COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE FEE

Health Component

Background

The Health component of the Comprehensive Service Fee was instituted in the fall of 1991 by the SUNY Board of Trustees in an effort to provide student health services to SUNY campuses. Supported services now include student health care, counseling services, and health promotion programs and services that support student well-being. At the University at Albany, services covered by the health component of the Comprehensive Service Fee are provided by three campus departments- Student Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), and the Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research. Effective Fall 2017, the following student populations will be exempt from this fee component: Exclusively Online; Internships - Credit-Bearing Not Located in Albany or Capital District Area - 4 Counties (Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer); Washington Semester Program; Study Abroad; Non-Credit-Bearing IELP Courses Accessed From Outside of the Country; Certificate Programs - Non-Credit Bearing; and Continuing Education - Non-Credit Bearing.

Student Health Services

Student Health Services serves all registered undergraduate and graduate students by providing a wide array of consistent, high quality medical services throughout the calendar year. Student Health Services promotes good physical health and well-being that supports the success of our students and life-long healthy habits. Visits to Student Health Services are free to registered students. Some services require a small charge, such as in-house laboratory testing, medical equipment and immunizations.

Student Benefits/ Impact

- Provides a range of services from prevention-focused education, episodic care for chronic medical conditions and acute (urgent) medical care
- Maintains a campus where the risk of threatening communicable disease is minimized consistent with the goals and objectives of the New York State Department of Health
- Provides a skill set enabling conscientious use of medical services (primarily self-limited viral illnesses upper respiratory infections/gastroenteritis) fostering the mindset of a mature healthcare consumer
- Educates students with regard to health related issues
- Guides campus departments regarding medical or health related issues as they pertain to the student environment
- Offers referrals to specialists as appropriate
- Facilitates medical withdrawals from the University
- Plays an integral role in campus-wide emergency planning as it relates to physical health
- Provides travel advice
- Administers immunizations
**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding Student Health Services is available at: https://www.albany.edu/health_center/

**Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**
CAPS assists registered undergraduate and graduate students in resolving personal issues and developing the emotional, intellectual and interpersonal skills to enhance academic success and personal well-being. CAPS offers a broad range of psychological services including counseling, prevention, and health promotion services that are culturally inclusive, accessible, and tailored to the evolving needs of our diverse student body. It also provides health promotion and prevention services to our campus and consultative and referral services to staff, faculty, and parents. All visits to CAPS are free to registered students.

**Student Benefits/Impact**
- Assists University at Albany students in developing coping skills regarding academics, career decisions, and personal concerns
- Offers culturally competent individual and group counseling services to University at Albany students in seven languages – English, Spanish, Mandarin, French, Italian, Urdu, and American Sign Language
- Provides timely and responsive consultation services to students, parents and families, faculty and staff members, academic and other University departments, and mental health service providers in person and via telephone and email
- Presents educational programs at New Student Orientation and in first year experience classes, residence halls and apartments, and to fraternities and sororities, student-athletes, cultural groups, and other audiences by request
- Offers on-demand access to Web based self-assessment, self-care and wellness information
- Integrates mental health related topics into academic curricula
- Provides triage and emergency assistance to students in acute distress

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding Counseling and Psychological Services is available at: https://www.albany.edu/counseling_center/

**Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research**
The Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research promotes the behavioral health of University at Albany students by advancing innovative, evidence-based practices that focus on alcohol and other drug use, mental health promotion, and positive psychology, thereby enhancing the academic and personal success of our diverse student body. The Center engages in translational research, as well as teaching and supervision of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate trainees.

The Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research uses a comprehensive public health approach to support the well-being of students. Center staff members collaborate with Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Health Services, and partners across the University and in the community to bring quality services and programs to the campus community.

