USU Announces New Tuition Rates and Reduced Fees at Blanding Campus

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Utah State University has announced tuition changes for students attending the Blanding campus, along with changes to the university’s Career and Technical Education tuition.

Beginning with the summer 2020 semester, full-time (12-18 credits) students from Utah and the Four Corners region who have 65 or fewer earned credits at the Blanding campus will have a tuition rate of $1,820.64. Students who attend USU Blanding who do not qualify for in-state residency and have 65 or fewer credits will receive a full-time tuition rate of $5,435.52.

In prior semesters, students would be charged, regardless of earned credits, by the amount of credits for which they registered. The tuition changes result in a more predictable cost for students and aim to incentivize completion of associate degrees along the path to bachelor’s degree attainment.

“You don’t often hear about universities lowering tuition, but that is exactly what we did,” said Kristian Olsen, Associate Vice President of USU Blanding. “The new tuition model for our associate and bachelor’s degree students is going to allow students to select from a wider array of classes and get through their program faster, which will end up saving them money.”

Another significant change that will go into effect this summer is in regard to Career and Technical Education tuition and fees. Reduced tuition for CTE students will cost $67.50 per credit, and student fees will cost $15 per credit. Each CTE program will have additional program fees that will vary by program. Previously, students in CTE programs paid the same tuition rate as other students. The tuition changes result in more comparable costs to other technical colleges in Utah.

“The changes to our Career and Technical Education programs are critical in developing today’s technical workforce in Southeastern Utah,” said Larry Smith, Interim Vice President of Statewide Campuses. “These affordable, competency-based programs prepare students with in-demand skills and hands-on training while they enjoy a traditional student environment.”

“The lower tuition rate for our Career and Technical Education students is a game changer. It will allow more students to get an education and into a job,” said Olsen.

Students who have more than 65 earned credits will have the same tuition rate and student fees as those students who attend the main campus in Logan and other statewide campuses across the state of Utah. The 2020-21 tuition rate for a full-time student for those campuses will be $3,365.95 with student fees set at $363.07 for statewide campuses and $565.77 for the Logan campus.

“One of the reasons why I love being an Aggie at USU Blanding is the university is always looking for ways to support students,” said Hunter Warren, USU Blanding student body executive vice president. “The lower tuition for our career and technical students along with the new tuition model will be another way that the university is helping students reach their educational and career goals.”

Students will be charged tuition based on their earned credit hours at the time of registration. Students who have questions about the change in tuition can contact their campus for more information on how these changes will impact them in the upcoming semesters.

Stay tuned for a virtual event to answer any questions about the new Southeast Tuition table as part of USU’s What’s Next Wednesdays.

For more information about USU tuition and fees, please visit statewide.usu.edu/southeast-tuition.