

Miscellaneous Course Fee Policy

Policy Statement: Miscellaneous course fees are defined as fees collected for materials, services or use of facilities used in concert with the basic complement of supplies needed for state-supported instruction. Miscellaneous course fees should provide materials or services that have a tangible benefit to students. Miscellaneous course fees are **not** to be charged in lieu of classroom and laboratory supplies and materials provided by enrollment funding campuses regularly receive through marginal cost of instruction per student and permanent base budget allocations.

Fee Policy: Miscellaneous course fees can only be charged for the actual cost of providing exceptional instructional materials, services or use of an off campus facility. Students must have the option of attaining the materials or services required through alternative means; however, in cases where such alternative means are unavailable, students cannot opt out of utilizing the required material or service and must pay the miscellaneous course fee.

The following **rules** apply when determining if miscellaneous course fees can be charged for exceptional materials or services in the classroom:

1. Miscellaneous course fees can only be charged for the actual cost of the material, service or use of facility being provided.
2. A miscellaneous course fee **cannot** be charged for the basic complement of classroom supplies and materials required for instruction. These include but are not limited to: chalk, erasers, paper clips, pointers, classroom instructional equipment such as projectors (slide, overhead, computer, etc.) and associated supplies (bulbs, transparencies, software, etc.), or any other supplies deemed necessary to equip the instructional space for courses.
3. A miscellaneous course fee **cannot** be charged for the basic complement of laboratory supplies and instructional equipment necessary for classroom lab requirements identified in the course description. These include but are not limited to equipment, test tubes, work stations, computers or any supplies necessary to equip laboratory space to complement classroom course instruction.
4. Administrative charges and inflationary factors **cannot** be added to miscellaneous course fees. Only the actual cost of the material, service or use of a facility can be charged.
5. A miscellaneous course fee **cannot** be charged to fund the basic cost of instruction. Instructional costs are funded through marginal cost dollars, state university fee revenue, and permanent base budget allocations.

Approved Fee Ranges:

\$0-\$150	Fees that supplement the basic complement of classroom and laboratory instruction by providing materials and services that would otherwise be unavailable to students, and which allow students to meet the educational objectives of a given course.
\$0-\$3,000	Fees for courses that require field trips or travel off campus in order to meet the educational objectives of a given course.