



Investing in Your College Experience

CSUCI is hosting a campaign to increase awareness of the services and opportunities provided by Category II fees.

Generally, these fees have stayed the same for the past 10 years, and CSUCI currently charges the lowest Category II fees across all CSU campuses. Right now, CSUCI students pay \$1,060 per year, while the highest fee at a CSU campus is \$6,077 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

We are seeking student feedback regarding Category II fees. This information was developed with careful consideration of the additional cost to students. However, fee increases are necessary for critical support services and operations to continue and operate effectively.

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Student Health Fee

Although the Student Health Fee has remained the same since 2014, rising costs and the increasing demand for comprehensive health services make this adjustment essential.

Student well-being is at the core of our health and wellness efforts, encompassing medical care, mental health support, and overall preventive services. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) remains a critical resource, providing short-term mental health care and same-day crisis intervention to help students navigate challenges such as anxiety, depression, interpersonal concerns, and cultural trauma in a safe, supportive environment. As the need for these services continues to grow, sustained investment is vital to ensuring accessible, high-quality care for all students.

Benefits of Raising the Student Health Fee

- Enhanced mental health services: Shorter wait times, additional counselors, and expanded access to mental health support.
- Expanded wellness programs: Initiatives like after-hours care, peer support groups, and prevention programs will promote overall well-being.
- Early intervention: On-campus resources will help address issues early, preventing disruptions to students’ academic journeys.
- Support for a diverse campus: Services tailored to the needs of CSUCI’s diverse community, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.
- Keeping up with costs: Adjusting for inflation and increasing demand will maintain high-quality services.
- Phased implementation: The increase will be rolled out gradually, reducing the immediate financial impact.

Consequences of Not Raising the Student Health Fee

- Longer wait times for counseling and health services
- Reduced access to critical wellness programs and mental health resources
- Increased reliance on off-campus services, which may be more expensive and less convenient
- Limited resources for addressing mental health crises and prevention efforts

Recreation and Athletics Fee

Over the years, student assistant wages have increased almost 8% annually, and general costs for equipment, goods, and services continue to rise. To maintain a safe and updated environment, we’ve also had to make operational adjustments and invest in equipment upgrades. Without a fee increase, which has not happened since 2013, it will be harder to sustain or expand programs at the Rec Center, Boating Center, and other facilities, which could impact their quality and accessibility.

Pros of Raising the Recreation and Athletics Fee

- Improved access and quality: More funding will ensure well-maintained equipment, safe facilities, and updated resources for fitness, intramural sports, sports clubs, and adventure programs.
- Lower out-of-pocket costs: Students will save on fees for the Rec Center, Boating Center, fitness classes, and sports clubs.
- Expanded programs: Funding will support new and expanded sports clubs, outdoor adventures, and recreational programs.
- Better support for students: More resources mean enhanced campus life, fostering self-care, community, and a stronger CI identity.

- Promotes equity: Ensures all students, regardless of background, can participate in recreation programs without financial barriers.

Cons of Raising the Recreation and Athletics Fee

- Financial strain on students, especially those not receiving financial aid
- Not all students use recreation services, which might raise concerns about fairness.
- Increased cost of attendance

ASI Fee

At Cal State Channel Islands (CSUCI), the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) fee plays a vital role in funding student-led programs, events, and services that create a vibrant and inclusive campus community. ASI supports initiatives like the Student Programming Board, The CI View, ASI Student Government, and club and organization services. It also provides essential funding to departments like Inclusive Student Services, Basic Needs, and Academic Advising, ensuring students have access to resources that enhance their academic and personal success.

Since 2015, the ASI fee has remained at \$75 per semester. However, as student needs grow and costs rise, an adjustment is necessary to maintain and improve the programs and services that support our diverse student body.

Pros of Increasing the ASI Fee

- Financial aid coverage: The fee is part of the cost of attendance and may be covered by financial aid for eligible students.
- Stronger campus community: Enhanced funding supports a vibrant campus life with diverse programs and events.

- Sustained essential services: Key resources that support student success and well-being will remain fully funded and accessible.
- Leadership and advocacy opportunities: More funding means more chances for students to take on leadership roles and engage in meaningful advocacy.

