

GATE Funding Policy FAQs

Q. Does the new GATE Policy apply only to first year students, or UWI students of all years?

A. Yes, it applies to **All undergraduate students**

Q. Which GPA is being taken into consideration, my Semester GPA or my Cumulative GPA?

A. The Policy refers to your cumulative GPA for the preceding academic year.

Q. How do I calculate my cumulative GPA for the academic year?

A. For the purpose of this policy, the Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is obtained by dividing the total grade points earned by the total quality hours for which you have registered since entering UWI, excluding courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis, audited courses, not-for-credit courses, co-curricular courses, preliminary courses, incomplete and in-progress courses.

This means that students who have not attained a cumulative GPA of at least 1.00 at the end of the academic year 2011/2012 will be unable to access continued GATE for the 2012/2013 academic year. Please note that students who manage to improve their cumulative GPA to 1.00 and above by the end of 2012/2013, will once again be able to access GATE in 2013/2014.

Q. What would I have to pay if my GPA falls below 1.0?

A. You can check the [Undergraduate Financial Information Booklet](#) which lists the tuition fees by Faculty as well as other compulsory fees, OR you can check your Registration Fee Assessment Invoice, which you are required to print when you register for your classes, OR you can contact the bursary at 662-2002 exts. 82137, 83382, 83379 or 82143.

Q. Will The University notify me if I'm required to pay my own tuition fees?

A. Yes, you will be notified via e-mail.

Q. How do I compute my fees for each semester?

A. This information can be found in the [Undergraduate Financial Information Booklet](#). To calculate the fees you'd pay per semester, multiply the amount of credits you're registered to take that semester by the respective per credit fees in the previously mentioned booklet.

Q. My GPA fell below 1.0, yet my transcript says that I am in "good academic standing." Am I still required to fund my own tuition?

A. Yes. Once your GPA is below 1.0, you are required to pay your own tuition.

Q. If I cannot raise the funds to pay my fees, what options are open to me?

A. You can inquire as to additional funding options at the GATE Office, located at #16 Warner Street, St Augustine. You can also call the office at 645-2811 or 645-7356.

Q. Can I take a Leave of Absence (LOA)?

A. Yes

Q. How long can I take LOA for?

A. The maximum period allowed for a leave of absence is two years, consecutively.

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Q. How do I apply for a LOA?

- A. Download and fill-in the LOA form and submit it to the Assistant Registrar at the Student Affairs (Admissions) Office. You can click [here](#) to download the form or find it on the Student Portal. Click "Quick Links." On that page, scroll down to "Forms and Documents" and click "Other Forms Available Here." On this page you'll find the form titled "Leave of Absence Application – Undergraduate" under the category "Student Related Information."