

Fees and Expenses

Lamar University reserves the right to change fees in keeping with acts of the Texas Legislature and the University's Board of Regents. By registering for classes at the University, the student agrees to abide by all the policies of the University.

Payment of Fees

A student is not registered until all fees have been paid in full or the student has paid the equivalent of a down payment on the installment plan (if available). Payment may be made by check, Mastercard/Visa/Discover/AMEX, money order, currency or any kind of financial aid (exemptions, loans, grants and scholarships). Checks and money orders should be made payable to Lamar University and will be accepted subject to final payment. The University will not accept counter checks, postdated checks, credit card checks or altered checks. Excess payments will be refunded either in cash or check at the discretion of the University. Students on a "cash only" basis will be restricted to paying by MasterCard/Visa/Discover/AMEX, money orders, currency or financial aid. Payments can be made:

- (1) At the Cashier's office during working hours (all forms of payment).
- (2) On the Internet at WWW.LAMAR.EDU.
- (3) By drop box at Wimberly 114 for check (with student I.D.) in a sealed envelope. These payments will be considered part of the next business day's activity if paid after 5:00 p.m. No cash will be accepted.
- (4) Mailed to the Payment Center at P.O. Box 10183, Beaumont, TX 77710.

Students who are delinquent on obligations will be prohibited from registering for class until all obligations are paid in full. Also, holds are placed on academic records so that students cannot obtain transcripts until all obligations are paid in full.

Delinquent obligations to the University will be sent to a collection agency and reported to credit bureaus. All costs of collections are paid by the student, which is generally an additional 33.333 percent of the student's obligations to the University. Delinquent accounts must be paid at the collection agency. Payment cannot be accepted by Lamar if the account has been forwarded to a collection agency.

Installment Payment Program

Students may enter into the installment program of the University upon verbal or written request in a Fall or Spring semester. Students who do not pay in full the tuition and fees will be placed in the installment program if the student has paid at least the amount of the down payment (otherwise classes will be dropped). The installment program generally requires a 50 percent down payment with the next 25 percent due about a month after the semester starts and the final 25 percent due about two months after the semester starts. A non-refundable service charge of \$20 is assessed for the installment program. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed beginning the first day after an installment due date for each delinquent installment payment. Reductions of fees for students in the installment program from drops or withdrawals are calculated as a percentage of the total fees assessed, not as a percentage of any partial payments.

Summary of Registration Expenses

Each student must plan a budget carefully. To assist in planning registration expenses, the following estimate is furnished as a guide. (For information on University housing fees, see p. 78 of this catalog.)

Texas residents enrolled in a 15-hour academic work load*:

Tuition (in-state)	\$2,100
Student Services Fee	217.50
Setzer Student Center Fee	30
Recreational Sports Center Fee	55
Property Deposit	10
Student ID	5
Technology Service Fee	285
Library Use Fee	150
Health Center Fee	30
Study Abroad Fee	2
Parking Fee (if desired)	32
Books (estimated)	500
	\$3,416.50
	+ course fees

Part-time Student (Six semester hours):

Tuition (in-state)	\$840
Student Services Fee	130.50
Setzer Student Center Fee	30
Recreational Sports Center Fee	55
Property Deposit	10
Student ID	5
Technology Service Fee	114
Library Use Fee	60
Health Center Fee	30
Study Abroad Fee	2
Parking Fee (if desired)	32
Books (estimated)	250
	\$1,558.50
	+ course fees

* Tuition and fees vary from semester to semester and vary with the semester hours carried so the total may differ from this estimate.

Summaries of Fees

Following are “Summaries of Fees” in effect at press time that can be used in determining total tuition and fee charges. The total amount of these fees is typical of other state universities in Texas though specific fees will vary from university to university. Note that these do not include course fees, and it is assumed the student is enrolled only at Lamar University.

