

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

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Estimated Nine-Month Budget

The following nine-month budgets are offered as estimates of reasonable expected expenses.

A&M-San Antonio Undergraduate Student Budget for 2020-2021

Texas Resident and Non-Resident | Fall and Spring (award year of nine months)

Full Time

Expense	At Home	Residence Hall	Off-Campus
Tuition & Fees	\$8,442	\$8,442	\$8,442
Room & Board	\$2,746	\$10,552	\$8,418
Books	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Transportation	\$3,216	\$3,216	\$3,216
Miscellaneous	\$3,428	\$3,428	\$3,428
Resident Total	\$19,032	\$26,838	\$24,704
Non-Resident Fee	\$13,726	\$13,726	\$13,726
Non-Resident Total	\$32,758	\$38,580	\$38,430

A&M-San Antonio Graduate Student Budget for 2020-2021

TEXAS RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT | FALL AND SPRING (AWARD YEAR OF NINE MONTHS)

Full Time

Expense	At Home	Residence Hall	Off-Campus
Tuition & Fees	\$6,602	\$6,602	\$6,602
Room & Board	\$2,746	\$10,552	\$8,418
Books	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Transportation	\$3,216	\$3,216	\$3,216
Miscellaneous	\$3,428	\$3,428	\$3,428
Resident Total	\$17,588	\$24,998	\$22,864
Non-Resident Fee	\$7,922 (Tuition), \$180 (Fees)	\$7,922 (Tuition), \$180 (Fees)	\$7,922 (Tuition), \$180 (Fees)
Non-Resident Total	\$25,690	\$33,100	\$30,966

Financial Obligations

Students are expected to pay all financial obligations to the University when due. Failure to meet such obligations will result in a student's record being placed on a hold status and may result in the student not being able to take final examinations, receive official transcripts, or enroll for another semester. If an account is not paid when due, the institution has the right to forward past due accounts to a collection agency. The student will be responsible for any and all attorney's fees and other collection agency fees necessary for the collection of any amounts not paid when due. Payment of past due accounts by check (paper or electronic) may result in a ten day delay in clearing any associated holds to allow time for the payment to clear.

Financial Responsibility Agreement

All students must electronically accept the University's Financial Responsibility Agreement prior to enrolling. The Agreement will appear as a pop up as students navigate to registration via JagWire. The full text of the Agreement may be found on the Student Business Services web page.

Students receiving University-sponsored financial aid are expected to pay all financial obligations owed the University at the time they receive the financial aid.

Note: The census date of the semester is the day that all tuition and mandatory fees must be paid in full. However, the university may establish a payment deadline in advance of census date. If all tuition and mandatory fees are not paid in full, a class or classes will be dropped for non-payment by the census date. The census date of the long semesters (fall and spring) is the 12th class day. Census dates for other terms or parts of term are based on Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) rules. Please refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of deadlines.

Mandatory Tuition and Fees

Students who do not pay mandatory tuition and fees in full by established deadlines may be dropped from one or more classes, according to the unpaid balance due. Students who make the required initial payment of the deferred payment plan will not be dropped.

Guaranteed Tuition Plan

Effective Fall 2018, first time undergraduate resident students default into the One Year Option Tuition and Fee Plan at the point of admission acceptance. The One Year Option Tuition and Fee Plan is locked in for the current academic year, and may increase each year thereafter.

First time undergraduate resident students may opt into the Guaranteed Plan on or before the census date for their initial term. To complete the process of opting into the Guaranteed Plan, students must log into their account via JagWire, click on **Classes and Registration** and follow the steps to opt-in.

The Guaranteed Plan covers: Statutory Tuition, Designated Tuition, and All Mandatory Fees (International Education Fee, Rec Sports Fee, and University Services Fee). It does not cover optional fees such as Ebook course fees, field trip fees, parking permits, etc.

Effective fall 2016 through summer 2018, students who enrolled with the University defaulted into a Guaranteed Plan that is in effect for up to four years (12 consecutive terms) based on classification at the point of admission acceptance. Freshmen will have 4 years, sophomores will have 3 years, and juniors will have 2 years. Undergraduate resident students who continue enrollment after the expiration of their Guaranteed Plan will be assessed tuition and fees based on the One Year Option Tuition and Fee rates in effect at that time. Tuition and fee tables for both plans may be found at Tuition and Fee Tables.

Important: Students who opt in to the Guaranteed Plan will be locked in to the Guaranteed Tuition and Fee Plan for up to four years (12 consecutive terms) based on classification at the point of opting-in. After opting into the Guaranteed Plan the student is not eligible to opt out of the Guaranteed Plan at a later point in time.

Deferred Payment of Tuition and Fees

Students selecting the deferred payment plan may pay tuition and fees in three payments for summer or four payments for fall or spring terms. There is a non-refundable \$15 administrative fee for choosing the deferred payment plan. Students who select a deferred payment plan need to be absolutely sure of all the classes/expenses, as only one plan is allowed per term. They are subject to the following provisions:

1. Students receiving University-sponsored financial aid equal to or greater than their tuition and fees **must** pay in one payment. All financial aid funds received after selection of the deferred payment plan will be applied to the student's account balance until paid in full.
2. A student who fails to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date may be prohibited from registering for classes until full payment is made. A student who fails to pay in full prior to the end of the semester may be denied credit for the work done that semester.
3. If a student makes payment to enroll in a Deferred Payment Plan and the payment is returned to the University, the University may delete the student's Deferred Payment Plan and the student may be subject to being dropped for non-payment. Refer to the Returned Item Policy for additional information about returned items that are presented as payment for tuition and fees.
4. A \$15 non-refundable late fee will be assessed for any payment that is not paid in full by the established date of the enrolled Deferred Payment Plan.

