

Fees & Expenses



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Tuition and Fees

Tuition is based on the number of hours for which the student registers. It is determined by the student's classification as a Texas resident, a non-resident U.S. citizen or a non-resident who is a citizen of another country. Students also are responsible for paying several fees that support college services and programs.

The current tuition rate for a Texas resident student is \$50 per semester credit hour. The rate for a non-resident student is \$340 per semester credit hour.

A designated tuition fee of \$44 per semester credit hour is also charged for both resident and non-resident students.

Students are responsible for registering under the proper residency classification.

Questions concerning determination of residency should be directed to the Vice President for Student Services.

A student is not registered until tuition and fees are paid in full. Payment may be made by check, electronic check, money order, currency or credit/debit card (MasterCard or Visa).

Checks and money orders, not in excess of total fees, should be made payable to Lamar State College-Port Arthur and will be accepted subject to final payment unless the student chooses the installment agreement payment plan for the fall and spring semesters or for summer semester students enrolled in 12 hours for the single 12-week summer semester.

Summary of Registration Expenses

Each student must plan a budget carefully. It is possible to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur on a modest sum and yet participate in most of the College programs. To assist in planning expenses, the following estimate is furnished as a guide.

Texas residents taking a 15 semester hour course load:

Tuition.....	\$1,410.00
Student Services Fee.....	280.00
Student Center Fee.....	27.00
Administrative Computer Use Fee.....	255.00
Endowed Scholarship Fee.....	15.00
Recreation Sport Fee.....	24.00
Student ID.....	5.00
Library Fee.....	60.00
Athletic Fee.....	131.25
Transcript Fee.....	5.00
* Parking Fee (if desired).....	40.00
Books and Incidentals (estimated).....	<u>500.00</u>
	\$2,752.25 + lab fees

Part-time Student (six semester hours):

Tuition.....	\$564.00
Student Services Fee.....	168.00
Student Center Fee.....	27.00
Administrative Computer Use Fee.....	102.00
Endowed Scholarship Fee.....	6.00
Recreation Sport Fee.....	24.00
Student ID.....	5.00
Library Fee.....	24.00
Athletic Fee.....	52.50
Transcript Fee.....	5.00
* Parking Fee (if desired).....	40.00
Books and Incidentals (estimated).....	<u>200.00</u>
	\$1,217.50 + lab fees

Tuition and general use fees vary with the semester hours carried so the total may differ from this estimate.

* Parking fees may be less than \$40. See the details under "Summary of Fees" in this section.

My.Lamarpa.edu Account



NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Lamar State College-Port Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your My.Lamarpa.edu account **DAILY**. If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.

Tuition Exemptions for Valedictorians

The valedictorian in the graduating class of a fully-accredited Texas high school is exempt from tuition for two regular semesters immediately following graduation.

Details may be obtained from the Admission Advising Office.

Tuition Exemptions for Veterans

Persons who were citizens of Texas when they entered the U.S. Armed Forces, the armed forces, and who no longer are eligible for educational benefits provided for veterans of the United States, are exempt from tuition and laboratory fees. This applies to those who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War and were honorably discharged.

To obtain this exemption, necessary papers must be presented prior to registration and approval obtained from the Office of Veterans' Affairs. The above exemption also extends to wives, children and dependents of members of the Armed Forces who were killed in action or died while in the service during World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War.

Students who expect to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur under some veterans benefit plan should contact the office of Veterans' Affairs 60 to 90 days prior to registration.

The Office of Student Financial Aid advises veterans on program and training opportunities, academic assistance and counseling. Veterans interested in further information should visit this office in the Student Center.

Tuition Exemptions for Louisiana Residents

In accordance with H.B. 1836 enacted in 1995 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas non-resident tuition fee will not apply to any resident of Louisiana who registers at Lamar State College-Port Arthur. A Louisiana resident enrolling at the College shall pay tuition and fees equivalent to the amount charged a Texas resident. In no case will the Louisiana resident pay less than the Texas resident tuition and fees. Proof of residency must be provided and approved to be eligible for this exemption.

Summary of Fees

LSC-PA students will be charged an Administrative Computer Fee, a Student Service Fee and an Endowed Scholarship Fee in addition to tuition. The amount of these fees varies based on the number of semester hours a student is taking.

Other fees, such as a Student Center Fee, a Recreational Sports Fee, a Transcript Fee and those for student photo identification and late registration, are for fixed amounts. Descriptions of common fees appear below.

The College reserves the right to change fees in keeping with acts of the Texas Legislature and The Texas State University System Board of Regents.

– Administrative Computer Use Fee

This fee primarily supports both the administrative mainframe computer and the academic mainframe computer. The current rate is \$17 per semester credit hour.

