

Broad-Based Fees – Fall 2020

Broad-based fees for institutions within the State University of New York (SUNY) are generally charged to all enrolled students to finance discrete activities that benefit the student body—excluding those activities that are part of the core instructional program. Farmingdale State College’s broad-based fees include:

- **College Fee** – charged to all SUNY students and is utilized to supplement campus operations by providing additional funds to support the academic mission of the College.
- **Intercollegiate Athletic Fee** – supports intercollegiate athletic activities including the program operation, facilities, and support of our teams
- **Health Service Fee** - provides basic medical assistance to all students via the campus Health and Wellness Center
- **Technology Fee** - supports the increased use of computing and communication technology in the deliverance of academic course offerings and administrative services available to all students
- **Student Activity Fee** - supports the activities sponsored by the Student Government Association which includes activities and events offered at various times throughout the semester and are open to all students
- **Recreation Fee** - supports the Campus Recreation Department which provides students with an opportunity for a wide variety of recreational activities
- **Transportation Fee** - supports the operation and maintenance of student transportation services on campus and/or between the campus and surrounding community
- **Transcript Fee** - covers the cost of any transcript requests processed through the Registrar's Office

SUNY's [Policy on Fees, Rentals and Other Charges](#) provides system-level information regarding broad-based fees. Broad-based fees are intended to work in concert with SUNY's rational tuition plan, providing students and their families with information that will help them to plan for the costs of college. The current schedule and proposed fees for 2020/21 can be found on the [Tuition and Fees](#) page of the College’s website.

Intercollegiate Athletic Fee – reduced by 25% for Fall 2020

The purpose of the [Farmingdale Intercollegiate Athletic Program](#) is to support and expand the total educational experience offered by the College. The program, available for men and women, offers student-athletes a wide variety of opportunities for participation. Farmingdale is a Division III member of the NCAA, and competes as members of the Skyline, ECAC, CTC Conferences and NJAC Conference (for track only). The College is committed to the ideals of a quality intercollegiate athletic program that contributes to its objectives of offering its students a quality educational experience. Specifically, the athletics fee:

- Provides team equipment and the maintenance of athletic facilities
- Underwrites transportation, meals and other expenses for the teams
- Supports salaries for individuals who coach the teams, manage the athletic programs and maintain the campus athletic facilities

The SUNY [Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics](#) governs funding of intercollegiate athletics programs and the College’s Intercollegiate Athletics Board (IAB) monitors, reviews and recommends policy for campus intercollegiate athletics programs.

Student Benefits and Impact

- Provides an equitable, balanced and broad-based athletics program for all student athlete participants and the campus community
- Strengthens campus recruitment and retention
- Increased institutional visibility and exposure
- Athletic program provides various employment opportunities for students, on average:
 - \$30,000 in student payroll expenses, \$45,000 in CWS opportunities, impacting 65 students
- Expands diversity to campus population
- Delivers sense of community and campus pride
- Promotes quality of student life
- Opportunities for socialization and peer interaction in a positive and healthy environment
- Access to high quality athletic facilities that are functional, aesthetically consistent with other college facilities, safe and comfortable for student-athlete participants, staff and spectators
- Supports the department's ability to hire diverse and qualified staff, coaches and administrators to ensure achievement of student athletes
- Programmatic support includes travel, equipment, and supplies pertaining to various athletics operations

Health Service Fee

Revenue from the student Health Service Fee is directed to health, counseling, prevention services and related programming. At Farmingdale, the fee supports the operation of the [Health and Wellness Center](#) and [Campus Mental Health Services](#). SUNY's [Policy on Student Health Services](#) contains principles governing the provision of such services, including the following:

- Campus based health services exist to serve students, based on needs assessment
- Campus health services should provide access to delivery systems for primary acute illness and injury care, as well as specialized clinics and educational programs
- The nature and scope of the health services provided should be developed and measured in conjunction with existing national standards
- In an effort to ensure quality health care, campuses should regularly assess all aspects of medical and educational programs, student satisfaction, and support of institutional mission

Supported services now include student health care, counseling services, and health promotion programs and services that support student well-being.

