

## Distance Education Service Fee FAQ

What services are funded by the Distance Ed Service Fee?

- ✓ *Instructional design support*
- ✓ *Online instructor training programs*
- ✓ *Media support*
- ✓ *Online extensions of student supports*
- ✓ *Compliance with federal regulations governing Online education*
- ✓ *Program development support for Online programs*

What is the fee amount?

*\$50 per credit*

On which courses is the fee assessed?

*The fee is assessed on ALL 100% Online courses offered by UWSP, except courses offered in programs that have special agreements outlined in an approved Memorandum of Understanding.*

When does the Distance Ed Service Fee take effect?

*The assessment of the Distance Ed Service Fee will begin Summer 2016.*

Are segregated fees charged in addition to the Distance Ed Service Fee?

*No, segregated fees are eliminated for 100% online courses.*

Are text rental fees charged in addition to the Distance Ed Service Fee?

*Standard text rental fee policies may apply to 100% Online courses. Text rental fees are automatically charged for all UWSP undergraduate and slash courses. Text rental is charged for graduate-only courses as needed.*

Are students paying more than before for Online courses?

*Typically, no. Segregated fees are eliminated for all 100% Online courses. These fees cost the same or more per credit than the Distance Ed Service Fee.*

How is the Distance Ed Service Fee shown on a student's bill?

*The Distance Ed Service Fee is assessed programmatically through special course fees and is shown on a student's bill as such. The special course fee line includes the name of the department as well as the course name. If an additional amount is collected to support learning in the specific course offering, it is included with the Distance Ed Service Fee and shown as one amount.*

How does UWSP's Online cost compare to the rest of the UW System?

*UWSP has the lowest student cost for undergraduate Online courses compared to other comprehensive 4-year UW campuses.*