

Fee Guidelines

In accordance with UNC Board policy, the Board of Governors is responsible for establishing fees at the constituent institutions of the UNC System consistent with the philosophy set forth in the North Carolina Constitution. Fees will be charged only for limited, dedicated purposes and shall not be used to defray the cost of general academic and administrative operations of campuses, including academic programs and faculty and administrative salaries and benefits.

For 2025-26, the Board of Governors considered increases to mandatory fees subject to the three percent statutory cap that are intended to defray the impacts of inflationary costs or are critical to maintaining core student activities supported by the fee. The Board of Governors also considered increases that are offset by a commensurate decrease to another fee. This flexibility does not extend to debt service fees that would otherwise be scheduled to sunset because the associated debt service has been paid in full.

All increase proposals were accompanied by an expenditure plan showing how the additional revenues are critically important for the fee-supported activity, including a description of why alternative sources or expenditure reductions are insufficient for addressing the needs of the fee-supported activity. Decrease proposals described the impacts of the reduced revenues.

Athletics Fees

Athletics fee revenues provide funds for intercollegiate athletic programs and for the maintenance and operation of athletic facilities. Students enrolled in distance education programs are not assessed the Athletics fee.

There are no proposed changes to this fee for 2025-26.

The proposed Athletics fees, effective Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	\$ 0	\$ 816
East Carolina University	–	773
Elizabeth City State University	–	899
Fayetteville State University	–	858
N.C. A&T State University	–	870
NC Central University	–	862
NC State University	–	232
UNC Asheville	–	906
UNC-Chapel Hill	–	279
UNC Charlotte	–	844
UNC Greensboro	–	843
UNC Pembroke	–	819
UNC Wilmington	–	820
UNC School of the Arts	N/A	N/A
Western Carolina University	–	817
Winston-Salem State University	–	780

Health Services Fees

Health Services fees fund health and medical services for students, including the maintenance and operation of student health centers. A portion of the fee funds student counseling and psychological services and other well-being expenses, which have become a significant area of focus as institutions have increasingly prioritized student mental health services. Students enrolled in distance education programs are not assessed the Health Services fee.

Eight universities have proposed increases to fund mandatory legislative salary increases and offset cost increases of medical supplies and services, and other inflationary pressures (Appalachian State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, NC State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University).

Seven of the above institutions will also allocate a portion of the proposed increases to sustain current standards of mental health services in the face of growing student demand.

The proposed Health Services fees, effective Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	\$ 11	\$ 366
East Carolina University	–	319
Elizabeth City State University	–	395
Fayetteville State University	34	390
N.C. A&T State University	–	370
NC Central University	34	372
NC State University	25	470
UNC Asheville	–	455
UNC-Chapel Hill	–	410
UNC Charlotte	20	355
UNC Greensboro	19	421
UNC Pembroke	10	285
UNC Wilmington	–	270
UNC School of the Arts	–	908
Western Carolina University	25	390
Winston-Salem State University	–	430

Student Activities Fees

Student Activities fees provide funds for nonacademic student services and for the maintenance and operation of facilities used in conjunction with those services. Included are funds to operate student unions and intramural facilities, and provide for student organizations, newspapers, yearbooks, and entertainment programs. Students enrolled in distance education programs are not assessed the Student Activities fee.

Nine universities have proposed increases to fund mandatory legislative salary increases, market increases to student wages, maintenance and equipment repair, as well as other inflationary pressures (Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, NC State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of North Carolina Wilmington, and Western Carolina University).

The proposed Student Activities fees, effective Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	\$ 22	\$ 766
East Carolina University	43	761
Elizabeth City State University	–	711
Fayetteville State University	60	642
N.C. A&T State University	–	765
NC Central University		
Undergraduate	–	536
Graduate	–	462
Law	–	482
NC State University	17	725
UNC Asheville	–	839
UNC-Chapel Hill		
Undergraduate	–	407
Graduate	–	385
Law	–	199
Pharmacy	–	8
UNC Charlotte	58	708
UNC Greensboro	28	639
UNC Pembroke	40	718
UNC Wilmington	15	734
UNC School of the Arts	–	770
High School	–	826
Western Carolina University	30	687
Winston-Salem State University	–	568

Educational and Technology Fees

Educational and Technology fees were instituted as a result of the study of student fees conducted by the Board of Governors in 1992-93 and adopted in May 1993. These fees cover specialized instructional supplies/services and scientific and information technology equipment not provided by state funds.

Three institutions (Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, and University of North Carolina at Greensboro) have proposed increases to fund mandatory legislative salary increases, maintain the equipment refresh cycles, and combat other inflationary cost increases.