**Student Benefits/Impact**
• Provides the highest quality of services that promote the behavioral health of students, including health education and peer wellness coaching
• Delivers “Theme” weeks and special programs such as Alcohol Awareness Week, World Suicide prevention Week, and Sexuality Month, among others
• Administers annual campus-wide student health surveys to ensure that services are responsive to student needs
• Provides professional oversight of the nationally-recognized Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
• Provides advisement, consultation, co-sponsorship, and other support to student groups interested in delivering programs and events focused on health, well-being, and resilience
• Provides training opportunities in behavioral health at the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral levels through credit-bearing academic courses, internships, and research opportunities
• Promotes the health of University at Albany students through campus-wide programs and services that focus on preventing mental health risks, alcohol and other drug misuse, and related risk behaviors
• Contributes to scholarship addressing best practices to support the behavioral health and well-being of college students, both within the university and on a national scale
• Provides national leadership in translational research focused on college student behavioral health through intervention development, evaluation, and dissemination efforts

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research services is available at: https://www.albany.edu/counseling_center/CBHPAR/

**Transportation Component**

**Background**

University Parking & Mass Transit Services provides transportation for 2.2 million riders per year with unlimited student access to bus services that operate 7 days a week across 204 different routes throughout the Capital Region. The UAlbany transit service system is designed to provide the University community with access to campus facilities, students with the ability to commute and visitors the opportunity to participate in University activities.

The transportation component of the Comprehensive Service Fee supports UAlbany transit service operations including the purchase, operation and maintenance of University mass transit vehicles, a universal service contract with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) and regulatory requirements in a variety of commuter choices. Graduate students who are members of GSEU are exempt from this fee component. Effective Fall 2017, the following student populations will also be exempt from this fee component: Exclusively Online; Internships - Credit-Bearing Not Located in Albany or Capital District Area - 4 Counties (Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer); Washington Semester Program; Study Abroad; Non-Credit-Bearing IELP Courses Accessed From Outside of the Country; Certificate Programs - Non-Credit Bearing; and Continuing Education - Non-Credit Bearing.
**Student Benefits/ Impact**
- Unlimited use of UAlbany operated Transit and shuttle services
- Unlimited access to CDTA bus services at no charge seven days a week on all routes
- Inter campus transportation to facilitate student travel to and from classes, libraries, meetings and is available 7 days a week
- Modern and safe transit vehicles equipped with transit style seating and windows, air conditioning, bike racks and wheelchair access
- In support of UN Commitment to Sustainable Practices in Higher Education, UAlbany fleet includes 5 safer and sustainable electric-hybrid buses

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding campus-wide services, parking regulations, bus and shuttle schedules, directions and visitor parking is available at http://www.albany.edu/pmts/

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**Technology Component**

**Information Technology Services**

**Background**
The University relies on Information Technology Services (ITS) to provide a rich array of technologies to support the academic, research and business needs of the institution. The Technology component of the Comprehensive Service Fee helps support the IT needs of students, faculty and staff by ensuring the
infrastructure, information systems and applications are in place to sustain a 21st century learning environment. Effective Fall 2017, the following student populations will be exempt from this fee component: Non-Credit-Bearing IELP Courses Accessed From Out of the Country; Certificate Programs - Non-Credit Bearing; and Continuing Education - Non-Credit Bearing.

**Student Benefits/Impact**
- A UAlbany Mail account which comes with Microsoft OneDrive, Office WebApps and Skype for Business
- University-wide wireless Internet access
- Access to a wide range of campus IT services. This includes the Information Commons, which provides computers, software, printing and help in all 3 University libraries
- Blackboard Learning System and mobile app
- MyUAlbany portal for conducting University business
- Free workshops for popular software applications, such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and Dreamweaver. Information security classes are also available.
- Partnership with Dell to offer discounted computer equipment. For more information or to purchase a laptop, visit the Technology Resources section of the MyUAlbany portal.
- Various software offerings free or at discounted prices, including Matlab, SAS and Stata (see complete list)

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding Information Technology Service initiatives and support can be accessed at: https://www.albany.edu/its

University Libraries

**Background**
The University Libraries strengthen and enhance the teaching, research and service of the University at Albany by developing collections, facilitating access to information resources, teaching the effective use of information resources and critical evaluation skills and offering research assistance.

