

# GUARANTEED TUITION

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## Texas A&M University-Texarkana Guaranteed Tuition and Fee Plan

The Guaranteed Tuition and Fee Plan will **include** the following:

1. Statutory Tuition
2. Designated Tuition
3. Mandatory Fees

The guaranteed-tuition-and-fee plan will **exclude** the following non-mandatory fees (e.g., instructional-enhancement fees, field-trip fees, study-abroad fees, lab fees, distance-education fees, program fees, etc.) and other academic costs (e.g., parking fees, room and board, books, supplies, etc.). Due to the voluntary and varied nature of these costs, which may differ from program to program or course to course, the university will charge these fees in addition to the guaranteed-plan amount.

The Guaranteed Tuition and Fee Plan will be mandatory and will include all students (currently enrolled, non-resident undergraduate and resident and non-resident graduate students).

## Methodology for Calculating the Guaranteed Plan

The university will determine the guaranteed plan based on the tuition and fee base (including any applicable tuition and fee increases the Board of Regents previously approved) at A&M- Texarkana, adjusted for inflation over the applicable length of term for each degree program. The university will calculate the adjustment based on the average compounded increase over the applicable length of the guaranteed plan. The university will perform the calculation for each new cohort beginning in the fall semester.

The data source for this adjustment will be the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The university has calculated the initial base rate using a rolling four-year average of calendar year CPI.

## Undergraduate Guaranteed Degree Cohort Based Plans

The university will require all new incoming and current resident and non-resident undergraduate students to pay the guaranteed-tuition-and-fees rate based on residency and current-cohort classification. The rate will be valid for the applicable period from the date of entry or current status for date of entry. After the applicable time period has expired, the rate is subject to increase to the rate for new undergraduate students entering at that time.

## Guaranteed Two-Year Graduate and Three-Year Graduate Degree Plans

The university will require all new incoming and current resident and non-resident graduate students to pay the two-year degree or three-year degree plan guaranteed-tuition-and-fees rate, based on residency. The rate will be valid for the applicable period from the date of entry or current status for date of entry. After that time period, the rate is subject to increase to the rate for new graduate students entering at that time.

## New Transfer Students

Any new transfer student will have a guaranteed rate based on when they first enrolled in higher education in Texas. If the student has ineligible hours that will not transfer toward their degree program, the university will provide new transfer students an option to select an appropriate cohort based upon the eligible hours that transfer to Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

## Automatic Extension of Time for Students

Undergraduate and graduate students whose time has expired under their degree plan will have an automatic one-year extension of their guaranteed rate. The student will receive special attention to assure the university provides proper advising to promote timely graduation and to clearly inform the student of the financial impact that may occur if they do not complete their degree during the extension and then become subject to the rate for students in their applicable cohort at that time.

## Change of Majors

Students changing their major can request an extension of their guaranteed rate if the change will cause their rate to expire before they complete their degree. The student will receive attention to assure the university provides proper advising to promote timely graduation.

## Stop-outs and Readmits

The guaranteed-tuition-and-fee plans are contingent upon **continuous enrollment** of the student during fall and spring terms until he or she completes the degree. Stop-outs and readmits can request an extension of their guaranteed rate if it expires before they complete their degree. The student will receive special attention to assure the university provides proper advising to promote timely graduation.

## Excess Hours and Repeat Course Rules

The guaranteed rate does not preclude the university from charging a higher rate to students who have exceeded the state-imposed excess-credit-hour cap imposed or who repeat a course for the third time.

### **Special Provisions**

The university will grant consideration to a student takes a break in attendance due to military service, pregnancy, and medical leave. The university will deal with situations in this category on a case-by-case basis with the intent to assist the student in maintaining their guaranteed plan.