



Mandatory Student Activity Fee

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1 What is the UB Student Association Mandatory Student Activity Fee?

The Student Association is fully funded by the undergraduate Mandatory Student Activity Fee (MSAF). This is the only fee on campus that is voted on, approved, managed, and spent by students, for students. The SA receives no money from tuition or broad-based fees. 100% of the Mandatory Student Activity Fee goes to the SA budget, which funds events, clubs, services, advocacy, and student government.

2 What are the benefits of the Mandatory Student Activity Fee?

This inclusive, semesterly fee allows every undergraduate student to join SA clubs, take advantage of SA services, and attend many SA events for no additional or out-of-pocket costs.



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3 What does the fee actually provide students?

Over 150 clubs are recognized and funded by SA, with something for just about every interest, from Crochet to Wrestling to Theme Park Engineering, and so much more! Can't find a club that's right for you? You can ever start your own.

The Fee also funds some of campus' biggest events, including Homecoming Carnival and International Fiesta. SA also provides tons of creative programming throughout the year, from bonsai tree planting to Legos and everything in between.

The Free also gives students access to free tutoring, free legal consultations, and a food pantry.

Ultimately, the Free goes towards creating opportunities, building community, and providing resources that undergrads can use throughout their time at UB.

Explore our website and follow us on Instagram (@ub_sa) to learn more and to be the first to hear about upcoming opportunities, events, and the latest from student government.



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What is the Referendum?

The Referendum is a vote that determines whether or not the students choose maintain the Mandatory Student Activity Fee and continue funding all that SA provides.

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What are my choices for the Referendum?

Students can vote for a MANDATORY fee or a VOLUNTARY fee. However, the wording of the question, which is required by SUNY, presents a confusing choice because there is no mechanism to collect voluntary fees with tuition bills. The real choice is to either FUND SA and SA clubs (mandatory) or DEFUND SA and SA clubs (voluntary).

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What would happen if the students chose the Voluntary Fee?

If the students vote for a Voluntary Fee:

- There is no funding for SA clubs.
- There is no funding for SA events, activities, services, or advocacy.



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When is the next Referendum?

The next one will take place in the Fall Semester of 2026.