Lamar University Summer 2008

Semester Hours	Tuition				Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Health Center Fee	Rec Center Fee	Technology Service Charge	Library Use Fee	Study Abroad Fee	Property Deposit	Totals			
	Texas Resident	Non-Texas Resident	Graduate	Graduate Texas Resident									Graduate Non-Texas Resident			
1	120	366	50	19.80	15	15	25	17	10	1	10	232.80	478.80	282.80	528.80	
2	280	732	100	39.60	15	15	25	34	20	1	10	439.60	891.60	539.60	991.60	
3	420	1,098	150	59.40	15	15	25	51	30	1	10	626.40	1,304.40	776.40	1,454.40	
4	560	1,464	200	79.20	15	15	25	68	40	1	10	813.20	1,717.20	1,013.20	1,917.20	
5	700	1,830	250	99.00	15	15	25	85	50	1	10	1,000.00	2,130.00	1,250.00	2,380.00	
6	840	2,196	300	118.80	15	15	25	102	60	1	10	1,186.80	2,542.80	1,486.80	2,842.80	
7	980	2,562	350	118.80	15	15	25	119	70	1	10	1,353.80	2,935.80	1,703.80	3,285.80	
8	1,120	2,928	400	118.80	15	15	25	136	80	1	10	1,520.80	3,328.80	1,920.80	3,728.80	
9	1,260	3,294	450	118.80	15	15	25	153	90	1	10	1,687.80	3,721.80	2,137.80	4,171.80	
10	1,400	3,660	500	118.80	15	15	25	170	100	1	10	1,854.80	4,114.80	2,354.80	4,614.80	

Parking: \$12; ID: \$5; Property Deposit is a one-time fee; Courses may have additional fees.
 Note: Fees subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Regents or the Texas State Legislature.

Lamar University Fall 2008/Spring 2009

Semester Hours	Tuition				Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Health Center Fee	Rec Center Fee	Technology Service Charge	Library Use Fee	Study Abroad Fee	Property Deposit	Totals			
	Texas Resident	Non-Texas Resident	Graduate	Graduate Texas Resident									Graduate Non-Texas Resident			
1	140	418	50	21.75	30	30	55	19	10	2	10	317.75	595.75	367.75	645.75	
2	280	836	100	43.50	30	30	55	38	20	2	10	508.50	1,064.50	608.50	1,164.50	
3	420	1,254	150	65.25	30	30	55	57	30	2	10	699.25	1,533.25	849.25	1,683.25	
4	560	1,672	200	87.00	30	30	55	76	40	2	10	890.00	2,002.00	1,090.00	2,202.00	
5	700	2,090	250	108.75	30	30	55	95	50	2	10	1,080.75	2,470.75	1,330.75	2,720.75	
6	840	2,508	300	130.50	30	30	55	114	60	2	10	1,271.50	2,939.50	1,571.50	3,239.50	
7	980	2,926	350	152.25	30	30	55	133	70	2	10	1,462.25	3,408.25	1,812.25	3,758.25	
8	1,120	3,344	400	174.00	30	30	55	152	80	2	10	1,653.00	3,877.00	2,053.00	4,277.00	
9	1,260	3,762	450	195.75	30	30	55	171	90	2	10	1,843.75	4,345.75	2,293.75	4,795.75	
10	1,400	4,180	500	217.50	30	30	55	190	100	2	10	2,034.50	4,814.50	2,534.50	5,314.50	
11	1,540	4,598	550	239.25	30	30	55	209	110	2	10	2,225.25	5,283.25	2,775.25	5,833.25	
12	1,680	5,016	600	261.00	30	30	55	228	120	2	10	2,416.00	5,752.00	3,016.00	6,352.00	
13	1,820	5,434	650	261.00	30	30	55	247	130	2	10	2,585.00	6,199.00	3,235.00	6,849.00	
14	1,960	5,852	700	261.00	30	30	55	266	140	2	10	2,754.00	6,646.00	3,454.00	7,346.00	
15	2,100	6,270	750	261.00	30	30	55	286	150	2	10	2,923.00	7,093.00	3,673.00	7,843.00	
16	2,240	6,688	800	261.00	30	30	55	304	160	2	10	3,092.00	7,540.00	3,892.00	8,340.00	
17	2,380	7,106	850	261.00	30	30	55	323	170	2	10	3,261.00	7,987.00	4,111.00	8,837.00	
18	2,520	7,524	900	261.00	30	30	55	342	180	2	10	3,430.00	8,434.00	4,330.00	9,334.00	
19	2,660	7,942	950	261.00	30	30	55	361	190	2	10	3,599.00	8,881.00	4,549.00	9,831.00	
20	2,800	8,360	1,000	261.00	30	30	55	380	200	2	10	3,768.00	9,328.00	4,768.00	10,328.00	

Parking: \$32; ID: \$5; Property Deposit is a one-time fee; Courses may have additional fees.
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Lamar University Summer 2009

