

## **Tuition Waivers** **(see also Residency for Tuition Purposes)**

Department of Oceanography follows the University rules for tuition waivers which consist of a matriculation waiver and/or an out-of-state tuition waiver, and are summarized below:

1. Students qualifying for waivers with a graduate assistantship must
  - a) be at least .25 FTE; for the academic period (15 weeks for fall or spring and 13 weeks for summer);
  - b) be paid at least \$1500 for the academic period; and
  - c) be enrolled and performing satisfactorily in coursework directly pertaining to their degree program.

If the assistantship does not meet the above guidelines, the waivers will be cancelled.  
(as of Fall 2000)

2. Waivers cover 9 - 12 credit hours.
3. Students must be aware the waiver does not cover the full fees assessed. There are additional charges (a health fee, financial aid fee, building fee, transportation fee, etc.) which are typically not waived and for which the student must arrange payment.
4. Courses not related to the academic degree will not be covered by waivers. No recreational courses (bowling, sailing, aerobics, tennis, etc.) will be covered.

Waivers are typically entered before fees are due. Students must sign a waiver receipt acknowledging they are aware of the university waiver policy and return that form to the dept Academic Coordinator.

### **University WAIVER POLICY**

1. Minimum enrollment for summer sessions: Session A (13 Weeks)-9 hours; Sessions B & C (6weeks)-5 hours; D & F (8 weeks)-7 hours; any combination of sessions-9 hours. Exceptions must be approved by the Dean of The Graduate School.
2. During the summer term, graduate students who are registered for dissertation or thesis hours, and are on qualified appointments, **MUST** be registered (for the dissertation/thesis hours) in the session in which they are employed.
3. Waivers can cover only courses related to the student's academic degree. Waivers cannot be used for Sponsored Institute courses (S or Z type classes).
4. Waivers are removed if a student withdraws from the University, drops below the required academic load, or terminates the assistantship or fellowship. Waivers will be revoked if any University authority terminates the assistantship upon which the waiver is based. *Waivers will not cover any dropped classes.*
5. If a student officially withdraws from the university, and a withdrawal petition is approved, a refund can only be provided if the refund or withdrawal request is submitted **WITHIN 6 MONTHS** after the end of the semester in which the withdrawal occurred. If the student receives financial aid during the term in which the refund is granted, state and federal regulations may require that the refund be returned to the aid source.

Department of Oceanography  
Policy on Tuition Waiver Shortfalls  
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The College no longer receives sufficient money from the University to pay the out-of-state tuition of all students and may be unable to pay the difference between what is needed and what is provided.

The department will continue to receive some funds from the University for tuition remission, and this money will be divided as described below.

Each year the chair will determine the number of students who will require out-of-state tuition waiver money and divide the money provided by that number of students to obtain a per-student allotment\*. The difference between the out-of-state tuition waiver and this allotment is the out-of-state tuition shortfall. With these numbers in hand, the chair will notify each faculty member of the shortfall. Each faculty member will then choose to pay the shortfall of his/her students from grants or to notify his/her students that they will have to pay the shortfall.

As per memorandum dated 6/17/93 from Dr. LeBlanc, then Associate Dean: "Arts and Sciences will not provide an out-of-state waiver for any student who is eligible to convert to in-state status." Students are eligible after a period of one year's continuous residence in Florida and must file appropriate documentation with the Office of the Registrar. (See page 35 of the Florida State University Graduate Bulletin for specific instructions.) The department hereby adopts the same position.

Eligibility:

A masters student will receive university money for three years; a doctoral student will receive money for five years. At the end of the period of eligibility, the chair will ask the student's committee whether the student is making satisfactory progress. If so, the student will remain eligible\*\*.

\*First year students will be exempted from these computations and their out-of-state tuition will be paid completely from department funds. This is to encourage the faculty to take new students.

\*\*Essentially there should be no time limit to support as long as the student is making satisfactory progress. Because some students choose hard problems, they should not be penalized for it.

Notes:

Students currently pay their own "fees" and will continue to do so.