The Technology component of the Comprehensive Service Fee supports the library technological needs of UAlbany students, faculty and staff by allowing implementation of innovative technologies and services to deliver information and scholarly resources conveniently to users anytime/anyplace. The Comprehensive Service Fee also supports well-equipped and functional physical spaces where students can pursue independent learning and discovery outside the classroom.

**Student Benefits/Impact**
- Circulation and interlibrary loan services supports the research and teaching needs of the University's academic community by expanding a range of materials beyond the collections of the University Libraries.
• The Libraries provide a total of 19 group study rooms for campus community use. Each room is well-equipped with a PC, speakers, tables and chairs, and a whiteboard.
• The Interactive Media Center assists the campus in web design, digital recording and editing, sophisticated image editing, and the creation of PDF files, among other activities.
• Library photocopying and printing services are available to the campus community via the SUNYCard system.
• The Library laptop lending service offers a total of twenty-eight laptops available for students, faculty, and staff use.
• Libraries’ staff continuously seek to adopt emerging technologies and incorporate these to create more efficient and meaningful library services, and develop the staff skills with these technologies.
• Recent upgrades to study and classroom space and new quiet space in all three libraries.

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding University Libraries services and initiatives can be accessed at: http://library.albany.edu/ulib

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**RECREATION AND CAMPUS LIFE FEE**

**Campus Recreation Component**
Background

Established in 2010, Campus Recreation provides diverse, stimulating and engaging recreational opportunities that enrich the UAlbany experience. We empower our community to lead healthy lifestyles by fostering an environment that supports physical, mental and social growth. The department offers a wide variety of programs including Aquatics, Fitness & Wellness, Group Exercise, Outdoor Pursuits, Intramural Sports, and Club Sports. Club Sports are managed in partnership with the Student Association. Graduate students do not pay the Recreation and Campus Life Fee. Effective Fall 2017, the following student populations will be exempt from this Fee: Exclusively Online; Internships - Credit-Bearing Not Located in Albany or Capital District Area - 4 Counties (Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer); Washington Semester Program; Study Abroad; Non-Credit-Bearing IELP Courses Accessed From Outside of the Country; Certificate Programs - Non-Credit Bearing; and Continuing Education - Non-Credit Bearing. IELP students on campus who are interested in use of Recreation facilities and programs may contact the Office of Campus Recreation to inquire about membership rates.

Student Benefits/ Impact

- Stimulates student recruitment and retention
- Fosters leadership skills through participation in activities
- Increases visibility and exposure to the UAlbany campus
- Promotes interaction across a number of college campuses
- Contributes to overall student health and well being
- Offers student employment opportunities through internships and grad assistantships
- Enhances exposure to professional development
- Heights sense of campus community and campus pride
- Encourages student involvement opportunities promoting a good quality of campus life
- Provides a platform for social interaction
- Builds self-esteem
- Reduces stress and promotes relaxation
- Enhances overall life skills

Student Access

For more information on the facilities, schedules, programs and staff, visit: www.albany.edu/campusrec.

Campus Recreation Component

Background

The Campus Life fee supports campus efforts to enhance the co-curricular experience for students and the campus community while creating a vibrant campus environment with a variety of inclusive activities available for students on a daily basis. The Office of Student Involvement provides oversight for this fee and strives to meet the multi-dimensional needs of students utilizing a University-wide
programming model that is learning outcome driven to meet students where they are intellectually, emotionally and physically.

The fee supports the promotion of an outstanding and inclusive student experience through strategic, impactful programming across the university. Guided by Dr. Martin Seligman’s evidence-based PERMA Model of Well-Being, the programming philosophy provides a means for our students to flourish through programming elements. These elements and their definitions are an adaptation of Seligman’s elements of well-being*.