Semester Hours	Tuition										Totals				
	Texas Resident	Non-Texas Resident	Graduate	Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Health Center Fee	Rec Center Fee	Technology Service Charge	Library Use Fee	Study Abroad Fee	Property Deposit	Texas Resident	Non-Texas Resident	Graduate Texas Resident	Graduate Non-Texas Resident
1	140	418	50	21.75	15	15	27.50	19	10	1	10	259.25	537.25	309.25	587.25
2	280	836	100	43.50	15	15	27.50	38	20	1	10	450.00	1,066.00	550.00	1,106.00
3	420	1,254	150	65.25	15	15	27.50	57	30	1	10	640.75	1,474.75	790.75	1,624.75
4	560	1,672	200	87.00	15	15	27.50	76	40	1	10	831.50	1,943.50	1,031.50	2,143.50
5	700	2,090	250	108.75	15	15	27.50	95	50	1	10	1,022.25	2,412.25	1,272.25	2,662.25
6	840	2,508	300	130.50	15	15	27.50	114	60	1	10	1,213.00	2,881.00	1,513.00	3,181.00
7	980	2,926	350	130.50	15	15	27.50	133	70	1	10	1,382.00	3,328.00	1,732.00	3,678.00
8	1,120	3,344	400	130.50	15	15	27.50	152	80	1	10	1,551.00	3,775.00	1,951.00	4,175.00
9	1,260	3,762	450	130.50	15	15	27.50	171	90	1	10	1,720.00	4,222.00	2,170.00	4,672.00
10	1,400	4,180	500	130.50	15	15	27.50	190	100	1	10	1,889.00	4,669.00	2,389.00	5,169.00

Parking: \$12; ID: \$5; Property Deposit is a one-time fee; Courses may have additional fees.

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Tuition

Tuition has two components to it: the portion set by the State (conventional tuition) and the portion set by the Board of Regents regulated by State statutes (local tuition). By State statute, both of these items must be billed together and called "tuition." The State portion (conventional tuition) is based upon the number of hours for which the student registers and is determined by the student's classification as a Texas resident or a non-Texas resident. The Admissions Office determines legal residence for tuition purposes on the basis of statutes of the State of Texas. State tuition is remitted to the State by the University. The current state tuition rate is \$50 per hour. The local tuition portion is assessed to support University debt service and other University functions that are not supported by state funding. Approximately 70 percent of this fee is used to finance debt service. Other items supported by this fee include the post office, print shop, supply center, cashiering, and other institutional support functions. The current rate is \$85 per hour, moving to \$90 per hour in Fall 2008 and increasing by \$5 per hour every Fall thereafter. Combined, the current rate is \$135 per hour, moving to \$140 per hour in Fall 2008 and increasing by \$5 per hour every Fall thereafter.

Graduate Tuition

Graduate tuition is set by the Board of Regents and is assessed to support the Graduate Studies program. The current graduate tuition is \$44 per hour, moving to \$50 per hour in Fall 2008.

Determining Residence Status

Texas law specifies that if there is any question as to the student's right to classification as a resident of Texas, it is the student's responsibility to (1) have his or her classification officially determined and (2) to register under the proper classification. Students are classified as resident, nonresident, or foreign for tuition purposes according to state statutes (Title 3, Texas Education Code) and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules and regulations interpreting these statutes. These statutes, rules and regulations are available from the Office of Admissions Services in the Wimberly Student Services Building. Questions should be directed to that office.

Tuition for Undergraduate Students with Excessive Credit Hours

In accordance with Senate Bill 345 (1999), Section 61.0595* of the Education Code was amended to address tuition for excessive credit hours of undergraduate students. Lamar University will not receive state funding for credit hours earned by a resident undergraduate student beyond the number required by the degree program plus 45 hours. If a resident undergraduate student earns credit hours that exceed by at least 45 hours the number of credit hours required by a degree program, Lamar will not receive state funding for those hours. Lamar will, therefore, charge the student the rate charged non-resident students. (e.g., a degree program requires 120 semester credit hours, but a resident undergraduate student enrolls in 166 credit hours. The student is charged resident rate for 120 plus 45 hours, totaling 165, but the student is charged the non-resident rate for any hours exceeding 165.)

An undergraduate student who is not enrolled in a degree program is considered to be enrolled in a degree program requiring a minimum of 120 semester credit hours. This law does not apply to a student enrolled in: 1) two or more baccalaureate degree programs at the same time, 2) a double major degree program that requires 130 or more semester credits for completion, or 3) a health professional baccalaureate degree program.

