

Georgia Institute of Technology Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are Mandatory Student Fees?

As defined in Section 7.3.2.1 of the Board of Regents (BOR) Policy Manual, these are fees paid by all students unless waiver provisions apply. See [Mandatory Fees Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

2. What are the Mandatory Fees at Georgia Tech?

- Health Services Fee
- Student Activity Fee (*for Student Center, Campus Recreation Center, and student organizations*)
- Athletic Fee
- Technology Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Student Recreation Fee (*for debt service on Campus Recreation Center*)
- Special Institutional Fee (*see #4 for more information*)

See the [Bursar's Office website](#) for the current mandatory fee charges.

3. What are fees called that are *not* mandatory?

Other optional fees such as housing, parking, and dining are classified as “elective” fees. These are NOT subject to the review process described in #5 and are annually approved by the President.

4. Is the Special Institutional Fee also a Mandatory fee?

Yes. The Board of Regents instituted this fee (\$544 per semester in 2014-15) and determines the fee level outside of Georgia Tech's and other institutions' fee review processes.

5. What is the review process for Mandatory Fees at Georgia Tech?

This mandatory fee review and approval process for the subsequent academic year consists of the following steps:

- a. For each fee there is an advisory committee that provides advice to each organization funded by that fee. These are the following: Athletic Advisory Committee, Health Services Advisory Committee, Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, and Technology Fee Advisory Committee.
- b. Each organization funded by a mandatory fee considers its advisory committee's input and then submits any proposal for a fee increase to the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee (MSFAC). After formal review of the request, the MSFAC votes on the recommendations that it will present to the President.
- c. The Committee then submits its recommendations to the President for review, generally in mid-to late January.

- d. The President considers the Committee’s recommendations and then submits his recommendations to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents acts on the President’s recommendations at its April meeting for the next fiscal year.

6. What is the make-up of the MSFAC?

The Mandatory Fee Advisory Committee at Georgia Tech is comprised of twelve members:

- a. Eight students appointed by the Presidents of the Student Government Association (normally both SGA presidents of are members of the Committee).
- b. Four faculty or staff members appointed by the President of Georgia Tech.

For more detailed information on the Mandatory Fee Process:

<http://www.budgets.gatech.edu/Views/MSFAC.aspx> (select “MSFAC Approval Process Policy”)

7. How may a student provide input regarding Mandatory Fees?

- a. You may go to the SGA Facebook, the SGA Twitter account, or Reddit to post your comments.
- b. Contact any representative of the SGA and voice your opinion
- c. You may also contact any member of the MSFAC:

<http://www.budgets.gatech.edu/Views/MSFAC.aspx> (select “Membership List”)

8. What has been the trend regarding Mandatory Fee increases at Georgia Tech?

The trend for Mandatory fees is shown. This includes the Board of Regents’ Special Institutional Fee, which was first approved in Spring semester 2009 and increased in the three subsequent years. Details are found on the above-cited web site.

