



July 30, 2024

To our valued Command College Community,

The University System of Georgia (USG) has recently made changes to the eligibility of mandatory fee waivers. This decision will have a significant impact on our esteemed MPSA students, a vital part of our Command College Community.

USG Policy 7.3.2.1¹ states that all students must be charged mandatory fees each semester. These fees² allow students to access various services, technology, and activities. Institutions can waive or reduce these fees as long as they adhere to Policy 7.3.4.2³, which details the waiver of mandatory fees. On April 20, 2024, the Board of Regents approved significant changes to Policy 7.3.4.2. These changes now make it mandatory for students in the Master of Public Safety Administration (MPSA) program to pay mandatory fees. Students within the Undergraduate Certificate Program will still be exempt from the mandatory fees under Item #6 of Policy 7.3.4.2.

The Command College community is used to paying a rate per course rather than per semester. However, mandatory fees are charged as a flat amount each semester, regardless of the number of courses a student takes. As a result, we will now bill students by semester and no longer provide a cost per course.

We understand that these changes are significant and will impact our MPSA community. We want to assure you that we are diligently working on developing a proposal to submit to the University System of Georgia for consideration. However, rates are approved only once each year after the conclusion of the General Assembly session. Therefore, the rates seen on the next page will be charged to MPSA students for the FY2025 fiscal year.

Your feedback is not just welcomed, it's crucial. We need to understand how these changes will affect your ability to pay for your student's tuition and fees through the third-party invoicing process. Your input will guide us in making informed decisions that best serve our community.

Sincerely,

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¹ USG Policy 7.3.2.1: <https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section7/C453>

² These Fees, Columbus State University: <https://www.columbusstate.edu/bursar/mandatory-fees.php>

³ USG Policy 7.3.4.2: <https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section7/C453>



COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Student In-State Tuition and Fees Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Hours	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total
1	\$215.00	\$705.00	\$920.00
2	\$430.00	\$705.00	\$1,135.00
3	\$645.00	\$705.00	\$1,350.00
4	\$860.00	\$705.00	\$1,565.00
5	\$1,075.00	\$705.00	\$1,780.00
6	\$1,290.00	\$705.00	\$1,995.00
7	\$1,505.00	\$705.00	\$2,210.00
8	\$1,720.00	\$705.00	\$2,425.00
9	\$1,935.00	\$705.00	\$2,640.00
10	\$2,150.00	\$705.00	\$2,855.00
11	\$2,365.00	\$705.00	\$3,070.00
12+	\$2,580.00	\$705.00	\$3,285.00

Please note, all MPSA courses are three credit hours.

- If a student takes two courses per semester, they will be billed for six credit hours (\$1,995)
- If a student takes only one course, they will be billed the rate for three credit hours (\$1,350)