

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE
for International Students 2011-2012**

Tuition and Fees: Actual tuition and fee charges will vary depending on the number and type of courses a student takes each term. Tuition and fees for Summer School, *Interim*, *Summer 1*, *Summer 2*, are **NOT** included in the estimate of tuition and fees incurred annually.

Books and Supplies: Estimates may be somewhat low for students in the fields of biological sciences and technology. Estimates do NOT include books and supplies for study during the summer. Expect at least US \$550.00 in expenses for books and supplies for a full course load (12 hours undergraduate; 9 hours graduate) during summer. Costs may be higher for some programs.

Housing: Estimates are an average of the cost of the various on-campus housing choices available.

Telephone: Estimates do NOT include long distance telephone calls.

Food: Students who often eat in restaurants or cafeterias will likely incur greater costs than those estimated. *Students who prepare most meals in their apartments will likely be able to stay within the estimated cost.

*This also applies to undergraduate students who supplement meals purchased with their UA Dining Dollars account with meals prepared themselves.

Personal Expenses: These expenses vary greatly from student to student.

Dependents: An accompanying dependent (wife/husband/child) who is not a student will require additional funds or support. The estimate meets the U.S. Government Health and Human Services Poverty Level yearly estimate.

Medical Insurance: The University of Alabama requires all international students in **F-1** and **J-1** status to have continuous medical insurance coverage. Department of State also requires all visitors in **J-1** or **J-2** to maintain medical insurance coverage for the duration of their stay in the U.S.

The estimate is the annual premium for United Healthcare and is for the student only.*

*UA encourages students with families to obtain medical insurance coverage for all family members in the U.S.

The current annual cost for United Healthcare Insurance coverage:

International Student, US \$1,348.00; Spouse, US \$4,081.00; US \$1,779.00 for **each child**.

Please Note: Students and their financial sponsors should plan to meet the estimated expenses for the duration of the student's studies. Immigration regulations generally prohibit off-campus employment during a student's first year of study in the U.S. Even if eligible for off-campus employment, it is difficult (and frequently impossible) to find a job. Lawful authorization to take a job if one is found may not only be difficult to obtain, but may also take several months to receive. On-campus jobs are few in number and difficult to obtain. Students and their financial sponsors should not plan to meet any costs through on-campus or off-campus employment.

It is unlikely that an international student can study at The University of Alabama for less than the estimated costs.

All estimates are in United States currency (US\$ dollars).

All estimates are subject to change without notice. This document reflects estimated costs for academic students for the 2011-2012 calendar year which ends in August 2012.

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