College of Management Curriculum and Service Fee

Information for Undergraduate Students

In 2010, the University’s Board of Trustees and administration approved a Curriculum and Service Fee to be charged to all College of Management undergraduate students who have earned sixty or more credits and all College of Management Graduate Students.

The 2013-2014 fee for undergraduate students with sixty or more credits is expected to be $400.00 per fall or spring semester and $200.00 per summer session as long as you are enrolled as a matriculated CM student, and regardless of the number or type of courses. The fee will be incorporated into the budget for students receiving financial aid and, therefore, reflected in student awards.

We understand the introduction of this fee for management students will require a greater financial investment on your part, but we also know our students want, and deserve, a top-notch education. As you are aware, CM’s programs are in high demand because of its growing stature and impact, and the Curriculum and Service Fee positions us to provide the additional resources needed to do more and to do better for our students. We have been able to hire additional faculty so we can expand the curriculum and the number of courses offered. We have also enhanced student programs and student success advising, including programs to provide students with greater access to international exchange opportunities, further support our accreditation requirements, increase access to software and tools that graduates will encounter in the work world, and continuously improve the overall quality of the College's programs.

For additional details please see the FAQ about the CM Curriculum and Service Fee on the following page. If you are an undergraduate student in the College of Management and have additional questions, please feel free to contact: Art Goldsmith, Associate Dean or Amy Mei, Undergraduate Program Director; both are located on the fifth floor of McCormack Hall. If you have specific questions about how your financial aid package may be impacted by this fee or how the fee can be covered with aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

For information about the College of Management Curriculum and Service fee for CM Graduate students, please contact the CM Graduate Programs Office.
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Q: What is the current fee, and how is it assessed?
College of Management undergraduate students, with sixty or more credits, will be charged $400.00 per semester and $200.00 per summer session for which they are enrolled, starting in Fall 2013 (summer 2013 charges will be $150.00 per enrolled summer session). This is regardless of course selections during that registration period (i.e.: you will be charged even if you are not in any CM courses during that period). There is no fee for CM students who have fewer than 60 credits.

Q: What am I getting for my money?
The fee will be used to hire more faculty members, thus increasing the number of courses, and variety of specialty areas we can deliver to students. We will also be continuing to enhance our programs and student success advising, including programs to provide students with greater access to international exchange programs. This fee will also support the College in our maintenance of accreditation, which inherently adds value to every degree awarded by the College. Students will also have access to software and tools that graduates will encounter in the work world.

Q: Will financial aid cover this fee?
If you already receive aid, this fee will be incorporated into your budget and the aid package will reflect the additional cost. If you do not currently receive financial aid, you may apply online by going to the website, www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you have questions about your aid package, whether the fee is covered by financial aid, or the financial aid application process, please consult the One Stop in the Campus Center.

Q: I was accepted to another College at UMass Boston for next semester, do I have to pay the fee for the current semester?
Yes. Most Inter-College Transfer acceptance letters for undergraduates will state the first semester in which you will official be enrolled in your new college. Until that time, you will be a CM student, and subject to the fee. For example, if you are accepted to the College of Liberal Arts on March 1, with an effective date for the upcoming fall semester, you would be charged the CM Curriculum fee during the spring semester, as well as the summer session should you enroll in classes during that time, even if you are not taking an CM courses.

Q: When will I start to see the benefits of this fee?
The Management faculty and staff have been developing additional resources and programs for CM students this since 2010. Each semester we can make additional sections of courses available as appropriate in both the graduate and undergraduate programs. As a college, we are committed to maintaining excellence in the programs, services and courses we provide, so while we will work as expeditiously as possible, we will also maintain this commitment.

Q: Why do CM students get charged more money, but students in majors at the rest of the University do not?
Our business program is in high demand because of its growing stature and impact, and that demand is outpacing our ability to accommodate students. This fee has become a necessary tool for us to maintain our educational and service programs and allow access to all students in the College, needing those resources. Since 2010, other parts of the University have implemented similar fees for students in selected programs or colleges as well.

Q: Why are only students with 60 or more credits charged this fee?
While there are students in the College with fewer than 60 credits, many of our courses, resources and programs are directed at our upperclassmen. At this time, we feel that we can add value through this fee, by charging just students who have earned 60 or more credits, thus sparing the fee to students still working their way through the first two years of their college experience.

Q: Is the College of Management at UMass Boston the only school that charges their students an extra fee?
No, in fact many of our peer institutions regionally and nationally charge a similar fee to business students. Additionally, there are other courses at the University that have a fee associated with them as well. This is a practice not unique to our program.