The following credits are not counted for purposes of determining whether the student has previously earned the number of semester credit hours specified above: 1) semester credit hours earned by the student before receiving a baccalaureate degree that has been previously awarded to the student, 2) semester credit hours earned by the student by examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned without registering for a course for which tuition is charged, 3) credit for a remedial education course, a technical course, a work-force education course funded according to contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree program at the institution, or 4) semester credit hours earned by the student at a private institution or an out-of-state institution.

These provisions do not affect any students who initially enrolled as an undergraduate student in any institution of higher education before the fall 1999 semester. For additional information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Operations.

** In accordance with Senate Bill 345 (1999), Section 61.0595 of the Education Code was amended to address tuition for excessive credit hours of undergraduate students. Lamar University will not receive state funding for credit hours earned by a resident undergraduate student who, before the semester or other academic session begins, has previously attempted a number of semester credit hours for courses taken at any institution of higher education while classified as a resident student for tuition purposes that exceeds by at least 45 hours the number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.*

Course Fees

Most courses have additional fees associated with them. Students should always check with the department offering the class to see what additional fees will be assessed. Most course fees are also listed in the class schedule.

Student Service Fee

The student service fee supports student activities such as athletics, recreational sports, the University Press and other student services. The current rate is \$21.75 per hour with a maximum of \$261.

Setzer Student Center Fee

This fee supports the Setzer Student Center and its programs. The current rate is \$30 per long semester and \$15 per summer session.

Health Center Fee

The Health Center Fee supports the student Health Center and is \$30 per long semester and \$15 per summer session.

Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center Fee

This fee supports the recreational sports center. The current rate is \$55 per long semester and \$27.50 per summer session.

Technology Service Fee

This fee primarily supports both the administrative mainframe computer and the academic mainframe computer. The current rate is \$19 per hour.

Library Use Fee

This fee is used to support the library. As every course (including field center courses) is given the mandate to use the library, all students are charged this fee. The current rate is \$10 per hour.

Distance Learning Fee

A charge up to \$50 per semester credit hour of instruction will be charged to students enrolled in courses offered by means of distance learning.

Late Registration Fee

A charge of \$10 is made for late registration or for paying after the start of the semester (not including the second or third payments under the installment plan).

Reinstatement Fee

A student seeking reinstatement to the University after withdrawing from the University without paying the full amount of tuition and fees due, or after having been denied credit for work done for failure to pay an installment payment or late payment fee, shall pay a \$50 reinstatement fee in addition to past due installment payments and late payment fees.

Parking Fee

Charges for parking on campus are made at registration. Automobile registration fees are as follows: Fall semester, \$32; Spring semester, \$22; Summer, \$12. Only one registration is required during an academic year, and a student's parking fee is honored until the end of Summer Session II.

Property Deposit

Each student will be required to pay a one-time \$10 property deposit. Any unused portion of the \$10 will be refunded upon written request to the Cashiers' Office after the student graduates or withdraws from the University. If a student attends the university for more than four years, this fee will be charged again.

Health and Accident Insurance

Health and accident insurance coverage is available for purchase at registration for students carrying nine or more semester hours. This or similar insurance is required of all international students. Additional information may be obtained from the Student Affairs Office.

Special Fees

Fees will be set by the University for courses in which special plans and/or field trips must be prepared and specialists secured as instructors. Students who feel they may be exempt from some fees should contact the Student Aid Office. For example:

Exemption 1: Scholarships to High School Honor Graduates

The highest ranking student in the graduating class of a fully accredited Texas high school will be entitled to a tuition and laboratory fee waiver valued at approximately \$3,600. Details may be obtained from the Student Aid Office.

Exemption 2: Hazlewood

Persons who were citizens of Texas at the time of entry into the Armed Forces and who are no longer eligible for federal educational benefits, are exempt from tuition, laboratory fees, Setzer Student Center fees, general use fee and computer use fee. This applies to those who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War or Desert Storm and were honorably discharged. This exemption also applies to those veterans who entered service after Jan. 1, 1977, and did not contribute under the VEAP program. To obtain this exemption, necessary papers must be presented prior to registration and approval obtained from the Office of Veterans' Affairs. The above exemption also extends to children of members of the Armed Forces who were killed in action or died while in the service in World War II, the Korean Conflict or Vietnam War.

Students need to provide a copy of their separation papers (DD214) and a letter from the Veterans Administration stating that the student has no remaining eligibility.

