

# Differential Tuition at UNM

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Nearly all undergrad programs at UNM charge Differential Tuition

Currently, SoE differential Tuition is set at \$15.80/credit hour. We are proposing to increase this by \$10/credit hour to a total of \$25.80/CH

Other college differential tuition at UNM:

- ASM \$10.32
- A&S \$10.32
- Emergency Medical Services. \$61.32
- Nursing \$189.08
- Population Health. \$100.00

# What is differential tuition used for in SoE

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Differential tuition is used in several ways to enhance undergrad education in SoE:

- Teaching laboratory equipment and software
- Computer laboratory equipment and software
- Maintenance of laboratories and computers in teaching labs and student spaces
- Compliance with accreditation
- Advising – ~50% of professional advising salaries in SoE are funded through differential tuition
- 20% set aside for need-based financial aid for undergraduates
- Funding for tutoring and other programs in the Engineering Student Success Center (ESS)

# How is differential tuition distributed?

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100% of the differential tuition paid by SoE students comes back to the School of Engineering

SoE differential tuition revenues are distributed by the Dean to each department in proportion to enrollment

# Comparison with peer institutions

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UNM has an official list of 25 peer institutions that we compare ourselves to. Only 22 have engineering/CS

Mostly regional institutions, but also some national. Some examples:

Utah

UC Boulder

ASU

Missouri-Columbia

UT Austin

Texas A&M

18 of these have differential tuition for engineering/CS



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Median engineering differential tuition at 22 peers is \$2,027/academic year (based on 12 credit hours per semester)

UNM engineering differential will be \$619/academic year (based on 12 hours per semester)

This will be the lowest differential tuition among our peer institutions that have a differential.

With our differential tuition added to UNM base tuition, we will still have the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest total engineering/CS tuition among our peers.



# Why are we seeking a raise in the differential tuition for SoE students?

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- Costs of engineering education have continued to rise, outstripping increases in UNM tuition.
  - Especially critical in laboratory equipment, maintenance, and software.
- We will have an accreditation visit in Fall 2023 – this will help us demonstrate that we have the resources needed to offer high-quality engineering and CS education.
- Continue to improve undergraduate advising.
- Add TAs to help teach undergraduate classes and labs.
- Enhance programming in ESS.
- May be able to subsidize costs for textbooks and other required materials for students.

# SoE Differential Tuition Timeline

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We will prepare a proposal for the increase in differential tuition this fall. In addition to speaking with the Engineering Student Council, we will post this on the ESS web site.

Approval required from Provost and Board of Regents.

If approved, will be implemented starting Fall 2023.

**Discussion**