Student Benefits and Impact

- Students with a current Farmingdale ID and the necessary immunization and health information are eligible to obtain the following services:
 - Entrance physical exams
 - Women's health services (Gynecological exams)
 - Immunizations- MMR, tetanus, meningitis, influenza
 - Athletic physical exams and EKGs

- Medical clinics
- Laboratory services- including STD/STI testing
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Alcohol and other addiction counseling
- Smoking cessation counseling
- Referrals for students with food insecurities
- Massage Therapy
- Chiropractic Service
- Acupuncture
- Free professional counseling services to all students, addressing areas such as anxiety and stress management, coping and problem-solving skills, relationship issues, depression, family crisis, trauma and loss, adjustment to college life and living, anger management, communication skills, substance use and abuse, and habit disorders
- Specialized assessment services can be arranged, and a wide range of educational and personal growth-oriented programs are presented throughout the year in settings such as classrooms, residence halls, and student center meeting rooms, to provide members of the campus community with opportunities to explore areas of personal interest and development

The 2020/21 broad-based fee includes a \$25/year increase to this fee due to the continued rise in costs associated with health care and mental health services. In 2018/19 the fee was increased for the first time since 2013. Even with this increase, Farmingdale's fee is still \$34 below the SUNY average and \$42 below the average for the comprehensive sector. The additional revenue will allow the College to add additional positions, increase service hours, as well as continue renovations to improve our health and wellness facilities. Next year we will continue to introduce new preventative programs and services which will include the hiring of additional staff and the expansion of service hours. We will also continue to renovate exam rooms, office space, and other parts of the facilities.

Technology Fee

A Technology Fee is assessed to FSC students in order to build, maintain, and support an information technology infrastructure that is necessary to provide a high-quality learning environment. Revenue generated from this fee, in addition to allocated operating budgets, is used to address specific technology needs such as:

- Technological advances in classrooms, laboratories and enhanced learning spaces used by students, through planned upgrades and modifications
- Funds basic infrastructure, enterprise software and advancements in technology integration
- Library automation
- Remote network access
- Public computing sites
- Student services automation (i.e. registration and billing)

The fee supports the increased use of computing and communication technology in the deliverance of academic course offerings and administrative services available to all students. It is utilized to support broad-based campus projects which have a positive impact upon technology services and support for use by all students.

Student Benefits and Impact

- Access to College-wide wireless network
- A personal Farmingdale account used to access a wide range of campus IT services, including an email account
- Student computing sites with computers, software and printing available
- Help Desk assistance by phone or submitting a ticket via email
- Blackboard Learning System
- Full Software Catalog
- Farmingdale OASIS Portal for conducting college business
- Electronic resources available from Library, including full text journals, articles and e-books

The 2020/21 broad-based fee includes a \$13/year increase to this fee. In Spring 2020, we moved forward with upgrading some of our classrooms for hybrid and remote learning which include the purchase of items such as document projectors and webcams. We will continue upgrading classrooms for Fall and Spring 20/21 to increase our occupancy and our ability to offer more classes in this modality. The increase will also help support the replacement of servers in order to assure that we can continue to meet the current need for virtual desktops, as well as the increased demand as we distribute more laptops and Chromebooks to faculty and students. Also, our computer labs are setup to operate at 25% capacity for the Fall semester which will result in the need for virtual computer labs. With hybrid and remote learning happening in the Fall, the College will be providing technology infrastructure to offer virtual labs for academic departments. This increase will also support the expansion of our public Wi-Fi access to allow students to access their online courses while social distancing on campus property.