Cons of Increasing the ASI Fee

- Increased costs: Some students may feel financial pressure, especially if they are ineligible for financial aid.
- Perceived unequal benefits: Students who don’t actively engage in ASI programs may question the fee’s relevance to their experience.

Instructionally Related Activities Fee (IRA)

The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee was established to support educational experiences and activities that enhance the core academic mission of the institution. Key programs funded by the IRA fee include hands-on research at the Santa Rosa Island Research Center, arts and cultural, student trips, student wages that help provide essential academic support services.

Despite its critical role, the IRA fee has remained unchanged at \$60 per semester since Fall 2015. This stagnation has created a gap between available resources and growing programmatic needs, limiting CSUCI’s ability to deliver the high-impact learning practices essential to student success.

To address the funding shortfall, an increase in the IRA fee is proposed, effective for the 2025-2026 academic year. This modest adjustment will secure essential funding for existing programs, support new initiatives, and ensure that CSUCI remains competitive and responsive to student needs. To address inflation and rising operational costs, the fee will also be adjusted annually in alignment with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Pros of Raising the IRA Fee

- Expanded global awareness and cultural understanding
- Accessible study abroad programs
- High impact learning experiences
- Enhanced support for student research and creative activities
- Improved academic support services
- Sustainable program growth
- Equity and inclusion

Cons of Raising the IRA Fee

- Increased cost of attendance
- Risk of reduced enrollment
- Increased demand for financial aid
- Equity concerns

Orientation Fee

Unlike other Category II fees, the Orientation fee is a one-time fee for each student when they attend orientation. The fee includes staffing, parking, program materials, overnight stay in the residence hall, and food during your session.

The current fee, which has not been increased since 2012, has not kept up with inflation, resulting in a significant gap between available resources and the growing cost of providing a first-rate onboarding experience for our new students.

Pros of Raising the Orientation Fee

- This fee enables CI to offer students a vibrant and comprehensive Orientation experience that will kick start their college career.
- The proposed fee increase is a vital investment in the larger recruitment and onboarding experience that leads to long-term success for CI’s students.
- A positive experience at Orientation is associated with greater student satisfaction with the university and greater retention of students beyond the first year

Cons of Raising the Orientation Fee

- Without the increase in the one-time Orientation fee, students will experience fewer engagement opportunities, less time with academic advisors and faculty, and possibly only virtual Orientation sessions.
- Potential elimination of the overnight residence hall stays, which for many students may be the only opportunity they will have to spend the night on campus.

Materials, Services, Facilities, and Technology Fee (MSFT)

The Materials, Services, Facilities, and Technology (MSFT) fee supports educational resources, critical campus upgrades, and student services. Each year, the demand for funding significantly exceeds the available budget. Additionally, nearly 56% of undergraduate students report paying course-specific fees, often exceeding \$50 per course. To better integrate these costs and provide a more predictable financial structure, we propose an increase in the MSFT fee.

Pros of Raising the MSFT Fee

- While the fee will add to the cost of attendance, it is important to note that most students cover this fee through financial aid, ensuring that the financial burden is minimal for those who need it most.
- Enhancing technological infrastructure for student success
- Fostering practical skills through hands-on experiences
- Improving access to technology for all students

Cons of Raising the MSFT Fee

- Increased cost of attendance
- Potential equity concerns
- Impact on low-income and underserved students
- Student pushback for an additional cost
- Balancing program needs

Information Sessions

February 4
Tabling: Islands Kitchen, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 to 7 p.m.
Info Session: Broome Exhibition Hall, 11 a.m. to Noon

February 5
Virtual Info Session* • Noon to 1 p.m.

February 6
Tabling: Student Union, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 to 7 p.m.

February 11
Tabling: Central Mall, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

February 12
Tabling: Bell Tower, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

February 17
Tabling: Islands Kitchen, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 to 7 p.m.

February 18
Tabling • Student Union • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 to 7 p.m.

February 19
*Virtual Info Session: 11 a.m. to Noon

February 20
Info Session: Broome Exhibition Hall, Noon to 1 p.m.

February 26
Tabling: El Dorado Park, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

February 27
Tabling: Bell Tower, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 5 to 7 p.m.

* ZOOM LINK: csuci.zoom.us/j/89088658886
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