Additionally, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has proposed a decrease to their Ed & Tech fee to partially offset an increase to the debt service fee.

The proposed Educational and Technology fees, effective Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	18	\$611
East Carolina University	25	428
Elizabeth City State University	–	326
Fayetteville State University	–	393
N.C. A&T State University	–	498
NC Central University	–	448
NC State University	–	439
UNC Asheville	–	556
UNC-Chapel Hill	(25)	417
UNC Charlotte	–	622
UNC Greensboro	23	513
UNC Pembroke	–	534
UNC Wilmington	–	563
UNC School of the Arts	–	771
Western Carolina University	–	544
Winston-Salem State University	–	436

Campus Security Fee

The 2013-14 UNC Campus Security Initiatives Report included high priority recommendations for new initiatives, staffing, and security measures designed to benefit the UNC System institutions. The Board approved this fee in 2015, and the Board approved an increase to set the rate at \$60 for all institutions by 2022-23.

The fee assessed to students by each institution provides the UNC System with approximately \$13 million annually to support implementation of priority needs, while encouraging shared services, collaboration, group purchasing, and efficiency on a system level, where most appropriate.

There is no proposed change to this fee for 2025-26.

Association of Student Government Fee

The Board of Governors set this fee at \$1 for all institutions. Institutions submit this fee to the UNC System Office to support the UNC System Association of Student Governments (ASG), which is a coalition of student leaders from across the state. Funds support the ASG student adviser personnel costs and all student meeting and travel costs.

There is no proposed change to this fee for 2025-26.

Indebtedness Fees

Under the policy for the establishment of fees adopted by the Board of Governors in 1993 and revised in 2003, fees for the retirement of indebtedness are approved at the time a project is approved and established at the time that debt is incurred. Indebtedness fees, once established, remain in effect until the debt is retired. Students enrolled in distance education programs are not assessed the Indebtedness fee.

At the instruction of the Task Force on Pricing, Flexibility, and Affordability, institutions must annually reevaluate whether the current fund balances and revenue projections would allow for any portions of the indebtedness fee to be reduced or eliminated faster than originally projected. Based on this analysis, two institutions have proposed reductions for FY 2025-26 (Fayetteville State University, Winston-Salem State University). Additionally, two institutions have proposed reductions due to sunsetting debt (NC State University and UNC Pembroke).

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has proposed a \$77 increase to support the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center project. This is a new 30 year debt with a three year construction period, expected to sunset in 2059.

The proposed Indebtedness fees, effective for Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	\$ –	\$594
East Carolina University	–	445
Elizabeth City State University	–	–
Fayetteville State University	(35)	300
N.C. A&T State University	–	588
NC Central University	–	570
NC State University	(27)	353
UNC Asheville	–	394
UNC-Chapel Hill	77	224
UNC Charlotte	–	695
UNC Greensboro	–	707
UNC Pembroke	(87)	194
UNC Wilmington	–	376
UNC School of the Arts	–	–
Western Carolina University	–	700
Winston-Salem State University	(28)	332

Special Fees

Special fees provide funds for specific needs that are not financed from other revenue sources. Special fees are charged *only* to students who participate in programs or activities financed from those fees. These are programs that have specialized instructional needs, e.g., programs in health affairs, law, business, engineering, and architecture. These programs are expensive and occur in curricula where students must obtain a “competitive edge” to acquire highly desirable jobs upon graduation.

The 2025-26 Fee Guidelines indicated that the Board of Governors would only consider increases to existing special fees to cover critical cost increases associated with an existing fee. New special fees could only be proposed for new programs. New special fees for existing programs were not considered.

East Carolina University’s School of Dental Medicine has proposed an increase of \$80 to its Dental Medicine Housing Fee in order to cover the increased lease costs for its Community Service Learning Centers. This fee covers housing cost for students while completing three nine-week rotations during their fourth year of the program.

Elizabeth City State University has proposed increases for course fees for ten flight lab courses. The total expected increase in the cost to graduate for the aviation program is approximately \$28,000. These increases will cover the cost for fuel, maintenance, insurance, flight instructors, and hanger rental as well as the cost to purchase additional airplanes.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has proposed a \$2,867 special fee for its new Physician Assistant program. The fee will be used to cover the cost supplies and healthcare simulation equipment needed for the program. North Carolina A&T has also proposed a \$2,867 special fee for its new Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. The fee will be used to cover the cost to provide students with opportunities to attend conferences and discipline-specific workshops and trainings.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro has proposed a \$3,000 special fee for its new Prelicensure Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing (PELMSN). This fee will be used to cover lab supplies as well as contracted services for simulation equipment and faculty to enhance the quality of the program.