**Positive Emotion** - Creating good feelings about self, community and UAlbany

**Engagement** – Promoting curiosity, interest and passion

**Relationships** – Fostering connections with the UAlbany community and beyond

**Meaning** – Dedicating to something beyond self

**Accomplishments** – Realizing, reflecting and celebrating self (progression, achievement and success)

In order to enhance the student experience and increase positive well-being the following areas and programs are supported by the Campus Life Fee:

- Support for Student Activities including:
  - Over 100 annual Programming Board events whose annual attendance exceeds 40,000
  - The Great Dane Welcome which includes over 100 events in the first six weeks of the fall semester
  - Training and support for the over 300 active student organizations on campus who hold over 2,000 meeting and events every year
  - Training and support for the Student Government
  - The Annual Speaker Series
- Support for the Center for Leadership & Service including:
  - Credit-bearing and non-credit bearing leadership development programs
  - Coordination and support of service activities and programs for students and in support of public engagement including the Big Event
- Support for Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Support for daily programming and services in the Campus Center
- Additional support for programs to enhance the student experience in:
  - Counseling and Psychological Services
  - Career and Professional development
  - Intercultural Engagement
  - Student Engagement/Academic Affairs
  - Neighborhood Life
  - Disability Resource Center

**Student Benefits/ Impact**

- Contributes to overall student health and well being
• Increases overall student success including academic success
• Enhances student sense of belonging, campus community and campus pride
• Stimulates student recruitment and retention
• Encourages student involvement opportunities in the life of the campus
• Fosters leadership skills through participation in activities
• Increases student interaction and inclusion across cultures
• Increases public engagement in the Capital Region and beyond
• Increases visibility and exposure to the UAlbany campus
• Offers student employment opportunities
• Enhances exposure to professional development
• Provides a platform for building positive social relationships
• Builds self-esteem
• Enhances overall life skills

Student Access
For more information visit: https://www.albany.edu/involvement

ATHLETICS FEE

Background
In 1999, UAlbany began competing as an NCAA Division I program and joined the American East Conference in 2002. This partnership has expanded UAlbany athletics program to 19 varsity sports with approximately 500 male and female athletes competing at the Division I level. The Intercollegiate Athletics Fee supports the growth of a diverse academic environment that provides all university students with access to safe athletic and recreational facilities, encourages athletes to reach their full academic and athletic potential, while fostering a sense of community and campus pride. Graduate students do not pay the Athletics Fee. Effective Fall 2017, the following student populations will be exempt from this Fee: IELP, Non-Credit-Bearing IELP Courses Accessed From Out of the Country; Certificate Programs - Non-Credit Bearing; and Continuing Education - Non-Credit Bearing.

Student Benefits/ Impact
• Provides an equitable, balanced and broad-based athletics program for all student-athlete participants and the University at Albany Community.
• Supports academic component of University by providing practicums, internships and graduate assistantships.
• Strengthens campus recruitment and retention
• Expands diversity to campus population
• Delivers sense of community and campus pride
• Promotes quality of student life
• Provides entertainment options to the Capital Region and the University Community
- Increases access to state-of-the-art recreational facilities that are functional, aesthetically consistent with other university facilities, safe and comfortable for student-athlete participants, staff, spectators and community users
- Arranges scholarships for UAlbany athletes
- Offers student-athletes opportunity to play a key role in community services for at-risk youth, non-profit agencies and public schools in the Capital Region
- Supports the department’s ability to hire diverse and qualified staff of coaches and administrators to ensure achievement of student-athletes.
- Indirect programmatic support includes travel, equipment, and supplies purchases pertaining to various Athletics operations.

**Student Access**
Detailed information regarding sports Athletics mission, sports offered and scheduling can be accessed at http://www.ualbanysports.com/

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**Proposed Athletics Fee Expenses**
**FY 18-19**

- **Scholarships**: 48%
- **Personnel**: 7%
- **Indirect Programmatic Support**: 13%
- **Sports Programs**: 25%
- **Fringe**: 5%
- **Student Employment**: 2%