

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2012

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

FROM: Warwick Arden, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

SUBJ: Clarification of Distance Education Tuition and Fees

As we approach the time for mailing invoices to students for Fall 2012 enrollments, it has become obvious that further clarification of how the new tuition and fees billing structure will apply to different types of students is needed. Following is a clarification of the billing based on the type of student rather than the course in which the student is enrolled:

- Degree Seeking On Campus Student (on-campus subplan) takes either all on-campus courses or a mixture of on-campus and Distance Education (DE) courses
 - **Billed at on-campus stair-step tuition and fees (no extra charge for either DE or on-campus credits above full time level of 9 SCH for a Graduate student or 12 SCH for an Undergraduate student)**
- DE Student (DE subplan) takes all DE courses
 - **All billed at DE rate**
- DE Student (DE subplan) takes some DE courses and some on campus
 - **Billed at DE rate (tuition and DE fees) for DE courses**
 - **Billed at On-campus stair-step tuition and fees for on-campus courses**
- Non-Degree Seeking (NDS) Students
 - **Billed per credit hour at DE rates for DE classes**
 - **Billed at On-campus stair-step tuition and fees for on-campus courses**

Attached is an updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page that will be posted on the University Cashier's Office website. Please direct any questions not addressed by either this memo or the FAQ page to the University Cashier's Office.

cc: Chancellor Woodson
Charles Leffler

Distance Education Tuition and Fees - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am a student enrolled full-time and pursuing a degree at NC State. How will this change impact me?

A: As a full-time student admitted to a traditional, campus-based degree program, you will simply pay the full time tuition and fee rate, period. There will not be additional charges if one or more of your courses is a Distance Education course.

Q: How will this change impact students pursuing a degree through Distance Education and enrolled only in Distance Education courses?

A: Students who have been admitted to a Distance Education degree program will be charged tuition and fees at the approved Distance Education rates.

Q: How will this change impact non-degree seeking (NDS) students?

A: For now, this change applies only to degree-seeking students. Non-degree seeking students will not be affected by this change. NDS students will continue to pay DE rates for distance education courses and on-campus rates for on-campus courses.

Q: How do I know if I am a non-degree seeking (NDS) student?

A: The Non-degree Studies Program is administered by the Department of Registration and Records and provides individuals who have not matriculated into a degree program access to credit courses at NC State University on a part-time basis. Permission to attend as an NDS student does not guarantee or imply admission into a degree program. For additional information see: [://www.ncsu.edu/nds/](http://www.ncsu.edu/nds/)

Q: How will this change affect tuition and fees for summer school?

A: Tuition and fees for summer school, both on-campus and DE, will not be impacted by this change at this time.

Q: Are students enrolled in distance education programs eligible to take courses on campus?

A: In general, it is expected that students enrolled in a distance education program will take all of their coursework by distance education. However, at the option of the program, a distance education student may take some of their coursework on campus.

Q: If a distance education student takes a course on campus, may he/she take advantage of fee supported services on the campus, such as the Student Health Center?

A: Yes. Distance education students who take an on-campus course will be billed on-campus tuition and fees for that course; therefore, these students will have access to fee supported services.

Q: Will this change impact the availability of online courses to students?

A: No. However, we anticipate that online sections of courses may fill up more quickly as a result of increased demand.