

FSU Fixed Tuition Plan

Fayetteville State University desires to offer you the best educational value possible. The University works within the policy structures of the UNC System of Higher Education to help students not only start, but also to finish college without a great financial burden. Recently, a system-wide policy to assist us in this effort was established.

Under this policy, beginning with the current academic year **you will pay the same amount every year you attend FSU until you graduate as long as you are continually enrolled each semester and complete your education in four years (this time period is pro-rated for transfer and continuing students).**

This policy applies to North Carolina residents who are:

- First-Time Freshmen
- Continuing Students
- Transfer Students

Non-resident undergraduate students, graduate students, professional students, dual enrollment students, and second-degree students are **NOT ELIGIBLE** for fixed tuition under the policy.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many credits do I need to take to graduate in four years? Taking 15 credits per semester will put you on track to graduate in four years.

What if my program is a five-year program? If you are in a program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program, your tuition will be fixed for 10 consecutive semesters. The requirement to be continuously enrolled remains.

What does “continuously enrolled” mean? Do I have to take classes in the summer? Continuously enrolled means you take courses each fall and spring semester without a break in attendance. You do not have to take courses in the summer to be considered continuously enrolled, although summer session may help you graduate on time or early.

Are there any exceptions?

Students who have interrupted continuous enrollment may petition for a waiver to retain initial fixed tuition under the following conditions: (1) military service obligation, (2) serious medical debilitation or (3) short- or long-term disability.

If I am a transfer student, do I still get eight semesters of fixed tuition?

Transfer students receive the fixed tuition rate for a period based on the balance allotted to complete the program after the application of adjustments to the acceptable transfer credits. Please talk with your adviser to determine what that time period will be for you.

What happens if I do have a break in my enrollment?

When you return after a break in enrollment, you will be required to pay whatever the current tuition is for that academic year. For example, if tuition has increased by 5% since you began your time at FSU, you will no longer be locked in at the lower rate but instead will pay 5% more for your classes.

What resources are available to me to help plan out my semesters so I can graduate on time?

The Academic Success Counselors and Class Deans in University College and Lifelong Learning (UCaLL) and the Faculty Advisors and Chairpersons in your major departments are available to provide effective academic advising, and the institutional support and resources to facilitate your success. Whether you are a first-year student just beginning your collegiate academic experience, a

transfer student joining us from another institution, or a continuing student engaged in your major course of study, effective guidance in navigating college life can mean the difference between timely graduation or falling short of your academic goals. We are here to help you make the right decisions in choosing your major, selecting the appropriate courses, and building your academic pathway to graduation. Making a goal to remain in school until you complete your degree will go a long way toward achieving your dreams. **Remember: 15 in 8 and You Graduate (15 hours in 8 semesters).**