– Athletics Fee

This fee supports the College's intercollegiate athletic programs' administration, staffing and activities related to participation in NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) competition. The College currently competes in Division I men's basketball and women's softball.

The current rate is \$8.75 per credit hour in fall and spring semesters and \$4.38 per credit hour during summer terms.

- Endowed Scholarship Fee

This fee will establish a Student Endowment Scholarship Fund. The current rate is \$1 per semester credit hour.

- Laboratory Fees

A \$2 fee is charged each semester for courses with a combined lecture and laboratory credit from one to three semester hours. The laboratory fee is \$4 per semester for courses that have four or more credit hours credit.

- Late Registration Fee

A charge of \$10 is made for late registration.

- Library Fee

This \$4 per credit hour fee is used to support a portion of the operations of the Gates Memorial Library.

- Matriculation Fee

A matriculation fee of \$20 will be incurred by students who withdraw prior to the first day of class. This \$20 fee will be deducted from refunds.

- Parking Fees

Charges for parking on campus are made at registration. Automobile registration fees are: Fall Semester, \$40; Spring Semester, \$35; Summer Session I, \$30; Summer Session II, \$25. Parking fees paid allow the use of designated parking facilities on the Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus only.

- Property Deposit

A one-time fee of \$10 is used toward any damaged equipment or property of the College. Students may fill out a form in the Finance Office to petition for refund at the time of formal graduation or withdrawal.

- Recreational Sports Fee

This fee supports the operations of the Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center. The current rate is \$24 for each long semester and \$12 for each short semester.

- Reinstatement Fee

A student seeking reinstatement to the College after withdrawing without paying the full amount of tuition and fees due, or after having been denied credit for work done for failure to pay an installment payment or late payment fee must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee plus the past due installment payments and late payment fees.

A \$50 fee also will be charged for classes dropped for non-payment. This fee will be applied only to students who re-enroll for that same term.

- Student Center Fee

This fee supports the programs, administration, staffing and services related to the Student Center and its programs. The current rate is \$27 per long semester and \$13 per summer session.

- Student Photo Identification

All students must buy a student photo identification card. The Student ID fee is \$5 and is good for two years. Students must carry their ID cards at all times while on campus. If the Student ID is lost or stolen, a replacement card may be purchased. Student IDs are required for use of college facilities and to attend college functions.

- Student Returned Check Fees

A student is automatically suspended from the College if a check is returned unpaid. The student may re-enter upon redemption of the check plus payment of the returned check fee of \$25 and any late fees associated with the payment.

- Student Service Fee

This fee supports student activities such as student organizations, extracurricular activities and other administrative student support services. The current rate is \$28 per credit hour.

- Transcript Fee

A \$5 Transcript Fee is charged at the beginning of each semester a student attends the College. Upon official request, students will receive copies of their transcript in the future at no charge. Students previously paid \$5 for each transcript.

Student Health Insurance

All full-time students enrolled in the College are eligible to purchase health and accident insurance. Coverage may be purchased for an entire year or on a semester basis and is available to students only or students and their dependents. The fees for the year may be paid upon enrollment or during the academic year.

A brochure explaining the coverage, cost and benefits is available in the Student Activities Office. Proof of health and accident insurance is required of all foreign students and all participants in intramural/recreational sports programs.

Miscellaneous Fees

Associate Degree Diploma.....	\$27-98 + tax
Certificate of Completion.....	27.98 + tax
Cap and Gown Fee (keep both).....	37.98 + tax
Advanced Standing Examination (per course).....	\$25
Lost Photo I.D.....	\$5
Telecourse Fee.....	\$20
Distance Learning Fee.....	\$20
On-line Course Fee.....	\$20

* **NOTE:** After a student exceeds the state-mandated limit of 27 semester hours of remedial courses, the College may charge an additional fee for further remedial courses.

* **NOTE:** Students may be charged out-of-state fees for courses repeated more than twice.

Installment Agreement

By law (House Bill 1147), students can pay certain fees in installments during the Fall and Spring semesters only. Options and applicable service charges are:

Payable: upon registration 1/2

Payable: by 6th class week 1/4

Payable: by 11th class week 1/4

Service Charge \$20

Penalty for each delinquent payment \$15

House Bill 1212 allows students the option to pay in installments for a 12-week Summer term. Payment options are:

Payable upon registration 1/2

Payable by 5th class week 1/4

Payable by 9th class week 1/4

The same service charges and delinquent payment penalty will apply as in Fall and Spring semesters.

For more information, call the Finance Office at 984-6127 or 984-6126.

A payment schedule for the optional payment plan is available upon request.

Withdrawal and Student Financial Responsibility

Withdrawing from the College does not relieve a student of financial obligations under the Installment Payment Agreement or for any student loans as these are the student's legal financial commitments. Refunds will be processed in accordance with the published schedule. Withdrawing from the College must be done with an advisor in order for the student to receive any refund.

