

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE

\$8 per credit | All students pay

UNLV maintains an unwavering commitment to providing a quality educational experience for its students, and as the academic landscape changes, the increased demand for technology and connectivity is a foundational component.

UNLV continues to evolve to meet the technology needs of the campus community, especially its student population. In response, the university assesses a student technology fee per credit to keep pace with technology that is essential for today's teaching and learning methods - no matter the instructional approach.

The fee is earmarked for technology resources and services that support and improve student engagement and learning at UNLV, while preparing students for workplaces that employ the latest technology.

Students have an active voice in technology fee decisions. The Student Technology Advisory Committee, comprised of undergraduate and graduate students, helps guide discussion and implementation of technology that is funded by the fee at monthly meetings in the fall and spring semesters.

The funds pay for state-of-the-art technology and other advancements that benefit students and enhance their academic endeavors. Recently the student technology fee helped fund a number of initiatives¹, completed by the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and campus partners, including but not limited to:

Connectivity

- Increasing network and wireless service costs for academic, research, remote learning, and social needs

Customer service enhancements

- Student Union IT Help Desk renovation (accessibility and social distancing improvements)
- IT Help Desk and RebelCard virtual line service (fall 2020)

Facility upgrades

- Lab and classroom computer refresh (every 5 to 7 years)
- Lied Library computer refresh (every 4 years)
- General use computer lab and teaching facility renovations (includes hardware and licensing for remote learning)
- Additional technology enhanced classrooms

Instructional technologies

OIT, with the guidance of the Student Technology Advisory Committee, manages the fees collected from all UNLV students - with the exception of law, medicine, and dental school students. The Boyd School of Law, the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, and the UNLV School of Medicine collect and manage fees from their students to support the computer labs and related costs for student technology needs that are specific to those three units.

- Learning management system
- Lecture capture solution
- Academic integrity tools (Turnitin, Respondus, etc.)
- GSuite applications (email, GoogleDocs, Google Hangouts, etc.)
- Specialized academic software (Adobe, SPSS, etc.)

New services

- Virtual computer labs and remote software (RebelApps)

Professional development opportunities

- Virtual and on-demand training (LinkedIn Learning)

Security improvements

- Student and institutional data protection measures
- Student employment
- Student and other staff jobs that support instructional technology (lab monitors, classroom technology specialists, help desk staff, etc.)

Due to UNLV's quick pivot to transition the campus to remote learning, OIT is carefully evaluating the technology resources that are currently available. The unit is monitoring the dynamic educational climate and technology demand to make informed decisions on its technology offerings to better serve students.