University of North Carolina Wilmington has proposed a \$750 special fee for travel costs associated with an elective course for its Cameron School of Business. UNC Wilmington has also requested the establishment of a \$150 special fee for a new set of summer lab courses offered through the Center for Marine Science. These elective courses provide students with optional field-based experiences and are not required by a certain program of study.

University of North Carolina School of the Arts has proposed a \$68 increase for its School of Drama special fee. The increase will help offset the rising costs associated with funding workshop productions.

The Special fees, effective for Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University		
Veterinary Technology	\$ –	\$ 150
East Carolina University		
Music	–	35
SCUBA (basic class to advanced classes)	–	250 to 500
Clinical Skills Assessment	–	95
Dental Materials Fee	–	576
Dental Instrument Lease Fee (current students)	–	3,525
Dental Instrument Lease Fee (FY25 new students)	–	2,400
Dental Student Organization	–	60
AHEC-Dental Student Housing	80	1,475
Nurse Midwifery Malpractice Insurance	–	725
College of Engineering & Tech. Science	–	300
Elizabeth City State University		
Flight Lab – Private Part I	3,425	7,050
Flight Lab – Private Part II	3,000	5,875
Flight Lab – Instrument	6,750	11,750
Flight Lab – Commercial Part I	1,900	9,400
Flight Lab – Commercial Part II	1,900	9,400
Flight Lab – Commercial Part III	new	9,400
Flight Lab – Multi-Engine	2,000	4,500
Flight Lab – CFI	1,875	5,875
Flight Lab – CFI Instrument Flight Lab	3,200	4,700
Flight Lab – MEI	6,000	9,000
Fayetteville State University		
Nursing Clinical	–	200
Student Teaching	–	200
Teacher Education Assessment	–	91
Social Work Field Experience	–	150
N.C. A & T State University		
ELED Exam - Reading Methods Exam	–	140
ELED Exam – Mathematics in Elementary	–	100
Horticulture Lab	–	35
Food & Nutritional Sciences 151 Lab	–	55
Food & Nutritional Sciences 442 Lab	–	19
Fashion Merchandising and Design Lab	–	14
Doctor of Nursing Practice	–	1,000
MS Physician Assistant	new	2,867
MS Criminal Justice	new	2,867

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
NC Central University		
ADA Dietetic Internship Program	\$ –	\$ 426
Nursing Technology Support	–	120
Enrollment Fee	–	100
NC State University		
Graduate Students	–	12
College of Engineering Program Enhancement	–	1,500
Professional Golf Management	–	700
UNC Asheville		
Engineering	–	1,000
UNC-Chapel Hill		
DDS/DH/MD Student Association	–	9
Dental Equipment – DDS	–	240
Dental Equipment – DH	–	85
Dental Materials – DDS	–	55
Dental Materials – Graduate	–	55
Dental Materials – Dental Hygiene	–	30
DDS Yr. 1 Clinic Technology	–	300
DDS Yr. 2 Clinic Technology	–	600
DDS Yrs. 3 & 4 Clinic Technology	–	1,200
Dental Grad Clinic Technology	–	1,200
DH Yrs. 1 & 2 Clinic Technology	–	300
Dentistry Instrument Mgmt. – DDS	–	2,500
Dentistry Instrument Mgmt. – Dental Hygiene	–	1,000
Dentistry Instrument Mgmt. – Dental Grad	–	1,000
Field Training – Biostatistics	–	25
Field Training – Health Policy & Admin. Grad (HPM)	–	450
Field Training – Health Policy & Admin. UG (HPM)	–	400
Field Training – MCH	–	450
Field Training – MPA	–	200
Field Training – MPH Health Behavior (HBEH)	–	600
Field Training – Social Work	–	300
Field Training – PHNU	–	450
Field Training – NUTR Clinical Exp.	–	450
Field Training – NUTR National Issues	–	50
Law School Practical Skills Enhancement	–	500
Law School Student Academic Program	–	600
Law Student Placement Services	–	100
Leadership Fee (MCH/PUBH)	–	158
Professional Training – HPM, MPH	–	550
Professional Training – HPM/MHA/MSPH (yr.1)	–	550
Professional Training – HPM/MHA/MSPH (yr.2)	–	1,000
Physician Assistant Program	–	500
MBA/MAC Career Management	–	600