Dropping Courses

All students who drop courses during the first 12 class days of the Fall or Spring semester, or within the first four days of a Summer Session, and remain enrolled, will receive a tuition and fees refund for that particular course or courses. The Finance Office will begin processing refunds two weeks after the 12th class day.

Refund of Tuition & Fees

Refund percentages are based on the amount of total fees, not on the amount paid. Any student officially withdrawing will receive a refund on tuition, student service, laboratory, building and general use and private lesson fees paid and/or obligated. The refund process will begin on Tuesday night following the first class day for 100 percent withdrawals and Tuesday night of the second week following the 20th (Spring/Fall) and 6th (Summer) class days down to 25 percent withdrawals.

Percentages are according to the following schedule:

Semester Length – 9 to 16 or more weeks

1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent. (less \$20 matriculation fee).
2. During the five class days, 80 percent of total fees.
3. During the second five class days, 70 percent of total fees.

4. During the third five class days, 50 percent of total fees.
5. During the fourth five class days, 25 percent of total fees.
6. No refunds after the fourth five class days.

Semester Length – 5 to 8 weeks

1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less \$20 matriculation fee).
2. During the first, second or third class day, 80 percent of total fees.
3. During the fourth, fifth or sixth class day, 50 percent of total fees.
4. Seventh class day and after, none.

Semester Length – 4 weeks

1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less \$20 matriculation fee).
2. During the first and second class days, 80 percent.
3. During the third and fourth class days, 50 percent.
4. Fifth class day and after, none.

Semester Length – 2-3 weeks

1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less \$20 matriculation fee).
2. On the first class day, 80 percent.
3. On the second class day, 50 percent.
4. Third class day and after, none.

Refunds for Students Receiving Federal Financial Aid

Students who withdraw prior to completing 60 percent of the semester and who are receiving or have received financial assistance (grants, loans, scholarships), all or a portion of the aid received will be returned to the appropriate financial aid source.

Students who withdraw before completing 60 percent of a semester must repay unused aid to the federal government and Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Recipients who withdraw before the 60 percent point in the semester will have returns calculated according to the Return of Federal Title IV Guidelines.

During the 2011-12 academic year, 60 percent of the session is complete on:

Fall 2011 – October 27

Spring 2012 – April 2

Summer I 2012 – June 25

Summer II 2012 – August 1

All other applicable refunds will be calculated according to the Refund Policy as outlined in the above schedule.

In allotting the refunds to specific programs, the College will practice a “Fixed Priority Allocation.” The list below indicates the priority in which programs will be refunded. The full amount received under each program is returned in the priority order until the refund amount is exhausted.

The amount returned to a specific program cannot exceed the amount the student received from that program. The Director of Student Financial Aid may exercise professional judgment in exceptions to the distribution hierarchy policy.

Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Tuition and Fees

Semester Hours	Tuition Texas	Tuition Non-Texas	Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Recreation Sports Fee	Transcript Fee	Endowed Scholarship Fee	Library Fee	Athletic Fee	Administrative Computer Use Fee	Total Charge Texas	Total Charge Non-Texas
1	\$ 94	\$ 407	\$ 28	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$ 8.75	\$ 17	\$ 208.75	\$ 521.75
2	\$ 188	\$ 814	\$ 56	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 8	\$ 17.50	\$ 34	\$ 361.50	\$ 987.50
3	\$ 282	\$ 1,221	\$ 84	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 26.25	\$ 51	\$ 514.25	\$1,453.25
4	\$ 376	\$ 1,628	\$ 112	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 16	\$ 35.00	\$ 68	\$ 667.00	\$1,919.00
5	\$ 470	\$ 2,035	\$ 140	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$ 43.75	\$ 85	\$ 819.75	\$2,384.75
6	\$ 564	\$ 2,442	\$ 168	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 24	\$ 52.50	\$ 102	\$ 972.50	\$2,850.50
7	\$ 658	\$ 2,849	\$ 196	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 28	\$ 61.25	\$ 119	\$ 1,125.25	\$3,316.25
8	\$ 752	\$ 3,256	\$ 224	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 32	\$ 70.00	\$ 136	\$ 1,278.00	\$3,782.00
9	\$ 846	\$ 3,663	\$ 252	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 78.75	\$ 153	\$ 1,430.75	\$4,247.75
10	\$ 940	\$ 4,070	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 40	\$ 87.50	\$ 170	\$ 1,583.50	\$4,713.50
11	\$ 1,034	\$ 4,477	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 11	\$ 44	\$ 96.25	\$ 187	\$ 1,708.25	\$5,151.25
12	\$ 1,128	\$ 4,884	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 12	\$ 48	\$ 105.00	\$ 204	\$ 1,833.00	\$5,589.00
13	\$ 1,222	\$ 5,291	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 13	\$ 52	\$ 113.75	\$ 221	\$ 1,957.75	\$6,026.75
14	\$ 1,316	\$ 5,698	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 14	\$ 56	\$ 122.50	\$ 238	\$ 2,082.50	\$6,464.50
15	\$ 1,410	\$ 6,105	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 60	\$ 131.25	\$ 255	\$ 2,207.25	\$6,902.25
16	\$ 1,504	\$ 6,512	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 16	\$ 64	\$ 140.00	\$ 272	\$ 2,332.00	\$7,340.00
17	\$ 1,598	\$ 6,919	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 17	\$ 68	\$ 148.75	\$ 289	\$ 2,456.75	\$7,777.75
18	\$ 1,692	\$ 7,326	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 18	\$ 72	\$ 157.50	\$ 306	\$ 2,581.50	\$8,215.50
19	\$ 1,786	\$ 7,733	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 19	\$ 76	\$ 166.25	\$ 323	\$ 2,706.25	\$8,653.25
20	\$ 1,880	\$ 8,140	\$ 280	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$ 80	\$ 175.00	\$ 340	\$ 2,831.00	\$9,091.00

