University of Northern Iowa
Common Fees Glossary

Application Fees (non-refundable)

Undergraduate Domestic Student and Non-Degree Student
The undergraduate domestic student application fee is for those students applying for admission as new undergraduate students to the University of Northern Iowa. This fee is non-refundable and is used to defray administrative costs incurred in the processing of these applications in the areas of data processing, personnel, supplies and postage.

The non-degree student fee is non-refundable and used to defray costs associated with the admission processing for those students applying for admission on a non-degree basis. Students in this category may include exchange students and dual enrollment students.

Undergraduate International Student
This fee is charged to non-immigrant applicants to undergraduate study at the university. This fee is slightly higher than the domestic rate to cover the additional costs incurred with the evaluation of foreign credentials, international postage and immigration forms.

Graduate/Professional Domestic Student
This fee is for processing applications for admission to graduate study. This fee is non-refundable and is used to defray administrative costs incurred in the processing of these applications in the areas of data processing, personnel, supplies and postage.

Graduate/Professional International Student
This fee is non-refundable and used to defray costs associated with the admission of international graduate students. The evaluation of foreign credentials for admission and transfer equivalency is costly on an individual basis. In addition, immigration documents and international communications add to the processing cost of these applications.

Re-Entry Fee
This fee is non-refundable and used to defray costs associated with the processing of re-activation materials for those students who have had a multiple semester lapse in their continuous enrollment. This activity may include the evaluation and entry of transfer credit earned since last enrollment.

Applied Music Fees

Group Sessions (4 or more, per credit hour)
Instrument Rental (per instrument)
Private Lessons
These fees are charged to students receiving private or group applied music instruction and are in addition to regular tuition. The fees offset the costs of one-on-one or small group instruction and services of professional accompanists. The fees vary depending upon major/non-major status and credit hours taken. Additionally, instrument rental fees offset repair and maintenance costs necessary for continued student usage.

Billing Fees

Deferred (payment over three to five months)
This is a once a semester/summer charge for those students who wish to spread their payments over monthly installments.
Continuing Education (per credit hour)

Undergraduate
Graduate
Courses offered on a non-residential (distance) basis are provided through continuing education. These credit bearing courses may be at the undergraduate or graduate level. Courses may be presented in person, over video conferencing or online via the web.

Undergraduate Non-Resident
Graduate Non-Resident
A "per credit hour" rate is charged to non-resident participants in distance-delivered courses and programs. The rate is within a range that has as its low end the current, resident tuition rate and extends at the high end to the current, non-resident tuition rate. This range provides flexibility to charge for particular programs or offerings as market conditions allow.

Technology Fee
The Technology Fee is a critical resource for providing technology-based educational experiences and services to UNI students. This is the only mandatory fee assessed to students enrolled in distance education courses. It is assessed on a per course basis using the same rate applicable to on-campus courses.

Departmental Exam for Credit Fee (per exam)
This fee covers expenses in creating, administering and scoring special examinations for students who wish to ‘test out’ for credit from a regular course in which they are not enrolled.

Developmental Course Fees
Developmental courses are those whose level of content knowledge is fundamental to beginning level college credit courses. Any credit earned in developmental courses is not applicable to a degree.

Diploma Replacement Fee
This charge is assessed to students who wish a replacement copy prepared of their lost or destroyed diploma.

Employer Reimbursement Deferred Billing Fee
This fee is assessed to those students who have a reimbursement agreement with their employer. This allows the students to defer paying for the course until they receive reimbursement from their employer.

Graduate College Fees
Thesis Fees-Masters/Doctorate
The fee is charged to doctoral or master’s students submitting their thesis for review by an editor in the Graduate College. The fee helps defray costs in materials and personnel to provide this service.

Late Fee for Applying After Deadline (applies to graduate students only)
This additional fee is assessed to graduate students only who apply for graduation after deadlines published by the Graduate College and covers extra costs associated with processing the late application.
ID Card Replacement Fee
This fee is assessed to those students who request replacement of their lost or destroyed student ID card. This fee covers cost of materials, equipment, processing and personnel associated with this service.

Lakeside Lab (per credit hour) (5 weeks)
Undergraduate
Graduate
Lakeside Lab is a unique instructional center on the shores of West Okoboji Lake.

Late Payment of Fees and Charges
This administrative charge is a variable fee assessed at a rate up to 1% of the amount past due when a student fails to pay the minimum amount due on their university statement of account. The fee is assessed monthly on the amount past due until the payments are brought current.

New Student Programs/Matriculation Fees
This fee is assessed to all new degree seeking undergraduate students. The fee provides funding for new student orientation programs (staffing, facilities, and programming costs), extended orientation programs and other success initiatives for students during their first year on campus. It also supports outreach to and intervention with at-risk undergraduate students, early intervention software and ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) math placement testing.

International Student Orientation (additional program)
This supplemental fee covers the expenses associated with costly activities that are not part of the orientation offered to domestic students.

Refund Schedule Fees
Before the First Day of Class
First Week
Second Week
Third Week
Fourth Week
After Fourth Week
Reduced Load (reduction of hours) – First Two Weeks (after second week 0.0%)
Tuition for the semester is set at the official census date which is at the end of the first two weeks of instruction. Students adding credits after this date will have the appropriate amount of any additional tuition assessed. If a student totally withdraws from the term, their amount of tuition reduction is based on the general refund schedule. Students reducing their credit load but remaining enrolled have their tuition assessment based on the reduced load schedule.
Registration Fees

**Doctoral Post Comprehensive or Prelim / Masters Final**
To create and maintain an enrollment for doctoral students who have completed all coursework but have not finished all degree requirements.

**Graduate Continuing Scholar**
For graduate students who need university services such as computer labs and the library but are not registered in any coursework.

**Late – Day 11 onward**
Assessed to students whose initial registration for a semester is on or after the eleventh day of instruction. The fee varies based on the number of days after classes have begun to the date of initial registration.

**Reissue Check Fee / Returned Check/Debit Fee**
The reissue check fee is to cover the cost in creating a replacement check. The returned check/debit fee is assessed when a check from a student is returned to the university because of insufficient funds. It is also assessed when a debit payment from a student is disallowed because of insufficient funds.

**University Records and Document Fee**
This fee combines several individual fees previously charged to students per transaction into a one-time, life-time fee. The fees eliminated include the fax fee; the graduation and degree application fee; some of the registration fees; and the transcript fee.
Continuing Education (per credit hour)
  MBA Program (Domestic)
  International Courses
  Courses and programs offered on a non-residential (distance) basis are provided through continuing education. This fee helps cover costs associated with the domestic off-campus MBA program as well as specialized coursework to select international audiences.

Guided Independent Study (per credit hour)
Guided independent study is self-paced, individualized instruction provided remotely in various transmittal formats such as the web, video and print material.

Immunization Record Late Fee
Students who have not provided the required immunization documentation are assessed this fee. The fee covers the cost of individual mailings and follow-ups to students who are late providing the state required information.

Open Credit (per project)
Open credit is designed for special projects such as papers, experiments, works of art or portfolio assessment of prior learning. The fee for each project is tied to the two-hour undergraduate resident tuition rate.

Study Abroad Fees
  Administrative Fee
  Program Fees – Academic Year
  Program Fees – Semester
  Program Fees – Short Term
  Program Fees – Non-UNI Program
  These fees are assessed to enable students to be placed in study abroad enrollments.