Fee Policies

Please visit our homepage at www.mssu.edu for our online Schedule of Classes that contains the most up-to-date listing of tuition and incidental fees.

The University reserves the right to change fees without notice.

Payment of Fees

1. Tuition and Incidental Fees
   For all students who have registered for fall, spring or summer semesters, 100% of the semester charges must be paid by the published due date for each respective semester. Due dates can be found on the Bursar’s Office website and in the Schedule of Classes for the respective semester. Failure to remit the balance due may result in an immediate cancellation of the student’s class schedule. Students enrolled in intersession classes must have their fees paid in full prior to the first day of class.

   Students are required to view their student account balance via LionNet at www.mssu.edu upon enrollment. No invoice will be mailed. Students are responsible for any outstanding balance and are required to remit payment by the published due date.

   It is extremely important to realize that a financial obligation is incurred at the time of enrollment. Services are rendered as of the first day of class so unless a student officially withdraws prior to that day, fees will be assessed in full. No reduction in charges according to the University refund policy will be credited to the students account until an official withdrawal is completed. Students dropped for non-payment are not relieved of their financial obligation. An official withdrawal is required.

   Students expecting their student account balance to be paid through financial aid sources must have all necessary documentation filed with the Financial Aid Office by April 1st for the Fall term and by November 1st for the Spring term in order to receive consideration for payment deferment.

   Students enrolled in evening, weekend Internet and televised courses for regular college credit courses, applicable toward an associate or baccalaureate degree, are subject to the same fees, rules and regulations as set forth for students attending day classes. Any special fees associated with a course will be listed in the Schedule of Classes.

   Appeals concerning special problems pertaining to fees should be directed in writing to the Bursar in Hearnes Hall.

2. Residence Hall
   As stated in the contract agreement, students will be responsible for the full semester fee at the time that all other student account charges are due. The security deposit will be refunded only if the terms of the contract have been fulfilled.

Explanation of Fees

Admission Application Fee - a non-refundable administrative fee required upon submission of an application for admission.

Change of Class Schedule Fee - an administrative fee charged for each class change (add or withdrawal) made after the first week of the semester.

Distance Learning Fee - a fee charged to off-set costs unique to the distance learning environment including: development of specialized Internet courses, fees to broadcasters for carrying televised courses, transmitter and tower costs for televised courses, host servers for Internet courses and video and Internet materials developed by independent producers.

Distance Learning Library Fee - a fee associated with online classes to assist with the updating, development and maintenance of online library resources, access, and availability.

Equipment Fee - an incidental fee assessed each semester, which enables the University to provide the most technologically current equipment for use in the classroom and laboratories. All fees collected will be used solely for the purchase of equipment, which will directly benefit the students in their University course work.

Late Registration/Reinstatement Fee - an administrative fee assessed to students who enroll for classes after the first full week of the semester or seek reinstatement for class schedules cancelled for non-payment.

Parking Fee - an incidental fee assessed each semester to cover all costs associated with vehicle registration, roadway and sidewalk maintenance and campus security.

Records Fee - an incidental fee assessed to all students each semester to cover an unlimited number of transcripts, cap and gown and diplomas. This replaces the old transcript and commencement fees.

Special Course Fees - fees are charged for additional course materials and/or services for specific courses. Courses include but are not limited to art, music, education, dental hygiene, nursing, radiology and photography.

Student Activity Fee - an incidental fee assessed each semester to support various aspects of campus life including student activities, student government, student publications and other events and services provided by the University.

Student Health Center Fee - an incidental fee assessed each semester to help defray the cost of students’ basic office visits to the Missouri Southern State University’s Student Health Center, including first aid, injury care and screening for certain illnesses. The Student Health Center is staffed with a full-time family nurse practitioner. Additional fees are charged for professional services such as laboratory tests, physical examinations, x-ray, prescriptions, etc.

Lion Card ID Fee - a one-time fee assessed to all new students for the Lion Card allowing the issuance of a photo identification card. The Lion Card is a single card solution for official MSSU identification, as well as “tap-and-go” meal plan tracking, debit (Lion Bucks) account purchases, electronic door access control and special access to campus privileges venues such as the Beimdiek Recreation Center and Wilcoxon Student Health Center. Please see www.lioncard.mssu for additional information about MSSU’s Lion Card Program.

Student Recreation Center Fee - an incidental fee assessed each semester for access to and use of the Student Recreation Center Facilities. This facility houses a student health center, three-court gymnasium, aquatics center, racquetball courts, elevated running/walking track, weight and cardiovascular areas, group exercise rooms, locker rooms, showers and a 150 seat theater auditorium.
Textbook Rental Fee - a $ per credit hour fee assessed for the use of rental textbooks. The University operates a rental system through the University Bookstore which allows the use of the required textbook by the student for one semester. It should be noted that some classes may require the purchase of supplemental books and materials not available through the rental system. Textbooks must be returned no later than 4 P.M., Monday following the week of finals. A book drop is located in the wall behind Billingsly Student Center for after-hours and weekend drop off. Textbooks not returned by this time will be charged to the student’s account at the retail price. This fee may be reduced to a late fee equal to the current rental fee when returned through the published late book return date. Visit www.mssu.edu/bookstore for more information.

Refund Policy (Except for Residence Hall Charges)

During the course of any semester, if a student finds it necessary to drop individual classes or fully withdraw from the University, the fee refund policy for full-term classes is as follows:

For Fall and Spring Semesters
- Prior to the end of the first two weeks of classes: 100% refund
- Third and fourth week: 50% refund
- After the fourth week: 0% refund

For Summer Semester
- Prior to the end of the first week of classes: 100% refund
- Second week: 50% refund
- After second week: 0% refund

For Intersession
- No refund of fees after first day of intersession classes.

Withdrawal from classes during the 50% refund period means that the student will be responsible for 50% of the cost of tuition and fees. Withdrawal from some classes after the fourth week, the student will be responsible for 100% of the cost of tuition and fees.

NOTE: Dates may vary for Off-Schedule classes. Withdrawal and refund of fees information listed only pertains to full-term classes. Students must contact the Registrar’s Office for information on off-schedule courses.

To be eligible for a refund, the student must formally complete a drop form and submit it to the Registrar’s Office within the refund period. If the student is withdrawing from the University completely, he or she must complete a withdrawal form with the University Exit Counselor within the published deadline dates.

Failure to attend classes will not constitute a withdrawal.

NOTE: If the student withdraws after payment of any or all fees for the semester, any monies due to the student will be mailed after fee refunds have been applied. However, if the University costs have been paid partially or fully by financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, other government assistance programs, etc.) the refund monies will be first applied to the financial aid program source. Please see the repayment notice of Title IV aid paragraph below for further explanation. Once these awards have been fully refunded, any remaining balances will be forwarded to the student.

All refunds must be claimed during the term for which the refund applies. Students who feel that individual circumstances warrant exceptions to this policy may appeal in writing to the Bursar. This appeal must be made during the term for which the refund applies.

REPAYMENT NOTICE FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Students who withdraw on or before the 60% point of the semester will be subject to repayment of part or all of their aid as determined by Federal Regulations.

• Students will be notified in writing of any amount due. A hold will be placed on the student’s account until repayment is made in full.
• Students must make repayment of their portion of financial aid within 45 days. Failure to make repayment within 45 days will result in:
  1. Referral to the Federal Government for collection.
  2. Ineligibility for Federal Financial Aid from all colleges and universities until the overpayment of aid and interest due is paid to the U.S. Department of Education.

For policies concerning fee refunds for Residence Hall charges, please refer to the Residence Life contract.