

Stephen F. Austin State University's Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan

The Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan is designed to help students and their families better plan for the cost of a college education while allowing the University to maintain the quality of its academic programs.

Lock in Your Designated Tuition Rate

The component of a student's tuition and fees that is the most expensive and susceptible to change is the designated tuition rate. Designated tuition, set by the SFA Board of Regents, is subject to change annually to meet the budgetary needs of the University. The SFA Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan is designed to lock your designated tuition rate for the four-year period beginning with your initial enrollment at any public or private university. (NOTE: Other tuition, fees and charges including, for example, statutory tuition*, mandatory and optional fees, parking, meal plans and housing expenses, will be subject to change.) Only Texas resident undergraduate students enrolling at SFA for the first time on or after the fall semester 2014 are eligible to enroll in the plan.

Depending on your date of initial enrollment at any public or private university, you will be eligible to enroll in a cohort rate that will remain in effect for 12 consecutive semesters from the date of your initial enrollment. For purposes of this plan, summer is treated as one semester, regardless of which session, if any, a student attends. (i.e., Maymester, Summer I or Summer II).

The Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan offers these advantages:

- Families can better plan for the cost of education.
- Students have an incentive to graduate on time.
- Students do not have to attend consecutive semesters.

Transfer students can also take advantage of this plan, provided they have not previously enrolled at SFA. The price and the balance of available semesters will be determined based on a student's first enrollment date at any institution. Dual credit courses (courses taken while still in high school) will not be counted as "first enrollment".

The Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan also provides an incentive for students to earn a degree in a timely manner, since the 4 year eligibility period is the maximum period that the FRTP is honored. The Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan rate will be honored through the end of the cohort period, regardless of the number of semester credit hours a student takes. However, the excessive hour penalty and 3-peat penalty will apply if a student meets the criteria pertaining to those rules. For more information about those penalties, see <http://www.sfasu.edu/tuitionwarning/>.

Students receiving waivers, exemptions, or whose tuition and fees are paid by a 3rd party contract are not eligible to participate in the plan.

View the Fixed-Rate Tuition Plan cohort rate tables here:

http://www.sfasu.edu/controller/businessoffice/students/rate_tables.asp

*Statutory tuition is set by the state. The current rate is capped at \$50 per semester credit hour, and has remained unchanged since 2006.

For more information, contact the Business Office at 936-468-6960.