Summer 2012 Tuition and Fees

Semester Hours	Tuition Texas	Tuition Non-Texas	Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Recreation Sports Fee	Transcript Fee	Endowed Scholarship Fee	Library Fee	Athletic Fee	Administrative Computer Use Fee	Total Charge Texas	Total Charge Non-Texas
1	\$ 94	\$ 407	\$ 28	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$ 4.38	\$ 17	\$ 178.38	\$ 491.38
2	\$ 188	\$ 814	\$ 56	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 8	\$ 8.75	\$ 34	\$ 326.75	\$ 952.75
3	\$ 282	\$ 1,221	\$ 84	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 13.13	\$ 51	\$ 475.13	\$ 1,414.13
4	\$ 376	\$ 1,628	\$ 112	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 16	\$ 17.50	\$ 68	\$ 623.50	\$ 1,875.50
5	\$ 470	\$ 2,035	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$ 21.88	\$ 85	\$ 771.88	\$ 2,336.88
6	\$ 564	\$ 2,442	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 24	\$ 26.25	\$ 102	\$ 892.25	\$ 2,770.25
7	\$ 658	\$ 2,849	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 28	\$ 30.63	\$ 119	\$ 1,012.63	\$ 3,203.63
8	\$ 752	\$ 3,256	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 32	\$ 35.00	\$ 136	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 3,637.00
9	\$ 846	\$ 3,663	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 39.38	\$ 153	\$ 1,253.38	\$ 4,070.38
10	\$ 940	\$ 4,070	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 40	\$ 43.75	\$ 170	\$ 1,373.75	\$ 4,503.75
11	\$ 1,034	\$ 4,477	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 11	\$ 44	\$ 48.13	\$ 187	\$ 1,494.13	\$ 4,937.13
12	\$ 1,128	\$ 4,884	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 12	\$ 48	\$ 52.50	\$ 204	\$ 1,614.50	\$ 5,370.50
13	\$ 1,222	\$ 5,291	\$ 140	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 13	\$ 52	\$ 56.88	\$ 221	\$ 1,734.88	\$ 5,803.88

Refund Priority

1. Federal Pell Grant
2. SEOG
3. Federal Student loans, other Title IV programs
4. LEAP
5. TPEG short-term loans
6. TPEG
7. Other State FA programs
8. Departmental budgeted funds
9. Restricted scholarship funds

Tuition Rebates for Students Earning a Bachelor's Degree

Students who earn a bachelor's degree from a Texas University may qualify for a tuition rebate of up to \$1,000 if they earned no more than three semester hours of credit beyond what is required for their degree.

Although the rebate is not granted to students earning a certificate of completion or associate degree, students may qualify if they later transfer their credits to a university and complete a baccalaureate degree.

To be eligible, all four of the following criteria must be met:

- The student must have enrolled for the first time in a higher education institution in the fall 1997 semester or later.

- The student must request a rebate for work related to a first baccalaureate degree received from a Texas public university.

- The student must have been a resident of Texas, must have attempted all coursework at a Texas public higher education institution and have been entitled to pay resident tuition at all times while pursuing the degree.

- Students must have attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree under the catalog under which they were graduated. Hours attempted include transfer credits, credit by examination, courses dropped after the official census date, for-credit developmental courses, optional internship and cooperative education courses and repeated courses. Courses dropped for reasons determined by the institution to be totally beyond the control of the student will not be counted. Co-enrollment and ROTC course hours do not account against this program.

Students who transfer to a Texas university to complete a bachelor's degree are responsible for providing the university with official transcripts from all institutions attended previously. Rebate request forms and details about the program are available through the university granting the baccalaureate degree.