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
UNC-Chapel Hill (continued)		
MBA/MAC Program Quality	\$ –	\$ 500
MBA/MAC Student Club	–	50
MD Technology – School of Medicine	–	500
Nursing Clinical Compliance	–	11
Nursing Healthcare Simulation Training	–	91
Nursing Practicum – Graduate	–	150
Nursing Practicum – Undergraduate	–	175
Pharmacy Clerkship	–	200
Senior Class Enrichment	–	2
Registered Dietitian Training	–	107
Biomedical Engineering Program Enhancement	–	1,500
Computer Science Program Enhancement	–	300
UG Business Program Expansion – Major	–	2,000
UG Business Program Expansion – Minor	–	1,000
UNC Charlotte		
College of Arts & Architecture Majors	–	250
College of Engineering	–	300
College of Computing & Informatics Majors	–	225
International Students	–	200
College of Health & Human Services Majors	–	250
College of Education	–	300
UNC Greensboro		
Student Teaching	–	250
Open Water Diver Scuba	–	375
Advanced Open Water Diver Scuba	–	271
Exercise Physiology	–	25
MSN Education	–	1,330
MSN/DNP Adult Gerontological NP Program	–	2,440
MSN/DNP RN Anesthetist Program	–	200
MSN/DNP Program	–	1,400
RN to BSN	–	210
Traditional BSN Program	–	1,260
Nursing PhD Program	–	500
School of Music, Theatre & Dance Studio Usage	–	70
Studio Art Majors (undergraduate)	–	400
Art History Majors	–	100
Dance Students	–	150
Theatre Students	–	400
Media Studies	–	100
Institute of Partnerships in Education (IPIE) Micro-course	–	100
Master of Science in Nursing (PELMSN)	new	3,000

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
UNC Wilmington		
MS in Accountancy	\$ –	\$ 150
EMBA Domestic Residency (Weekend)	–	950
EMBA Domestic Residency (Week)	–	1,925
EMBA International Residency (Week)	–	3,000
Professional MBA	–	600
MS Data Science	–	1,500
MA Integrated Marketing Communications	–	450
BS Software Engineering Fee	–	918
CSB NY Trip	new	750
Marine Science Summer Labs	new	150
UNC School of the Arts		
School of Dance – Injury Screening & Prevention	–	524
School of Design and Production	–	676
School of Drama	68	552
School of Filmmaking	–	1,409
School of Music	–	576
Western Carolina University		
CFPA Studio and Equipment Usage	–	250
School of Engineering – Joint Program	–	200
Professional Education	–	72
Student Teaching	–	450
Study Abroad Fee	–	150
Athletics Training Program	–	400
Dietetics Program	–	250
Recreational Therapy Program	–	100
Emergency Medical Care Program	–	700
Environmental Health Program	–	100
Sustainability	–	10
Social Work Program	–	350
Honor College Program	–	30
NC School of Science and Mathematics		
Early Accelerator Courses * (7 th , 8 th , and 9 th grades)	–	1,495
Accelerator Courses * (10 th , 11 th , and 12 th grades)	–	1,925

** These fees are for non-credit high school courses (non-NCSSM students).*

Application Fees

Application fees are charged to individuals submitting applications for admission as students to the university to offset the cost of handling applications and to provide funds for recruiting students. Increases to Application fees were not allowed for 2025-26.

The proposed Application fees, effective for Fall Term 2025, are listed below.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
Appalachian State University	\$ –	\$ 65
East Carolina University		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	75
Medical	–	75
Dental	–	80
Elizabeth City State University	–	30
Fayetteville State University	–	50
N.C. A&T State University	–	60
NC Central University		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	50
Law	–	50
NC State University		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	85
International – Undergraduate	–	100
International – Graduate	–	95
Non-Degree Studies	–	40
UNC Asheville		
Undergraduate	–	75
Graduate	–	60
UNC-Chapel Hill		
Undergraduate	–	85
Graduate	–	95
Dentistry	–	84
ASPID	–	150
ASPID Interview and Bench	–	300
Law	–	75
MAC	–	85
MBA	–	150
Medicine	–	68
Public Health Epidemiology Certificate	–	45
Public Health Concepts Certificate	–	45
Public Health Leadership Certificate	–	45

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Proposed 2025-26 Fee</i>
UNC-Chapel Hill (continued)		
Maternal & Child Health Certificate	\$ –	\$ 45
Health Policy & Management Community Preparedness & Disaster Management	–	75
SPH Global Health Certificate	–	77
Post Masters of Science in Nursing	–	75
School of Education – MSA, MSA-Flex, MEDX, Post-Bacc Programs	–	90
UNC Charlotte		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	75
International Undergraduate	–	80
International Graduate	–	85
UNC Greensboro	–	65
UNC Pembroke		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	55
International Undergraduate	–	45
International Graduate	–	60
UNC Wilmington		
Undergraduate	–	80
Graduate	–	75
UNC School of the Arts		
Undergraduate/Graduate/High School	–	95
International Students	–	130
Western Carolina University		
Undergraduate & Graduate	–	65
International Intensive English Program	–	90
Winston-Salem State University	–	50

The attached summary spreadsheets provide an overview of the tuition and fee rates for undergraduate resident and nonresident students effective for the 2025-26 academic year.

