Fee Setting

Introduction
The University is committed to providing clear and timely information about tuition fees in order to assist applicants and students in making informed decisions.

This protocol covers all cohorts of student (undergraduate and postgraduate) and all modes of attendance on degree programmes. The purpose of this protocol is to outline:

• The principles by which the University sets tuition fees and the framework it adopts for forthcoming academic years;
• The annual fee-setting process and the University’s approach to fee variation;
• The information that will be available to applicants and students.

Approach and guiding principles
1. To enable students to plan for the cost of a university education, the University provides applicants with information on tuition fees and other known mandatory charges for the full duration of a degree programme before an offer is made.

2. The University reviews its fees and charges annually and communicates this information to all students. The University’s fee setting process leads to the publication of a list of approved fees for all cohorts by the end of October for
the coming academic year and indicative tuition fees for the following three academic years:

http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/money/tuitionfees/feestable/.

3. Tuition fees for some cohorts of student are regulated by external bodies to the University; in such cases the University follows guidelines published by these external bodies¹.

4. Where fees change for registered students during the course of a degree programme the published fee cap will be applied. For students who are caught between systems or fee increases due to leave, the University will apply a policy of no detriment.

5. In addition to information on the web, the University provides and publishes information on tuition fee rates and policies at the point of offer. Specifically, the University guarantees that:

   • Information is available about approved and indicative tuition fees for the full duration of a degree programme.
   • Information is available on fee status assessment procedures:
     https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/policy/fee-status-policy/.
   • Information is available on known charges for compulsory elements of the degree programme (e.g. an assessed field trip).
   • Information about fee implications relating to changes of circumstances (e.g. Leave of Absence, Extensions) is available to students prior to requesting a change and made clear before accepting a change.
   • Students have choice and flexibility in the academic content of their degree programme; information on module specific charges is published on an annual basis to ensure that students are aware of these charges where they apply when making such choices.
   • No supplementary tuition fees will be applied.

¹ Undergraduate tuition fees for Scottish and EU domiciled students are set by the Scottish Government. Undergraduate tuition fees for students from the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are set by the Islands Authorities, Research Postgraduate fees for Home students are set by Research Councils.
• Any annual uplift in undergraduate overseas tuition fees for current students will be capped for future years at 5% per annum.
• Any annual uplift in research postgraduate overseas tuition fees for current students will be capped for future years at 3% per annum.

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