Georgia Institute of Technology
Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee

Frequently Asked Questions

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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.
   For more detail information on Mandatory Fees:
   Visit [MSFAC Website](#) (select "Mandatory Fees Fact Sheet")

2. **What are the Mandatory Fees at Georgia Tech?**
   - Activity Fee
   - Athletic Fee
   - CRC Operations Fee
   - Campus Center Facility Fee *(for debt service on Campus Center)*
   - Health Fee
   - Recreation Facility Fee *(for debt service on Campus Recreation Center)*
   - Student Campus Center Operations Fee
   - Technology Fee
   - Transportation Fee
   - 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 #4 and are annually approved by the President.

4. **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, with expectation of meeting the BOR deadline, generally in mid-December.

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.

5. **What is the make-up of the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee (MSFAC)?**

   The MSFAC 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 and one student is designated as the committee co-chair).
   b. Two faculty members appointed by the Provost's Office of Georgia Tech.
   c. Two staff members appointed by the Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance (includes the co-chair from the Budget Office).

   For more detailed information on the Mandatory Fee Process:

   Visit the [Mandatory Student Fee and Budget Review Policy](#) for more information

6. **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:

      Visit [MSFAC Website](#) (select "Membership List")

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

The trend for Mandatory fees is shown in figures 1 and 2 below. This includes the Board of Regents' Special Institutional Fee, which was first approved in Spring semester 2009 and increased in the three subsequent years. In FY2023, the Special Institutional Fee was eliminated causing a decrease in the overall fees paid by students. All other fees were held at their current rates due to the continued focus on student affordability.

 Details can be found on the MSFAC website (see previous question for link). The new Campus Center Facility Fee ($85) was established in FY2021.

Figure 1 – Graduate Mandatory Fees Per Semester
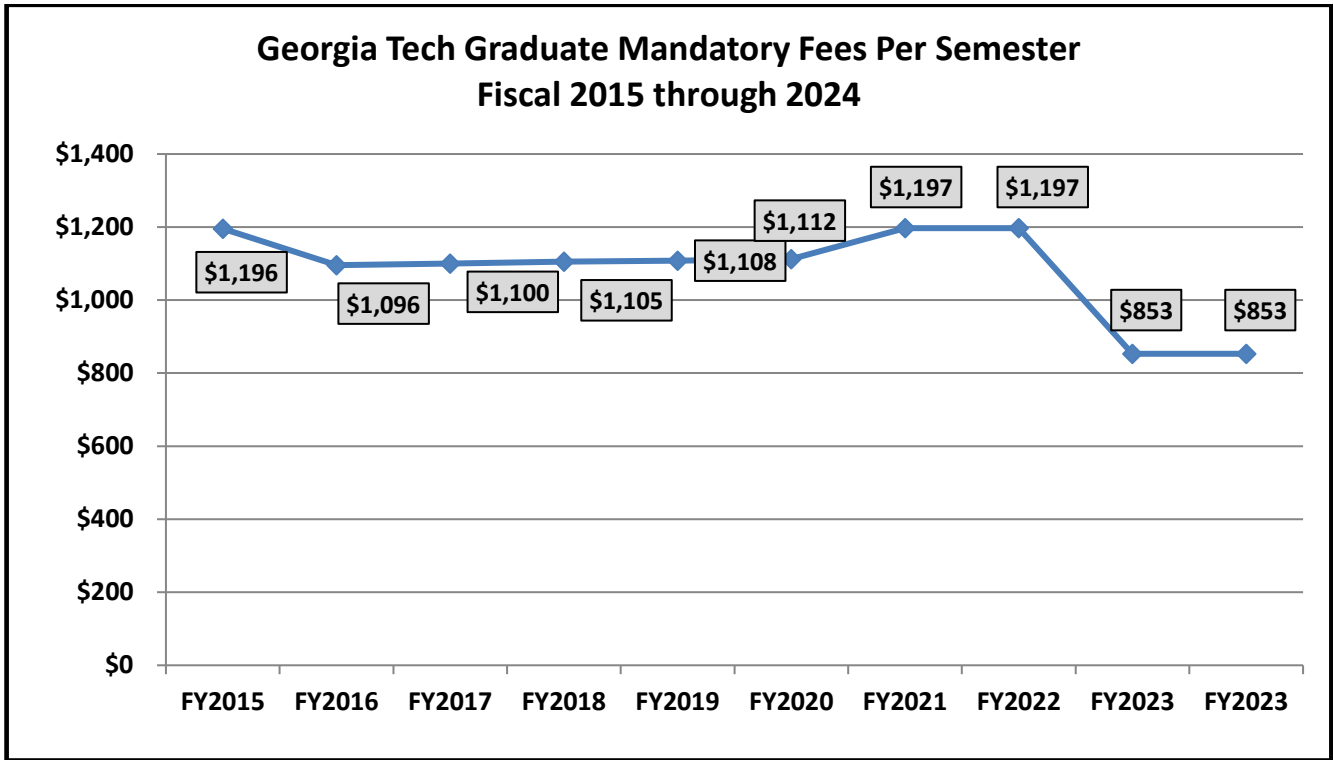

Georgia Tech Graduate Mandatory Fees Per Semester
Fiscal 2015 through 2024

Figure 2 – Undergraduate Mandatory Fees Per Semester

Georgia Tech Undergraduate Mandatory Fees Levels Per Semester
Fiscal 2015 through 2024