

University of Tennessee Southern

Proposed Increases to 2025-26 In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Tennessee Southern (UTS) during the Board's meeting on June 30 – July 1, 2025. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

<https://tennessee.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed In-State Tuition & Fees	2024-25	2025-26	Change	
Tuition	\$9,640	\$9,930	\$290	3.0%
Mandatory Fees	\$1,284	\$1,334	\$50	3.9%
Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$10,924	\$11,264	\$340	3.1%

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increase

The tuition rate increase is requested to help offset the cost of doing business due to inflation and rising costs of operation. An increase in the mandatory fee is requested to help offset the inflationary costs of technology-related equipment and services. While UTS is expected to receive an increased state appropriation for 2025-26 to support performance and strong enrollment growth, it must continue to increase undergraduate tuition and fee rates modestly to achieve financial sustainability in future years.

Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition Increase will be used

The revenue generated by the tuition increase will be used to fund the FY26 salary increase pool, which is partially funded by the state appropriation. In addition, the incremental tuition revenue will help offset inflationary increases in day-to-day operations, continued improvements in information technology, additional branding, and marketing communications. The undergraduate tuition increase is necessary to continue to build a revenue base for UTS to achieve long-term financial stability.

Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition Increases on Students

UTS anticipates the effect of the tuition increases for students will be minimal as a majority of its students receive financial aid which helps to offset any increase in the cost of attendance.