

## **PAYMENT OF FEES/PROMISE TO PAY**

I understand that when I register for any class at The University of Tampa or receive any service from The University of Tampa I accept full responsibility to pay all tuition, fees and other associated costs assessed as a result of my registration and/or receipt of services. I further understand and agree that my registration and acceptance of these terms constitutes a promissory note agreement (i.e., a financial obligation in the form of an educational loan as defined by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code at 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(8)) in which The University of Tampa is providing me educational services, deferring some or all of my payment obligation for those services, and I promise to pay for all assessed tuition, fees and other associated costs by the published or assigned due date.) Information regarding the cost of tuition is located on UT website: [www.ut.edu/tuition](http://www.ut.edu/tuition) and is updated every academic year once approved by the Board of Trustees.

Tuition and fees are not prorated, and I am responsible for all tuition and fees regardless of how much I use of any specific service. I understand that the University also does not guarantee that any particular benefit or aspect of community and campus life will always be provided or available throughout the duration of my matriculation at the University. Changes may be implemented as deemed necessary by the University in its discretion.

I understand and agree that if I drop or withdraw from some or all of the classes for which I register, I will be responsible for paying all or a portion of tuition and fees in accordance with the published tuition refund schedule at [www.ut.edu/academiccalendar](http://www.ut.edu/academiccalendar) or <http://ut.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/catalog/Academic-Calendar>. I have read the terms and conditions of the published tuition refund schedule and understand those terms are incorporated herein by reference. I further understand that my failure to attend class or receive a bill does not absolve me of my financial responsibility as described above.

## **FORCE MAJEURE**

I understand that there may be situations where, for the health, safety and/or wellbeing of the University community and/or for other reasons as determined by the University in its discretion, the University will be required to make changes to methods, location, and timing of instruction, delivery of and access to services, student life activities and opportunities, course content and instructors, etc., including possibly implementing a full or partial campus and/or housing closure, suspension or delay of classes, activities, dining and other services, and/or switching from in-person, on-campus learning and delivery of services and activities to distance or remote learning and delivery of remote services and activities.

By signing up for classes or otherwise enrolling in or attending classes offered by the University, I understand and agree that all such changes implemented by the University may take place to the extent the University determines such changes are necessary for the health, safety, or wellbeing of members of the University community or due to other circumstances identified by the University, including those outside the University's control (such as, but not limited to, acts of God, natural disasters, hurricanes, storms, fires, infectious diseases, pandemics, strikes or labor disputes, power outages, and physical or structural dangers). I further understand and agree that the University does not in any way guarantee in-person, on-campus education, activities, opportunities, or services or any other particular format, timing, or location of education, activities, opportunities, or services. Finally, except as otherwise set forth in the University's refund policy relating to withdrawals and the process and timing of such withdrawals, I understand and agree that I am responsible for all tuition and fees, including housing, dining, and other fees, regardless of the timing, location, and format in which education, services, and activities are provided (to the extent any specific services or activities are provided at all), and understand and agree that no refunds, reductions, or credits for tuition, fees, or other expenses (including dining and housing fees) will be provided in the event the University implements changes as necessitated by Acts of God, University and shared governance or academic decisions, and/or any situations outside of the University's control, including any changes from in-person, on-campus education, services and/or activities to remote services, activities, and/or remote learning.

## METHOD OF BILLING

I understand that The University of Tampa uses electronic billing (e-bill) as its official billing method, and therefore I am responsible for viewing and paying my student account by the scheduled due dates. I further understand that failure to review my student account does not constitute a valid reason for not paying my bill on time.

## BILLING ERRORS

I understand that administrative, clerical or technical billing errors do not absolve me of my financial responsibility to pay the correct amount of tuition, fees and other associated financial obligations assessed as a result of my registration at the University of Tampa. I also understand that, to ensure issues are addressed promptly, I am required to contact the University, in writing, within 3 calendar days of noticing any administrative, clerical, or technical billing errors.

## WITHDRAWAL

If I decide to completely withdraw from the University of Tampa, I will follow the instructions at [www.ut.edu/academics/academic-support/academic-success-center](http://www.ut.edu/academics/academic-support/academic-success-center) which I understand and agree are incorporated herein by reference.

## PRIVACY RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that the University of Tampa is bound by the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](http://www.ut.edu/about-ut/university-services/office-of-the-registrar/ferpa) which prohibits the University of Tampa from releasing any information from my education record without my written permission. Therefore, I understand that if I want the University of Tampa to share information from my education record with someone else, I must provide written permission by following the procedure outlined at [www.ut.edu/about-ut/university-services/office-of-the-registrar/ferpa](http://www.ut.edu/about-ut/university-services/office-of-the-registrar/ferpa). I further understand that I may revoke my permission at any time as instructed in the same procedure.

## IRS FORM 1098-T

I agree to provide my Social Security number (SSN) or taxpayer identification number (TIN) to the University of Tampa upon request as required by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations for Form 1098-T reporting purposes. If I fail to provide my SSN or TIN to the University of Tampa, I agree to pay any and all IRS fines assessed as a result of my missing SSN/TIN.

## DELINQUENT ACCOUNT/COLLECTION

**Financial Hold:** I understand and agree that if I fail to pay my student account bill or any monies due and owing The University of Tampa by the scheduled due date, The University of Tampa will place a financial hold on my student account, preventing me from registering for future classes, requesting transcripts, or receiving my diploma.

