

## FLAT-RATE TUITION TO SAVE STUDENTS MONEY

Good news for Crookston students!

The University of Minnesota, Crookston, has restructured the tuition policy in favor of a flat-rate tuition strategy. All credits above 13 per semester will now be tuition-free beginning Fall 2007. Students taking 13 credits or more will pay a flat-tuition rate of \$3,224; credits 1-12 are assessed at a per-credit rate of \$248 per credit.

Please note that a separate \$15 fee for each online credit taken will also be charged on top of the costs for either scenario.

### FAQ'S ABOUT FLAT-RATE TUITION

**Why a flat-rate tuition?** A flat-rate tuition structure, or tuition banding, is a way to help students reduce the cost of their education. Students who take advantage of the band and graduate in 4 years, rather than 5 years, pay significantly less and can save nearly \$20,000.

To graduate in 4 years, a student on average must complete 15-16 credits per semester. With the flat-rate tuition, students taking 15 or more credits will pay \$8,821 in tuition and fees for academic year 2007-08. This represents a less than 3% increase over the previous year.

#### **What does a flat-rate tuition mean for me?**

A flat-rate tuition for a full-time student will mean that your student account will not be charged any additional fees for credits above 13 credits. For example, you will be able to register for choir, band, etc., for credit and not be charged separately. You may want to earn one credit in your sport if you are a student athlete.

#### **How many credits can I take a semester?**

A flat-rate tuition provides a single tuition cost for 13 or more credits. You may decide that 16 credits are what you need in order to graduate in four years. However, students wanting to take fewer credits can pay on a per-credit basis. If you and your advisor believe that 20 or more credits are required for a single semester, you must file a separate appeal form through the Office of the Registrar.

#### **What if I want to register for additional classes?**

You can still add classes for Fall 2007 to take advantage of the flat-rate tuition. You can register for classes online at <http://onestop.UMCrookston.edu/registration> or contact the Office of the Registrar for more registration information. Many advisors also check their e-mail over the summer, so if you need help with selecting additional classes, we encourage you to contact them as well.

#### **How much will I be charged?**

Students taking 15 or more credits will pay \$3,224. Students taking 12 credits or fewer will pay \$248 per credit. For any online courses, a separate \$15 fee for each online credit will also be charged. For example: if you take four 3-credit classes on campus and one 3-credit online class, you will be charged the flat rate of \$3,224 for tuition plus \$45 for online credit fees. Or if you enroll in two 3-credit class and one 3-credit online class, you will be charged \$2,232 in tuition (9 credits) plus an additional \$45 for online credit fees.

#### **What if I enroll part time here at the Crookston campus and part time at another U of M campus?**

Students must register for all 13 credits of coursework at the Crookston campus to take advantage of the new policy. Although all U of M campuses have the same flat-rate tuition structure starting Fall 2007, all campuses have different tuition costs and per-credit charges.

#### **Does this affect my financial aid?**

A 12-credit load is still considered full-time status for all aid with the exception of MN State Grant. Students receiving a MN State Grant will have funds adjusted if they drop below 15 credits. MN State Grant will be monitored throughout the last tuition refund date. A student receiving the Academic Competitiveness Grant must complete 30 credits by the end of their freshman year in order to maintain eligibility for the grant.

#### **Important Contact Info:**

Business Office	218-281-8331
Financial Aid Office	218-281-8569
Registrar's Office	218-281-8548
Admissions Office	218-281-8569
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