

# Financial Information

## Tuition and Fees

### Undergraduate Courses

The [Detailed Tuition and Fee Schedule](#) is available online.

### Estimated Tuition and Fees

To ascertain the Tuition and Fees Fee Schedule, please visit [BlazerNET](#).

### Deadlines

Student account payment deadlines are available on the [Academic Calendar](#) for each term. Students who do not make the initial payment of 100 percent of the total account balance by the first payment deadline will automatically be enrolled in the Blazer Flex Plan, which will include a \$25 enrollment fee. The Blazer Flex Plan allows students to make payments in three equal installments. Payment deadline dates are available on the Academic Calendar and [online](#).

### Penalties

Students who fail to pay by the deadline are subject to substantial late fees. Students with delinquent accounts will not be allowed to register at UAB, and transcript requests will not be honored until all accounts are paid in full. The [list of penalties](#) is available online.

### How to Pay

Payments can be made via the web with a BlazerID and Password on [BlazerNET](#). The One Stop office also has a drop box where checks can be dropped off. Payments can also be made at the UAB Financial Operations Center. All fees are due by the published deadline, as indicated on the UAB Academic Calendar. For tuition questions, please call Student Accounting Services at (205) 934-3570.

## Contact

### UAB Financial Operations Center

Administration Building  
Room #160  
Birmingham, AL 35294  
(205) 934-4151

### Student Accounting Services

1700 University Blvd.  
LHL Ground Floor G10  
Birmingham, AL 35294  
(205) 934-3570

## Voluntary Medical Withdrawal Policy

The Voluntary Medical Withdrawal Policy at UAB establishes procedures to follow when a student suffers from a physical, emotional, or psychological condition that significantly impairs the student's ability to function successfully or safely as a student. The policy is primarily administered by the UAB's Student Health Services (SHS) according to the procedures described below.

### Academic Impact

Medical withdrawal, when approved, withdraws a student from all courses for a given semester/term. Students are not

allowed to medically withdraw from individual courses, with the following exceptions:

- When a student is enrolled in clinical, physical education, and/or other courses in which the student cannot meet the essential requirements of the course. For example, a student may be assigned to a clinical site that requires standing for an extended period of time and becomes unable to do so due to an injury. The student could medically withdraw from the clinical coursework and remain enrolled in other courses.
- When parts of a term within a semester have unique start and end dates. For example, the summer semester at UAB includes five separate terms (May Session, Summer A, Summer B, Summer 10-week, and Full Summer). It would be possible, if approved, for a student to complete coursework in Summer A and to medically withdraw from Summer B. In this example, the student would not be medically withdrawn from the entire summer semester, but rather only from all courses for the Summer B.

*NOTE: A medical withdrawal may have an impact on financial aid. Students should discuss the consequences of a medical withdrawal with a Financial Aid Advisor.*

## Procedures

Medical withdrawal requests are to be used when a documented medical condition affected a student's ability to attend or successfully complete a course they are enrolled in during a previous semester/term. Students who need to withdraw during the current semester should request a Regular Term Withdrawal.

A timely medical withdrawal for a previous semester must be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the last day of class for the semester/term for which the withdrawal is requested, with any supporting documentation submitted within thirty (30) calendar days of initiating the medical withdrawal request. The student must submit the *Student Request for Voluntary Medical Withdrawal* form and the *Licensed Provider Recommendation for Medical Withdrawal* form (withdrawal instructions are available [online](#)). For all approved retroactive medical withdrawals, the effective date shall be the last day of class for the semester/term in question.

***Voluntary Medical Withdrawal Requests submitted outside of the semester in question, and beyond the required sixty (60) day deadline, must have clearly documented extraordinary circumstances in order for the request to be considered.*** Extensive documentation (such as extended hospitalization and/or extensive, required rehabilitation, etc.) must be submitted to the SHS and must be related to the reasons for the medical withdrawal and to the circumstances that prevented a timely request.

After appropriate SHS personnel have deemed a medical withdrawal request eligible for consideration, a designated SHS physician handles all medical withdrawal decisions on behalf of the University. The designated SHS physician, on behalf of the University and, where appropriate, in consultation with relevant University personnel, will conduct

an individualized assessment of the student's situation before deciding to approve or deny the request and determining the effective date of the withdrawal. Once a decision is rendered, SHS will notify the Office of the University Registrar (for undergraduate students) or the Graduate School (for graduate students). Upon notification by SHS, the University Registrar/ Graduate School shall process the withdrawal (if approved) and notify the student of the outcome within ten (10) business days.

## Medical Withdrawal Documentation

A student **must** fully and accurately complete the *Student Request for Voluntary Medical Withdrawal* request via BlazerNET.