**Collection Agency Fees:** I understand and accept that if I fail to pay my student account bill or any monies due and owing The University of Tampa by the scheduled due date, and fail to make acceptable payment arrangements to bring my account current, The University of Tampa may refer my delinquent account to a collection agency. I further understand that if The University of Tampa refers my student account balance to a third party for collection, a collection fee will be assessed and will be due in full at the time of the referral to the third party. The collection fee will be calculated at the maximum amount permitted by applicable law, but not to exceed 30 percent of the amount outstanding. For purposes of this provision, the third party may be a debt collection company or an attorney. If a lawsuit is filed to recover an outstanding balance, I shall also be responsible for any costs associated with the lawsuit such as court costs or other applicable costs. Finally, I understand that my delinquent account may be reported to one or more of the national credit bureaus.

## COMMUNICATION

**Method of Communication:** I understand and agree that The University of Tampa uses e-mail as an official method of communication with me, and that therefore I am responsible for reading the e-mails I receive from The University of Tampa on a timely basis.

**Contact:** I authorize The University of Tampa and its agents and contractors to contact me at my current and any future cellular phone number(s), email address(es) or wireless device(s) regarding my delinquent student account(s)/loan(s), any other debt I owe to The University of Tampa, or to receive general information from The University of Tampa. I authorize The University of Tampa and its agents and contractors to use automated telephone dialing equipment, artificial or pre-recorded voice or text messages, and personal calls and emails, in their efforts to contact me. Furthermore, I understand that I may withdraw my consent to call my cellular telephone using automated telephone dialing equipment by submitting my request in writing to Bursar's Office or in writing to the applicable contractor or agent contacting me on behalf of The University of Tampa.

**Updating Contact Information:** I understand and agree that I am responsible for keeping the University of Tampa records up to date with my current physical addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers by following the procedure at [www.ut.edu/registrar](http://www.ut.edu/registrar). The linked procedure is incorporated herein by reference. Upon leaving the University of Tampa for any reason, it is my responsibility to provide the University of Tampa with updated contact information for purposes of continued communication regarding any amounts that remain due and owing to the University of Tampa.

## FINANCIAL AID

I understand that aid described as "estimated" on my Financial Aid Award does not represent actual or guaranteed payment, but is an estimate of the aid I may receive if I meet all requirements stipulated by that aid program.

I understand that my Financial Aid Award is contingent upon my continued enrollment and attendance in each class upon which my financial aid eligibility was calculated. If I drop any class before completion, I understand that my financial aid eligibility may decrease and some or all of the financial aid awarded to me may be revoked.

If some or all of my financial aid is revoked because I dropped or failed to attend class, I agree to repay all revoked aid that was disbursed to my account and resulted in a credit balance that was refunded to me.

I agree to allow financial aid I receive to pay any and all charges assessed to my account at The University of Tampa such as tuition, fees, campus housing and meal plans, student health insurance, parking permits, service fees, fines, bookstore charges, or any other amount, in accordance with the terms of the aid.

I understand that the University of Tampa reserves the right to revise my financial aid award and understand that the award of financial aid one year or semester is not necessarily a commitment or guarantee that such an award will continue in any other year or semester. I understand that a revision in a financial aid award may result because of a change in my enrollment status, housing status, academic progress or discipline, events outside the University's control, or because of new information and circumstances, including outside awards.

**Federal Aid:** I understand that any federal Title IV financial aid that I receive, except for Federal Work Study wages, will first be applied to any outstanding balance on my account for tuition, fees, room and board. Title IV financial aid includes aid from the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Direct Loan, PLUS Loan and TEACH Grant programs. I authorize the University of Tampa to apply my Title IV financial aid to other charges assessed to my student account such as student health insurance, parking permits, bookstore charges, service fees and fines, and any other education related charges. I further understand that this authorization will remain

in effect until I rescind it and that I may withdraw it at any time by following the instructions at <https://www.ut.edu/about-ut/university-services/bursars-office/payment-policies>.

**Prizes, Awards, Scholarships, Grants:** I understand that all scholarships and grants awarded to me by the University of Tampa will be created to my student account and applied toward any outstanding balance. I further understand that my receipt of scholarship or grant is considered a financial resource according to the federal Title IV financial aid regulations, and may therefore reduce my eligibility for other federal and/or state financial aid (i.e., loans, grants, Federal Work Study) which, if already disbursed to my student account, must be reversed and returned to the aid source.

## **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This agreement, which shall be interpreted under Florida law and which may be electronically signed, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described and it supersedes all prior understandings and representations, between the student and the University of Tampa as to its subject matter, and shall not be modified or affected by any course of dealing, course of performance, or any oral representation or agreement. This agreement may be modified by the University of Tampa, as it deems necessary from time to time, as long as the University provides me with notice to my University email address or posts such change on the University website or student portal and, after that change is posted or emailed to me, I enroll in or continue attending any class or I receive or take advantage of any University service. Any modification is specifically limited to those policies and/or terms addressed in the modification. The exclusive venue for any claim arising out of this agreement or my relationship with the University shall be in Tampa, Florida, and any such claim arising out of my agreements with, or attendance at, the University shall be heard by a judge without a jury. Should any provision of this agreement be declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and cannot be modified by the Court to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this agreement in full force and effect.