




University of California
HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

TO: Hastings Students - 1L's and 2L's
FROM: David Seward 
DATE: November 9, 2010
RE: ***JD Fee Increases for Next Academic Year (2011-12)***

Each year at its September meeting, the Board of Directors determines student fees for the upcoming academic year. Fees are established based on several factors including the resources necessary to sustain the academic quality of the College, projected state funding, and fees assessed at other comparable law schools. This note is intended to ensure that all students are apprised of the upcoming fee increase.

For next year, fees for the JD program were approved for the 2011-12 academic year increasing annual enrollment fees for all students to \$37,080, an increase of 3%. With the addition of activity and health-related fees (costs for which will be finalized later this year), total cost for 2011-12 will be \$39,986. To mitigate financial hardship, one-third of the fee increase will be earmarked for need-based financial aid.

	<u>Authorized</u> <u>2010-11</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2011-12</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Enrollment Fee	36,000	37,080	1,080
Nonresident Tuition	11,225	8,500	(2,725)
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Activity Fee	82	82	-
Health Services Fee*	460	460	-
Grad. Student Health Insurance Program*	<u>2,364</u>	<u>2,364</u>	-
<i>Sub-total</i>	\$ 2,906	\$ 2,906	-
Total Resident	\$ 38,906	\$ 39,986	\$ 1,080
Total Nonresident	\$ 50,131	\$ 48,486	\$ (1,645)

Nonresident students pay a fee in addition to the General Enrollment Fee. For 2011-12, nonresident tuition is being reduced to \$8,500 to allow Hastings to be priced competitively to benchmark institutions. With the increase in the basic enrollment fee, total cost for nonresident students will be \$48,486.

The state budget for the current academic year (2010-11) was enacted earlier this fall. Based on the current-year funding level appropriated in the Budget Act, mid-year fee increases are not being considered. However, the budget outlook for the State of California's remains unstable. Approved fee levels for both 2010-11 and 2011-12 are predicated on anticipated levels of state support; if state funding is substantially reduced in either 2010-11 or 2011-12, additional increases in student fees will need to be considered. Consequently, fees are subject to change.

We will keep you informed as the budget process unfolds. Please feel free to contact me at 565-4710 or at sewardd@uchastings.edu if you have questions or concerns.

* Fees preliminary, to be finalized at the June 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors.