

TUITION AND FEES

TUITION FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

Number of Credit Hours	In-District Tuition	Out-of-District Tuition	Non-Residents of Texas Tuition
1	\$127.00	\$164.50	\$202.00
2	\$204.00	\$264.00	\$404.00
3	\$240.00	\$310.20	\$606.00
4	\$280.00	\$361.60	\$808.00
5	\$350.00	\$452.00	\$1,010.00
6	\$390.00	\$503.40	\$1,212.00
7	\$455.00	\$587.30	\$1,414.00
8	\$520.00	\$671.20	\$1,616.00
9	\$540.00	\$696.60	\$1,818.00
10	\$600.00	\$774.00	\$2,020.00
11	\$660.00	\$851.40	\$2,222.00
12	\$708.00	\$913.20	\$2,424.00
13	\$767.00	\$989.30	\$2,626.00
14	\$826.00	\$1,065.40	\$2,828.00
15	\$885.00	\$1,141.50	\$3,030.00
16	\$944.00	\$1,217.60	\$3,232.00
17	\$1,003.00	\$1,293.70	\$3,434.00
18	\$1,062.00	\$1,369.80	\$3,636.00
19	\$1,121.00	\$1,445.90	\$3,838.00
20	\$1,180.00	\$1,522.00	\$4,040.00
21	\$1,239.00	\$1,598.10	\$4,242.00

Note:

In-District includes Hidalgo and Starr County residents.

Out-of-District includes all other Texas Residents.

Non-Resident includes all other United States and International Students.

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** See fee schedule for additional applicable fees on page 34.*

FEES 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR

Other Student Additional Fees

Mandatory Fee:

Student Registration Fee:

- if registered and paid or registered and financial aid complete
BEFORE August 1, January 1, May 15, and June 15 85.00
- if registered or paid or financial aid processed
AFTER August 1, January 1, May 15, and June 15 120.00

Lab and Course Fees:

Lab Fee <i>per Lab Credit Hour (for applicable courses with labs)</i>	24.00
Electronic Distance Education Fee <i>per Credit Hour</i>	15.00
Physical Education Special Activity Fee <i>per Course</i>	55.00
Information Technology Fee <i>per Credit Hour</i>	6.00

Incidental Fees:

Drop Fee (one time fee)	25.00
Audit Fee	Tuition
Credit by Examination	Tuition
Installment Plan Fee	30.00
Late Installment Payment Fee	30.00
Emergency Loan Processing Fee	30.00
Late Emergency Loan Payment Fee	30.00
Reinstatement Fee	150.00

Continuing Education Fee:

Continuing Education per contact hour	4.50
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Differential Tuition per credit hour for:

Repeating a non-Developmental Studies course for the third or more time.....	50.00
Enrollment in Developmental Studies courses over the 27 hour rule.....	50.00
Supplemental Instruction.....	25.00
3000/4000 level courses.....	15.00
Associate Degree Nursing	15.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant.....	15.00
Physical Therapist Assistant.....	15.00
Radiologic Technology.....	15.00
Vocational Nursing.....	15.00
Respiratory Therapy.....	15.00

Other Fees (Non-Refundable):

Student I.D. Replacement Fee	5.00
Lost or Damaged Library Book Fee - Cost of book plus processing fee.....	30.00
Returned Check	30.00
Wellness Center Student Membership Fee <i>per Semester</i>	60.00
Workforce/Continuing Education and other Conferences/Seminars/Summer Camps/ Workshops/Customized Training/Negotiated Training/Other Training Activities.....	Recovery of cost
Special Training Activity/Processing Fees	To be negotiated
Allied Health Loan Application Fee	50.00
Allied Health Loan Late Payment Fee.....	25.00
Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) Exam Fee.....	50.00
Student Insurance Fee (voluntary).....	(Obtain information from Cashier's Office)
NAH Course Fees: <i>Liability Insurance/Exams/Booklets/Badges/Certificates/</i> <i>Other Activities</i>	(Obtain information from your program chair)
Parking Permit Violations:	
First	15.00
Second	30.00
Third	40.00
Fourth	80.00
Fifth	100.00
Handicap Parking Violations	100.00
Vehicle Boot Removal Fee.....	80.00
Moving Traffic Violations:	
First	30.00
Second	40.00
Third	50.00
THEA/ACCUPLACER Testing Reservation Fee.....	15.00
Math Placement Testing Fee	TBD

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL COURSES

The College reserves the right to set appropriate fees and tuition for any special courses which may be offered after publication of this catalog.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS/ ADMITTANCE TO CLASS

- A student who is indebted to South Texas College will not be allowed to register until he/she has cleared all financial obligations due to the College and cleared all Business Office and other applicable holds;
- Failure to pay a debt owed to the College may result in dismissal from attending classes after a specific announced date, ineligibility to take final examinations, or to register until such debts are paid.
- No transcripts, grades, or information about the student will be released until such debts are paid;
- A student who fails to make payments when due will also pay collection costs, including attorney's fees, court costs, and professional collection agency fees.

REGISTRATION

A time period will be set aside each term or semester to permit students to register. Total tuition and fees will be paid at this time. An installment payment plan and emergency loan program are available.

PAYMENTS

- During arena registration, students are responsible for paying the total cost for tuition and fees on the day of registration by means of cash, personal check, credit card (Visa, Discover, and Master Card), money orders or a cashier's check. Students may mail-in their payment.
- Failure to pay the required amount for tuition and fees may cause your classes to be automatically dropped; however, be aware that you will still be liable for certain fees. This also applies to student accounts

that have a remaining outstanding balance and are under financial aid or are being sponsored by a third party, i.e., Texas Rehabilitation Commission, employer or any other source.

- Failure to pay a debt owed to the College may result in dismissal from attending classes after a specific announced date, ineligibility to take final examinations, or to register until such debts are paid.
- Transcripts, grades, or information about the student will not be released until such debts are paid.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, STOP PAYMENT AND OTHER RETURNED CHECKS

- Immediate restitution of funds must be made when a check is returned by a bank for insufficient funds. STC does not re-deposit checks. These checks are forwarded directly to the Check Rite office for processing.
- To clear a returned check, the student must call the Check Rite Office (956) 630-2878 to pay for the check. A \$30 fee plus applicable tax is charged to the student.
- Returned checks not promptly paid to Check Rite will be charged a \$30 fee and referred to the District Attorney's Office.
- Stop payment checks will be referred to the Police Department and the student will be charged a \$30 fee.
- Stopping payment on tuition checks does not constitute an official withdrawal from the College. An official withdrawal must be processed at the Office of Admissions and Records.

SCHEDULE CHANGES (Adding & Dropping Courses)

- If you add a class after your initial payment, it is your responsibility to pay the additional tuition and fees immediately.
- Failure to pay the additional tuition, fees and drop/add fee may cause cancellation from the classes.
- **Students must not assume that they**

will "automatically" be dropped from their classes if they do not attend.

- Stopping payment on tuition checks does not constitute an official withdrawal from the college. An official withdrawal must be processed at the Office of Admissions and Records.
- Dropping and adding a course of equal value is considered an even exchange when done on the same day before the twelfth class day during the Fall and Spring, and fourth class day during the summer sessions. The student will be responsible for the drop/add fee. After the twelfth class day or fourth class day, whichever applies, a percentage for the course dropped will be charged. Please read the section on refunds and registration fees for further information.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

- An installment plan is available and renewed on a semester basis.
- Applications are available with the Cashiers and are available up until census date with the initial payment.
- One-half of tuition and student registration fee, plus a \$30 installment fee, plus other applicable non deferrable fees are due on registration day.
- The remaining balance is subject to change in the event you withdraw, drop, or add a class(es). Payment in these cases will be revised and must be made in accordance with the most current statement of account.
- Due dates are posted on the Student Installment Agreement: *During fall and spring there are two installment payment dates. During the summer sessions, there is one installment payment date.*
- A \$30 late payment fee will be assessed for each payment not paid by the scheduled due date.
- Instructors will be notified within 10 business days after the last installment scheduled due date if payment is not made.
- A student who fails to make payments when due will also pay collection costs, including attorney's fees, court costs, and professional

collection agency fees.

EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

- Is a short-term loan to pay for tuition and fees. Therefore, loan must be repaid.
- Student may apply for an emergency loan until funds are exhausted.
- Student must be registered for at least 3 credit hours.
- Applications are available at the Financial Aid office.
- Non-refundable processing fee is \$30.

THIRD PARTY CONTRACTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Third Party contracts constitute written agreements between a third party (i.e., Texas Rehabilitation Commission, WIA) and South Texas College; wherein, payment for tuition and fees for a student is to be paid to STC by a third party. The student must provide the written agreement prior to or during registration and present such agreement or document as a third party voucher, deferment form, or contract to the Financial Aid Office. If the donor issues a scholarship check made payable to the student or STC and the student is initially presented a scholarship award letter to STC, it is the student's responsibility to present the check to STC.

DUAL ENROLLMENT FEES

Students enrolled at two Texas public institutions of higher education.

The total amount of tuition charged at STC may be determined differently if the student registers at more than one Texas public institution of higher education at the same time. Incidental fees are billed by each institution at its regularly authorized rates. The student in this situation is liable for full tuition payment at registration. Proof of dual enrollment in the form of a receipt is required at the Office of Admissions and Records on a semester basis. During the Fall and Spring semesters, proof must be submitted before the twelfth class day. During the summer sessions, proof must be submitted before the fourth class day for evaluation and necessary adjustments. Appropriate refunds will be determined and will be issued to the student's address on file at the Office of Admissions and Records.

REFUNDS

The “**effective date**” of a **class drop or add** is the **date the course schedule form is received at the Office of Admissions and Records from the student**. The refund policy also applies to drop due to advisement from faculty.

“**Class days**” refers to STC’s scheduled class days, not the students’ class meeting days.

Drop or Withdrawal from STC - To officially withdraw or drop from the college, a student must go to the Office of Admissions and Records. STC will refund a percentage of collected tuition and mandatory fees to students who **officially withdraw or drop** from the institution according to the following refund schedule established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. If you drop and add a course with the same credit hours before the 12th class day (during the fall and spring) or fourth class day (during the summer sessions), it is considered an even exchange only if done on the same day and you will not pay a percentage. If you drop and add a course with the same credit hours after the 12th class day, you will pay a percentage (see the following schedule) for the course you dropped.

Students who officially withdraw from courses at the college shall have their tuition and mandatory fees refunded according to the following schedule:

TUITION REFUNDS

FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS

Prior to or on the second class day 100 percent
During the next 13th class days..... 70 percent
During the 16th through
20th class days 25 percent
After the 20th class day.....None

SUMMER I AND II SESSIONS

Prior to or on the first class day 100 percent
During the next four class days..... 70 percent
During the sixth class day 25 percent
After the sixth class dayNone

SUMMER III SESSION

Prior to or on the first class day 100 percent
During the next eight class days 70 percent
During the 10th through
12th class days 25 percent
After the 12th class day.....None

Range of days in each percent category is **subject to change** based on the length of the semester and in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

INCIDENTAL FEES

Other Fees

Audit Fee, Credit by Exam Fee, Remediation Fees, Reinstatement Fee, Installment (Processing and Late) Fee, Emergency Loan (Processing and Late) Fee, and any other fee approved by the Board of Trustees of South Texas College.

Prior to the first class day 100 percent
First class day and after.....None

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BOOKSTORE REFUNDS

Bookstore services are contracted with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers which determines the bookstore refund policy.

The policy listed below is, therefore, subject to change at the discretion of Barnes & Noble:

100 percent refund with the following:

- Sales receipt
- Unmarked, if new/unopened, if shrink wrapped
- Within first 7 calendar days after the first class day of the Fall or Spring semester
- Within first seven calendar days after the first class day of each summer session
- Within one day after the first class day for courses starting at times not consistent with the regular semester, or Summer sessions

- * No refunds on supplies
- * Texts purchased the last week of classes or during exams are ineligible for refunds.
- * The bookstore charges a \$25 fee for returned checks.

This chart highlights some differences among the benefits discussed in this publication. See the text for definitions and details. **DO NOT RELY ON THIS CHART ALONE.**
CAUTION: You generally cannot claim more than one benefit for the same education expense.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR TAX BENEFITS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION											
	Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, & Tuition Reductions	Hope Credit	Lifetime Learning Credit	Student Loan Interest Deduction	Tuition and Fees Deduction	Coverdell ESA ¹	Qualified Tuition Program (QTP) ¹	Educational Exception to Additional Tax on Early IRA Distributions	Education Savings Bond Program ¹	Employer Provided Educational Assistance ¹	Business Deduction for Work-Related Education
What is your benefit?	Amounts received may not be taxable	Credits can reduce amount of tax you must pay	Can deduct interest paid	Can deduct expenses	Earnings not taxed	Earnings not taxed	Earnings not taxed	No 10% additional tax on early distribution	Interest not taxed	Employer benefits not taxed	Can deduct expenses
What is the annual limit?	None	\$1,500 credit per student	\$2,000 credit per family	\$2,500 deduction	\$4,000 deduction	\$2,000 contributions per beneficiary	None	Amount of qualified education expenses	Amount of qualified education expenses	\$5,250 exclusion	Amount of qualifying work-related education expenses
What expenses qualify besides tuition and required enrollment fees?	Course-related expenses such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment	None	None	Books, supplies, and equipment; Room and board; Transportation; Other necessary expenses	None	Books, supplies, and equipment; Expenses for special needs services; Payments to QTP; Higher education; Room and board if at least half-time student; Elem/sec (K-12) education; Tuition, room and board, uniforms, transportation, computer access, supplementary expenses	Books, supplies, and equipment; Room and board if at least half-time student; Expenses for special needs services	Books, supplies, and equipment; Room and board if at least half-time student; Expenses for special needs services	Payments to Coverdell ESA; Payments to QTP	Books, supplies, and equipment	Transportation; Travel; Other necessary expenses
What education qualifies?	Undergraduate and graduate K-12	1st 2 years of undergraduate (postsecondary)	Undergraduate Courses to acquire or improve job skills	Undergraduate and graduate	Undergraduate and graduate K-12	Undergraduate and graduate K-12	Undergraduate and graduate	Undergraduate and graduate	Undergraduate and graduate	Undergraduate and graduate	Required by employer or law to keep present job, salary, status; Maintain or improve job skills
What are some of the other conditions apply?	Must be in degree of vocational program; Payment of tuition and required fees must be allowed under the grant	Can be claimed for only 2 tax years; Must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program; No felony drug conviction(s)		Must have been at least half-time student in degree program	Cannot claim both deduction & credit for same student in same year	Assets must be distributed at age 30 unless special needs beneficiary			Applies only to qualified series EE bonds issued after 1989 or series I bonds		Cannot be used to meet minimum educational requirements of present trade/business; Cannot qualify you for new trade/business
In what income range do benefits phase out?	No phaseout	\$43,000 - \$53,000	\$50,000-\$65,000	\$65,000-\$80,000	\$95,000-\$110,000;	\$190,000-\$220,000 for joint returns	No phaseout	No phaseout	\$61,200 - \$76,200;	No phaseout	May be subject to limit on itemized deductions
	\$87,000 - \$107,000 for joint returns	\$105,000-\$135,000	\$130,000-\$160,000 for joint returns						\$91,850 - \$121,850 for joint returns		

1. Any nontaxable distribution is limited to the amount that does not exceed qualified education expenses.

2. Does not apply to distributions from QTPs sponsored by educational institution until 1/1/04; however, no 10% additional tax is imposed.

Table from *Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service, Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education*.