the Board for consideration.
- l) Students in ICAPP® Advantage programs. Any student participating in an ICAPP® Advantage program.
- m) Direct Exchange Program Students. Any international student who enrolls in a University System institution as a participant in a direct exchange program that provides reciprocal benefits to University System students.
- n) Families Moving to Georgia. A dependent student who, as of the first day of term of enrollment, can provide documentation supporting that his or her supporting parent or court-appointed guardian has accepted full-time, self-sustaining employment and established domicile in the State of Georgia for reasons other than gaining the benefit of favorable tuition rates may qualify immediately for an out-of-state tuition differential waiver which will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted. An affected student may petition for residency status according to established procedures at the institution.
- o) Recently Separated Military Service Personnel. Members of a uniformed military service of the United States who, within 12 months of separation from such service, enroll in an academic program and demonstrate an intent to become a permanent resident of Georgia. This waiver may be granted for not more than one year.

## SPECIAL FEES AND CHARGES

**A non-refundable fee** of \$20 must accompany each application for admission.

**The clinical fee** of \$65 does not cover a physician's bill but is used instead to defray supplies and nursing services for first aid care. All first aid services must originate at the Health Center.

**The graduation fee** of \$20 covers the cost of the diploma. Students participating in the graduation ceremony purchase a disposable cap and gown through the ABAC Bookstore. These should be purchased at least four weeks prior to the graduation ceremony.

**A public safety service fee** of \$10 will be charged to each student.

**A One Card fee** of \$15 will be charged to each student for the operation and maintenance of the college's student identification card system.

**Each returned check** given to the College by an individual will result in a service charge of \$20. If two checks are returned for the same student or family, no other checks will be accepted by the College.

**A non-refundable orientation fee** of \$30 will be charged each student entering ABAC for the first time.

**Student Health insurance** provided by Pearce & Pearce is required for the following types of students:

1. All International students holding F or J visas.
2. All students enrolled in the Nursing program.

The cost that will be charged is as follows:

Fall - \$358

Spring/Summer - \$472

First time Summer - \$203

Waivers are subject to the discretion of Pearce & Pearce. Student Health Insurance is not refundable through the institution.

## UNMET OBLIGATIONS

A student who has not met financial obligations or who violates institutional regulations will have educational records withheld. Records subject to this regulation include, but are not limited to, transcripts and certifications of student's achievement and performance.

A student who owes money to the college may have his/her registration canceled.

Students who have unpaid fees may be referred to a collection agency. Any associated collection costs will be the responsibility of the student.