Student Activity Fee – reduced by 25% for Fall 2020

As stated in the policy of the Board of Trustees, this fee supports student activities, programs, and events sponsored by the Student Government Association. These programs enhance the student experience and promote a quality of campus life that supports student academic success and personal development. According to SUNY's [Policy on Student Activities](#), funds which are collected shall be used only for support of the following programs for the benefit of the campus community:

- Programs of cultural and educational enrichment
- Recreational and social activities
- Tutorial programs
- Athletic programs, both intramural and intercollegiate
- Student publications and other media
- Recognized student organizations including religious student organizations, for the purposes and activities of the organization that are of an educational, cultural, recreational or social nature; provided that the criteria for recognition of such student organizations, including, the criteria governing eligibility for funding of and allocations to such student organizations from student activity fees, shall be specified in the constitution and by-laws of the student government
- Insurance related to conduct of these programs
- Administration of these programs
- Transportation in support of these programs

- Student services to supplement or add to those provided by the College
- Remuneration and reimbursement of reasonable and necessary travel expenses in accordance with state guidelines to students for service to student government
- Campus-based scholarships, fellowships and grant programs, provided the funds are administered by the campus or a campus affiliated organization
- Payments for contractual services provided by a nonprofit organization to the extent that such services are in aid of an approved student activity during the budget year and which activity serves the purposes set forth above and provided further that such payments may not be exclusively for the general corporate purposes of such organization
- Salaries for professional non-student employees of the student government to the extent that they are consistent with hiring practices and compensation rates of other campus-affiliated organizations
- Charitable donations to a nonprofit organization; provided, however, that such donations may be funded only from the proceeds of a fundraiser held by a recognized student organization

Groups must meet specific state guidelines to receive funding.

Student Benefits and Impact

- Stimulates student recruitment and retention
- Fosters leadership skills through participation in activities
- Increases visibility and exposure to the Farmingdale campus
- Promotes interaction across a number of college campuses
- Contributes to overall student health and well being
- Student Activities Programs offers student employment opportunities
- Enhances exposure to professional development
- Heightens sense of campus community and campus pride
- Encourages student involvement opportunities promoting a good quality of campus life
- Provides a platform for social interaction
- Builds self-esteem
- Reduces stress and promotes relaxation
- Enhances overall life skills

Recreation Fee – waived for Fall 2020

A Recreation Fee has been implemented to support the Campus Recreation Department for the purpose of providing students, faculty and staff a wide variety of recreational activities. These activities include but are not limited to

- Intramural Sports Leagues and Tournaments
- Fitness and Group Exercise Classes
- Outdoor Pursuits (Hiking, Biking, Skiing)
- Professional Sporting Events

By implementing this fee, the above-mentioned activities will be free to all students, as well as access to the weight room in Roosevelt Hall.

Student Benefit and Impact

- Employment opportunities for students
- Increased diversity on campus
- Increased opportunities for student interaction
- Enhanced quality of student life
- Increased institutional student recruitment and retention
- Programs and activities available to students as a healthy alternative to the use of drugs and alcohol
- Opportunities for enhanced student engagement and involvement on campus
- Opportunities for socialization and peer interaction in a positive and healthy environment
- Increased awareness of personal health and well-being
- Access to activities that help to build self-esteem, reduce stress, and promote healthy development

Transportation Fee – reduced by 25% for Fall 2020

A Transportation Fee may be established for State-operated campuses serving a student base that requires transportation from one location to another. Revenue generated from the fee may be used to support the operation and maintenance of an infrastructure for this activity. This shall include, but not be limited to, agreements with existing public or private transportation providers, the operation and maintenance of a campus-controlled system, or partnerships with other campuses.

This fee helps fund the Campus Shuttle for the FSC community. It can be searched in real-time right from your phone. Search FSC Shuttle in the app store. The shuttle has 30 seats and starts running on the first day of classes and continues through finals during the Fall and Spring semesters. The shuttle is wheelchair accessible and will pick up all riders at the front of Laffin Hall, the LIRR station in the Village of Farmingdale and to the Aviation Center.

Transcript Fee

This fee is assessed on a per semester basis to all students to cover the cost of printing and mailing transcripts on the student's behalf to other institutions. Students enrolled prior to 2011, who paid the \$10 per semester Transcript Fee, are guaranteed unlimited lifetime transcripts. Students who enrolled in 2011 or after, are eligible for 50 free transcripts per year in the first three years following graduation, and up-to 25 free transcripts per year following. This is in accordance with SUNY's [Policy on Fees, Rentals and Other Charges](#).