- A student **must** have a licensed medical provider (physician, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant, or mental health professional) submit a completed *Licensed Provider Recommendation for Medical Withdrawal* form (available [here](#)) via the Patient Portal, or if there is time, by mail to UAB Student Health & Wellness Center, Medical Withdrawal, 1714 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294. The licensed medical provider shall be a provider who is currently treating the student for the condition(s) prompting the withdrawal request and is responsible for obtaining permission from the student to provide the documentation and to discuss the medical conditions, if needed, with the appropriate University personnel. If the University, in its sole discretion, determines that an extraordinary or emergency situation exists, alternative documentation may be requested and considered.
- A student **may** also attach to the student request form any further supportive documentation from the instructor of record for the courses within the semester/term for which a medical withdrawal is requested.
- In the event that the student's medical condition so incapacitates the student that the student cannot act on his or her own behalf, the student's parent, legal guardian, or spouse should contact the UAB Student Health & Wellness Center at 205-934-3581 for further guidance.

## Handling of a Medical Withdrawal

Once a Medical Withdrawal has been approved, the Office of the University Registrar/Graduate School will assign a grade of "W" on the official transcript. The student is still responsible for any tuition and fees associated with the term/semester in which the medical withdrawal applies.

## Return to the University Following Medical Withdrawal

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they are medically prepared to re-enroll. While eligible to return in a future term after requesting a medical withdrawal, subsequent medical withdrawal requests for the same condition will not be approved within 24 months of the initial request. Exceptions may be considered in situations where

documented extraordinary circumstances are available. Students who do not return within one academic year will be made inactive and must reapply for admission. In cases where students need more than one year to return following a medical withdrawal, a Leave of Absence may be requested.

If a student voluntarily withdraws from the University while academic honor code, non-academic, or Title IX charges against him or her are pending, permission for readmission will be granted only after the charges have been resolved.

## Title IX Exception

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Division of Student Affairs oversees the University's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Title IX Office is responsible for the [Title IX Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct Policy and related procedures](#) to foster a campus community free from sexual misconduct, which includes gender-based assault, harassment, exploitation, dating and domestic violence, stalking, as well as discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and related retaliation.

The Title IX Office provides reasonable protective measures and interim support, which may include a Medical Withdrawal. In Medical Withdrawal submissions involving the Title IX Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct Policy, the withdrawal will be handled outside of this policy and in conjunction with the Title IX Office. For more information, please visit <https://www.uab.edu/titleix/>.

## Questions

For clarification or more information, undergraduate students should contact the Office of the Registrar. Graduate Students should contact the Graduate School.

## Withdrawal Refund Policy

The University is required to contract for a substantial amount of goods and services in advance. Most of these expenses are fixed and are not subject to change on short notice. Under certain circumstances, refunds are available to students who officially withdraw from the University. A student desiring to withdraw from the University must complete the withdrawal process in BlazerNET. This policy applies to summer terms.

If a student withdraws from all courses in a term, a portion of or all financial aid may be returned by the University to the original provider(s) of the funding. In such cases where the return of funds creates a balance due to UAB, the student will be required to reimburse the University for those returned funds and any associated fees.

The following schedules will dictate the amount of tuition refunded to the student when the student withdraws from all courses in a term. Fees will not be refunded after the last day of the add/drop period. For more information, please visit <https://www.uab.edu/students/one-stop/classes/add-drop-and-withdrawal-policy>.

## Withdrawing from a Course

To avoid academic penalty, a student must withdraw from a course by the withdrawal deadline shown in the academic calendar and receive a grade of W (withdrawn). The withdrawal period ends at approximately 75% of

the academic term. Failure to attend class does not constitute a formal drop or withdrawal.

Withdrawal from courses can only be accomplished using official procedures. The official withdrawal must be completed online in BlazerNET. In extraordinary circumstances, if it is impossible for the student to withdraw online, the student may mail a withdrawal letter to the Office of the Registrar. The official date of withdrawal will be the date the letter is received in this office. If the official date of withdrawal is after the last day to drop without paying, no tuition or fees will be refunded.

For financial aid purposes, the date of last class attendance will be the official date of withdrawal unless otherwise documented. Note that individual schools may have withdrawal rules in addition to the above.

Withdrawal from a course while a possible violation of the Academic Honor Code is under review will not preclude the assignment of a course grade that appropriately reflects the student's performance prior to withdrawal if the violation is substantiated.

## Exceptions to Academic Policy - Academic Appeal

Students are responsible for adhering to UAB's academic policies, as published in the UAB Undergraduate Catalog. The Provost may make exceptions to policies. Exceptions will only be made in extraordinary circumstances. In such instances, students requesting an exception to policy must provide the cause and specific documentation in order for the request to be considered.

Submitting an exception to academic policy/academic appeal does not guarantee tuition reimbursement, and if a refund is warranted, the amount returned will be predicated upon the percentage of the semester the student participated. Requests are evaluated only from written documentation and not through appointments or telephone calls. Information and forms are available [online](#). (Please note that grievances of an academic nature are addressed through the Academic Grievance Policy). Requests for exceptions must be submitted at the earliest possible time. Consideration will not be given to any request submitted later than the term immediately following the term for which the exception is being requested. Refund schedules for any withdrawals from the term are published in the [Academic Calendar](#) for each term. For students receiving refunds, such refunds will first be applied to any outstanding obligations and to any scholarship, grant, or loan the student has received for that term. A student who is receiving any form of Federal Title IV Financial Aid will be liable for any unearned funds received as determined by the Federal Return of Funds Policy (check with the [Student Accounting Office](#) for details).

