

Illinois State University

Truth in Tuition Procedures

Upon first enrollment in a degree seeking program at Illinois State University, tuition and general fee rates for undergraduate students will be locked for a four year period in accordance with the Illinois Truth in Tuition Act 110 ILCS 675/20-125. Specific degree programs qualify for a rate lock longer than four years.

1. Undergraduate students will receive locked tuition and general fee rates (excluding health insurance) beginning the semester they are first enrolled based on a continuous calendar clock according to the requirements of their academic degree program as specified in Section 3.
 - a. Continuous enrollment is not required, however a missed semester does not extend the duration of the calendar clock.
 - b. Applies to all undergraduate students meeting the definition of first enrolled.
 - c. Summer is counted the same as either the fall or spring semesters.
 - d. Applies to both in-state and out-of-state undergraduate students.

2. Definition of first enrolled.
 - a. Student must be classified as enrolled in a degree seeking program, including students classified as General Students. This excludes non-classified students such as senior commuter and summer only students.
 - b. Students must be enrolled as of the official 10th day census.
 - c. Students previously non-classified who later become classified are considered first enrolled in the semester they are first counted as a classified student in the official 10th day census.
 - d. Students who meet the definition of being first enrolled for the summer semester will begin their locked tuition and fee rate that semester and at the rate currently being charged for that semester.

3. The Registrar's Office will classify academic degree programs according to the number of hours required in each major in the Undergraduate Catalog. Based upon the classification of degree programs by credit hour requirements, the tuition and fee rate lock will be applied as follows:
 - a. Rates for students with primary degree programs requiring no more than 124 credit hours will be locked according to a calendar clock of 4 continuous academic years.
 - b. Rates for students with primary degree programs requiring at least 125 credit hours but no more than 150 credit hours will be locked according to a calendar clock of 5 continuous academic years.
 - c. Rates for students with primary degree programs requiring at least 151 credit hours will be locked according to a calendar clock of 6 continuous academic years.
 - d. The primary degree program in which the student is enrolled on the last day of the last undergraduate semester attended within the four continuous calendar years after first being classified as enrolled will determine the duration of the student's calendar clock.

4. Expiration of Eligibility
 - a. Beginning with the academic semester immediately following the last semester of a student's initial calendar clock eligibility and effective for a two calendar year period, the tuition and general fees rate charged will be the "Additional Two Year Rate."
 - b. Effective during the 2004-2005 through 2009-2010 academic years, the Additional Two Year Rate is defined as the tuition and general fees rate charged to new students first enrolled two academic years previous to the academic semester immediately following the last semester of a student's initial calendar clock eligibility. Effective beginning the 2010-2011 academic year, the Additional Two Year Rate is defined as the tuition and general fees rate charged to new students one academic year following the student's initial calendar clock.
 - c. The tuition and general fees rate charged to students whose Additional Two Year Rate has expired will be the rate currently being charged to new students. No additional tuition and fee locks apply.
 - d. Examples:

A student who was first enrolled during Fall 2004 and whose initial calendar clock expired Summer 2008 is eligible to be charged the Fall 2006 new student tuition and fee rate through the Summer 2010 semester. For the Fall 2010 semester, the student will be charged the current new student rate.

A student who was first enrolled during Fall 2005 and whose initial calendar clock expired Summer 2009 is eligible to be charged the Fall 2007 new student tuition and fee rate through the Summer 2010 semester and charged the Fall 2006 new student tuition and fee rate through Summer 2011.

A student who was first enrolled during Fall 2007 and whose initial calendar clock expired Summer 2011 is eligible to be charged the Fall 2008 new student tuition and fee rate through the Summer 2013 semester.
5. Exceptions
 - a. There are no exceptions to the continuous academic calendar clock eligibility other than that permitted by academic degree program requirements as defined in Section 3.
 - b. Appeals will be determined by a committee of three comprised of the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs (committee chair), the University Comptroller, and the University Registrar.
 - c. Consideration of appeals will be consistent with current University policy and applicable statutes.
 - d. Remedies will be limited to specific extensions of calendar clock eligibility.
6. Student Fees
 - a. Individual general fee rates will be locked and will not adjust annually.
 - b. For purposes of this policy, general fees include Athletic, Redbird Arena, Bone Student Center, General Activity, Campus Enhancement, Recreation Facilities, Health Service, Grant-In-Aid, Student-to-Student Grant and Instructional Support.
 - c. The University reserves the right to impose new or special fee assessments as it deems necessary.