The University of North Carolina
Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time
Undergraduate Resident Students by Carnegie Classification
Proposals for 2025-26

	2024-25 Approved Rates				Recommended 2025-26 Changes					
	Tuition	Mandatory Fees*	Debt Service	Total Tuition & Fees	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Debt Service	Total Changes	Proposed Tuition & Fees	% Incr.
App State	4,242	2,569	594	7,405	-	51	-	51	7,456	0.7%
ECU	4,452	2,274	445	7,171	-	68	-	68	7,239	0.9%
ECSU	1,000	2,392	-	3,392	-	-	-	-	3,392	0.0%
FSU	1,000	2,250	335	3,585	-	94	(35)	59	3,644	1.6%
N.C. A&T	3,540	2,564	588	6,692	-	-	-	-	6,692	0.0%
NCCU	3,728	2,245	570	6,543	-	34	-	34	6,577	0.5%
NC State	6,535	1,885	380	8,800	-	42	(27)	15	8,815	0.2%
UNCA	4,122	2,817	394	7,333	-	-	-	-	7,333	0.0%
UNC-CH	7,019	1,599	147	8,765	-	(25)	77	52	8,817	0.6%
UNCC	3,812	2,512	695	7,019	-	78	-	78	7,097	1.1%
UNCG	4,422	2,407	707	7,536	-	70	-	70	7,606	0.9%
UNCP	1,000	2,367	281	3,648	-	50	(87)	(37)	3,611	(1.0%)
UNCW	4,443	2,433	376	7,252	-	15	-	15	7,267	0.2%
UNCSA**	6,497	2,510	-	9,007	-	-	-	-	9,007	0.0%
WCU	1,000	2,444	700	4,144	-	55	-	55	4,199	1.3%
WSSU	3,401	2,275	360	6,036	-	-	(28)	(28)	6,008	(0.5%)
Average	3,763	2,346	411	6,521	-	33	(6)	27	6,548	0.4%

* Students enrolled in distance education programs are exempt from certain mandatory fees and the debt service fee. They are assessed the Educational and Technology fee, the Campus Security fee, and the Association of Student Government fee.

** Does not include High School

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Undergraduate Nonresident Students by Carnegie Classification
Proposals for 2025-26

	2024-25 Approved Rates				Recommended 2025-26 Changes					
	Tuition	Mandatory Fees*	Debt Service	Total Tuition & Fees	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Debt Service	Total Changes	Proposed Tuition & Fees	% Incr.
App State	21,875	2,569	594	25,038	657	51	-	708	25,746	2.8%
ECU	20,729	2,274	445	23,448	-	68	-	68	23,516	0.3%
ECSU	5,000	2,392	-	7,392	-	-	-	-	7,392	0.0%
FSU	5,000	2,250	335	7,585	-	94	(35)	59	7,644	0.8%
N.C. A&T	17,400	2,564	588	20,552	200	-	-	200	20,752	1.0%
NCCU	16,764	2,245	570	19,579	-	34	-	34	19,613	0.2%
NC State	30,583	1,885	380	32,848	917	42	(27)	932	33,780	2.8%
UNCA	21,470	2,817	394	24,681	-	-	-	-	24,681	0.0%
UNC-CH	39,228	1,599	147	40,974	3,924	(25)	77	3,976	44,950	9.7%
UNCC	19,065	2,512	695	22,272	953	78	-	1,031	23,303	4.6%
UNCG	20,773	2,407	707	23,887	623	70	-	693	24,580	2.9%
UNCP	5,000	2,367	281	7,648	-	50	(87)	(37)	7,611	(0.5%)
UNCW	21,318	2,433	376	24,127	1,279	15	-	1,294	25,421	5.4%
UNCSA**	24,231	2,510	-	26,741	-	-	-	-	26,741	0.0%
WCU	5,000	2,444	700	8,144	-	55	-	55	8,199	0.7%
WSSU	14,057	2,275	360	16,692	-	-	(28)	(28)	16,664	(0.2%)
Average	17,968	2,346	411	20,726	535	33	(6)	562	21,287	2.7%

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