Failure to adhere to the published drop and withdrawal deadlines (as outlined in the UAB Catalog and the UAB Class Schedule) does not qualify under this policy as an Academic Exception.

## Contact

### Exceptions to Academic Policy - Academic Appeal

Office of the Registrar  
Campbell Hall  
1300 University Blvd. CH 117A  
Birmingham, AL 35294  
(205) 934-8228

## Financial Aid to Students

Students should apply for financial aid if they need assistance in paying for the cost of education. Students applying for financial aid are considered for all programs for which they are eligible.

Assistance generally takes the form of a combination of grant, loan, and employment. The amount of the award is based on the financial need of the student, taking into consideration the student's total expenses and the family's financial circumstances. A nationally recognized method of analysis approved by the federal government is used to determine the family's ability to pay toward the cost of education.

## Applying for Financial Aid

Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at <http://studentaid.gov> in October. The earliest students can submit the FAFSA is October 1. Instructions and UAB forms are available online at <https://www.uab.edu/students/paying-for-college>. Since some of the aid programs have limited funding, students are encouraged to submit all required forms to the financial aid office by December 1 for financial aid for the following fall to ensure they receive aid from all programs for which they are eligible. In order to meet the tuition and fee deadlines, completed applications should be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the tuition due date. Students must reapply for financial aid each academic year.

Since procedures and rules are subject to change, students interested in applying for financial aid can receive further information online at [www.uab.edu/financialaid](http://www.uab.edu/financialaid).

## Contact

Student Financial Aid  
[finaid@uab.edu](mailto:finaid@uab.edu)  
(205) 934-8223

## Mailing Address

UAB Student Financial Aid  
1720 2nd Avenue South- LHL G12  
Birmingham, AL 35294

## Financial Aid Programs

### Federal Pell Grants

The federal government has allocated funds that currently provide grants up to \$7,395 per year for eligible students. All undergraduate students needing financial assistance should apply.

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants provide assistance for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. The maximum annual grant at UAB is \$2,000.

### Federal College Work-Study Program

Eligible undergraduate and graduate students may work part time and earn money to help pay their educational expenses while attending school. On-campus and off-campus jobs are available in areas related to the student's educational interests.

## Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

The Federal Direct Subsidized Loan is a need-based loan for undergraduate students with a current fixed rate of 4.99%. Repayment begins six months after the student's enrollment level drops below half time. Annual loan limits are \$3,500 for freshmen, \$4,500 for sophomores and \$5,500 for juniors and seniors.

## Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

This is a non-need-based loan with a current fixed rate of 4.99% for undergraduate students. Interest must be paid while the student is in school or must be capitalized as agreed upon by the borrower and lender. Repayment of the principal and any capitalized interest begins when the student's enrollment status drops below half time. The annual loan limit combined with the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan is \$5,500 for freshmen, \$6,500 for sophomores and \$7,500 for juniors and seniors.

## Additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Independent students or dependent students whose parents cannot borrow under the Federal Direct PLUS Program may borrow \$4,000 as freshmen and sophomores, and \$5,000 as juniors and seniors.

The aggregate limits for Federal Direct Loans are \$31,000 for dependent undergraduates and \$57,500 for independent undergraduates. Students must be attending at least half-time to be eligible for the Federal Direct Loan Program.

## Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students

This is a non-need-based loan with a current fixed rate of 7.54%. Repayment of principal and interest begins immediately after the loan has been disbursed. Annual loan limits are the cost of attendance minus other aid.

## Scholarships

UAB offers scholarships to students with a wide range of academic accomplishments. Rewarding our highest-achieving students is important to us, as is providing scholarship opportunities to students who work hard to do their best.

A full listing of scholarships is available online at <https://www.uab.edu/admissions/cost/scholarships>.

## Academic Common Market

The Academic Common Market is an interstate agreement among selected southern states for sharing academic programs at both the baccalaureate and graduate levels. Participating states are able to make arrangements for their residents who qualify for admission to enroll in specific programs in other states on an in-state tuition basis. Participating states are Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Applicants who are non-Alabama residents and wish to enroll at UAB as an Academic Common Market student must be accepted for admission to a UAB program in which the applicant's home state has obtained access through the Academic Common Market.

- Certification of eligibility must be received prior to the first class day of the term; otherwise, in-state tuition status will be awarded beginning with the semester following receipt of this certification. Please note

that if a student who enrolls at UAB as an Academic Common Market student changes majors, the student will revert to paying out-of-state tuition.

- Students placed into "Pre-" major designations due to program requirements are ineligible for Academic Common Market benefits, but may qualify once fully admitted to the approved program. However, certification of eligibility must be received prior to the first day of class for the first semester of enrollment at UAB.
- If a student changes his or her major or residency classification after being approved for Academic Common Market, the student will be reclassified and charged the non-resident rate of tuition.

For more information, visit <https://www.uab.edu/cost-aid/resources/academic-common-market>.