Charge Card Privilege

Students may pay tuition and fees with a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express Credit card. Payments by credit card on student accounts must be made over the web via MoneyConnect and are subject to a credit card convenience fee in the amount of 2.85% of the payment with a minimum of a \$3.00 fee. There is no convenience fee for payment by electronic check. Debit card payments made in the Student Business Services Office are not subject to a convenience fee.

Concurrent Enrollment at another Public Institution of Higher Education

Students concurrently enrolled at A&M-SA and another Texas public institution of higher education must provide evidence of concurrent enrollment to the Registrar on the day they register at A&M-SA. This evidence must include proof of enrollment for the same semester, the number of hours enrolled, and a receipt showing the total tuition and other registration fees paid at another public institution in order for students to be eligible for the provisions of Senate Bill 250, "Tuition Limit in Cases of Concurrent Enrollment".

Returned Item Policy

When a bank or credit card processor returns an unpaid item (i.e., check¹, credit card, money order) that has been submitted to the University, the following procedure will apply:

1. The Student Business Services (SBS) Office will send a notification by email within 3 business days to the individual who submitted the returned item to the University. This notice will indicate the amount of the item, the \$25 returned item charge, and the reason the item was returned. SBS will also attempt to contact the student by phone to provide verbal notice. The individual is given 10 days from receipt of notification to clear the returned item using cash, cashier's

check, money order, debit card or credit card. Only payment in full will be accepted. The University will not accept a personal check as repayment for a returned item.

2. A registration and transcript hold will be placed on the individual's record. After an individual has two or more items returned to the University, the University reserves the right to refuse acceptance of future checks from that individual. If an individual stops payment on a check presented to the University, the University reserves the right to refuse acceptance of future checks for payment of University charges.
3. In those instances where a student fails to redeem a returned item and charge within the 10 day period, the University will initiate one or more of the following courses of action:
 - a. If the item was given in payment of tuition and fees or is in excess of \$100, the student may be withdrawn from all classes at the University. The Student Business Services Office will notify the Registrar's Office of the requested withdrawal. The Registrar's Office will withdraw the student as of that date and notify the student, all instructors and any other offices that may need to take action (i.e. International, Student Services). The student will receive a refund only if the withdrawal occurs prior to or during the percentage refund dates for the semester. Any refund resulting from the withdrawal will be held to be applied toward the returned item. If the student is withdrawn after midpoint of the session, the grade entered on his/her transcript will be at the discretion of each instructor.
 - b. Returned items for less than \$100 may be referred to the Office of Student Engagement & Success for disciplinary action.
 - c. In those instances where the returned check and charge have not been redeemed after two notification attempts, the University may take the check to the district attorney (or county attorney) and file a complaint with that office. Any further action on the matter will follow the legal process as prescribed by the respective attorney's office.
- 1 Check, in the Returned Item Policy, refers to all forms of checks (electronic and paper). The student is responsible for any checks presented on their behalf.

Resident vs. Nonresident Student Status

All students attending Texas A&M University-San Antonio who are nonresidents of Texas will be charged additional tuition in accordance with state law. The responsibility of registering under the proper residence status is placed upon the student. If there is any possible question about the right to legal residence in Texas under state law and University rules, the student must raise the question with the Office of the Registrar and have such question settled prior to registration. There can be no change of residence unless authorized by the Registrar. Students must pay the correct tuition and fees at the beginning of each semester or term for which they register. Any attempt on the part of a nonresident to evade the nonresident fee may lead to expulsion from the University. Legal resident information forms to assist students in determining their proper legal status are available in the Registrar's Office.

Military Residence

Military persons stationed in Texas who wish to avail themselves or their dependents of military residence provisions of state law must submit during their first semester of enrollment in which they will be using the waiver program, a statement from an appropriately authorized officer in the service certifying that they (or a parent) will be assigned to duty in

Texas on the census date of the term they plan to enroll, and that they are not in Texas only to attend training with Texas units. Such persons shall pay resident tuition so long as they reside continuously in Texas or remain continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate program (enrollment in summer semester is not required to remain continuously enrolled).

Veterans' Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

In August 2014 Congress passed the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. Section 702 of the "Choice Act" requests that Texas A&M University-San Antonio provide in-state residency for tuition purposes to veterans and their family members using the Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) or the Active Duty Montgomery GI Bill® (Chapter 30) for terms that begin after July 1, 2015 with the following qualifying circumstances:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the service-member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

A student seeking in-state tuition under Section 702 must be using GI Bill® entitlement for the term in which their resident status will be evaluated.

A residence determination cannot be made until all supporting documents have been received. Once a covered individual is determined to have met the qualifications for in-state residence, this person will retain his or her status as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled in the institution.

Visit the link for more information regarding the Section 702 Veterans Choice Act (<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/702.asp>).

In order to determine your eligibility under Section 702, please contact the Office of Military Affairs, located in the Patriots' Casa, Suite 202. They can be reached by phone: (210) 784-1397 or email: military@tamusa.edu.