Students who expect to attend under some veterans' benefit plan should contact the Office of Veterans' Affairs 90 to 120 days prior to registration. The Office of Veterans' Affairs advises veterans on program and training opportunities, academic assistance and counseling. Veterans interested in information in these areas should visit this office in the Wimberly Student Services Building.

Policy on Waiving Fees

Off-Campus Classes

Students taking field center classes will not be required to pay Setzer Center, Health Center or Property Deposit fees. All other fees are required by either Board of Regents or State statute and cannot be waived. Field center courses have an additional \$10 per hour fee to compensate for the additional expenses of these classes (rent of facilities, transportation of personnel and materials, additional record keeping, etc.).

Multi-Campus Students

Students taking classes on more than one Lamar campus (Lamar-Beaumont, Lamar-Orange, Lamar-Port Arthur, Lamar-Institute of Technology) may be entitled to a reduction of fees. The basis for the reduction would be so as not to exceed fee maximums for specific fees. The Cashiers' Office should be contacted for information regarding multi-campus adjustments or to ensure an adjustment is made.

Refund of Tuition and/or Fees

Students requesting a refund of tuition and/or fees resulting from dropped courses or from withdrawing from the University should direct questions to the Cashiers' Office. Refunds are calculated as a percentage of total fees assessed, not as a percentage of partial payments on installments. Refunds for dropped classes are generally processed at the end of the second week past the 12th semester day of regular semesters and after the 4th semester day during summer sessions. Refunds for withdrawals are generally processed at the end of the second week following the 12th semester day for regular semesters and two weeks after the 6th semester day for summer sessions.

Dropped Courses

In order to receive a 100% reduction of tuition and fees for dropped courses, a student must drop according to the schedule below, and remain enrolled in some hours with the University. Questions should be directed to the Cashier's Office.

Fall or Spring Semester

1. Through the twelfth semester day, 100 percent.
2. After the twelfth semester day, no refund.

Summer Session

1. Through the fourth semester day, 100 percent.
2. After the fourth semester day, no refund.

Withdrawal from the University

Tuition and fees may be reduced when a student withdraws. Depending on the amount of reduction and what the student has paid, the student may receive a refund or may still owe money to the University. Any student who officially withdraws from the University will receive a reduction on tuition and fees according to the following schedule.

Fall or Spring Semester

1. Prior to the first semester day, 100 percent less a \$15 matriculation fee.
2. During the first through fifth semester days, 80 percent.
3. During the sixth through tenth semester days, 70 percent.
4. During the eleventh through fifteenth semester days, 50 percent.
5. During the sixteenth through twentieth semester days, 25 percent.
6. After the twentieth semester day, none.

Summer Session

1. Prior to the first semester day, 100 percent less a \$15 matriculation fee.
2. During the first, second or third semester day, 80 percent.
3. During the fourth, fifth or sixth semester day, 50 percent.
4. Seventh semester day and after, none.

The \$10 Property Deposit is refundable upon written request by the student to the Cashiers' Office.

Withdrawing from the University does not relieve the student of any financial obligations under the Installment Payment Program or for any student loans as these are the student's legal financial commitments.

Insufficient Funds Checks

Checks written to the University and returned unpaid for any reason will result in a \$25 charge plus applicable fees for a delinquent account (e.g. \$10 late registration fee, \$15 late installment payment fee, etc.). Students with a returned check will be on "cash only" status for the duration of their enrollment at Lamar, subject to appeal. Students on a "cash only" basis are prohibited from paying with a personal check (all other payment methods are acceptable).

Matriculation Fee

A matriculation fee of \$15 will be incurred by students who withdraw prior to the first day of class. This \$15 fee will be deducted from refunds.

Miscellaneous Fees

Transcript Fee	\$5.00
Advanced Standing Examination (per course).....	\$25.00
Photo Identification.....	\$5.00
Lost Photo I.D.	\$5.00
Parking Tickets	\$10-70.00
Special Handling Fee	\$20.00
Lost Cardinal One Card	\$20.00

Other departments have programs or services available to students. Questions regarding these services or programs should be directed to the corresponding departments.

Fines and Breakage Loss

Library fines, charges for breakage or loss of equipment or other charges must be paid before a transcript of credit or a permit to re-enter the University will be issued. The University reserves the right to make a special assessment against any student guilty of inexcusable breakage, loss of instructional equipment or other University property.