

Imperial College Union
International Tuition fees - a major concern
A paper by the OSC Chair – Wasim Khouri

Imperial College Union notes:

1. That tuition fees have been the subject of many papers this year, especially due to the rise in home fees.
2. That international students have suffered a similar issue this year with overseas fees reaching an average of £25,000.
3. That international tuition fees rise incrementally each year.
4. That the increase in international tuition fees from 2007/2008 to 2008/2009 was 5.13%, whilst UK inflation was 3.6% in 2008.
5. Similarly, 2008/2009 to 2009/2010 saw a 4.88% increase compared to 2.2% inflation that year. For more figures please refer to the appendix.
6. That this year's tuition fees are higher than all UK universities and have become close to MIT who charge \$40,372 (£25,047 – exchange rate on 27/12/2012), remembering that expenses in London are much higher.
7. That two articles on this matter have been written in Felix last term, highlighting the growing student concern.
8. That the Head of International Student Support, Sharon Bolton, at a meeting in December with myself, Union International Officer, Jialin Li, and Chief Executive of UKCISA (UK Council for International Affairs), Dominic Scott, all expressed their concern and agreed that students require more transparency.
9. That this year saw the largest number of international students applying to the hardship fund as a result of the financial problems they suddenly faced.
10. That it is usually assumed overseas students are wealthy, when in many cases students are living on a very strict budget.
11. That other universities in the UK have suffered a similar issue. For instance, Edinburgh's Student Association met the University Principal after a campaign and is now negotiating a solution.
12. That many international students have approached me this year questioning whether students can do anything to get justification from College as to the fee rise.

Imperial College Union Believes:

1. That high fees may turn away many International Students as sponsors and parents would be unable to pay, especially in today's economic conditions.
2. That this will affect the prestige and brand name of the university, reducing the worthiness of our degree.
3. That the incremental rise in tuition fees with sudden changes, as experienced this year, is affecting students on tight budgets. This causes student dissatisfaction, again affecting university prestige (according to league tables).
4. That international students should have transparency by either having fixed fees from year 1 (even if it means higher fees at the start) or knowing in advance what the fees will be over the 3-4 years, allowing students, sponsors and/or parents to budget accordingly.
5. That College should implement the above system without spreading the risks to the students.
6. That ICU should organize a protest or sign a petition that will be forwarded to higher authorities if College does not respond to this major concern.

Resolves

1. To lobby College to give students information on how they come up with the increase and where the money is distributed.
2. To lobby College to give students advanced notice about any sudden increases in tuition fees.

Appendix 1 – Tuition Fee breakdown 2007-2010

Undergraduate

Course	Home/EU Students		Overseas Students							
	2006 Entry or Later *	All Previous Entries	2009/2010 Entry	2008/2009 Entry	2007/2008 Entry	2006/2007 Entry	2005/2006 Entry	2004/2005 Entry	2003/2004 Entry	All Previous Entries
FoE										
Aeronautics										
Chemical Engineering	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,650.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Chemical Technology										
Mechanical Engineering										
Bioengineering	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 19,100.00	£ 18,900.00	£ 18,450.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Civil and Environmental Engineering	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,000.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Computing										
Joint Mathematics and Computing	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,800.00	£ 19,500.00	£ 19,000.00
Earth Science and Engineering	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,800.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,200.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Materials	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 19,200.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
FoM										
Years 1, 2 & 3 **	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00	£ 24,700.00	£ 18,450.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Years 4, 5 & 6 and Oxbridge Entry ***	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 37,300.00	£ 37,300.00	£ 37,300.00	£ 36,950.00	£ 30,250.00	£ 29,400.00	£ 29,150.00	£ 29,150.00
FoNS										
BSc/MSci in Biomedical Sciences	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,300.00	£ 20,200.00	£ 20,200.00	£ 18,900.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemistry	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,300.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,250.00	£ 20,050.00	£ 18,850.00	£ 18,850.00	£ 18,850.00	£ 18,850.00
Mathematics	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 16,300.00	£ 15,850.00	£ 15,850.00	£ 14,300.00	£ 13,900.00	£ 13,800.00	£ 13,800.00
Life Sciences	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 20,400.00	£ 19,100.00	£ 19,100.00	£ 18,900.00	£ 18,450.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00
Physics	£ 3,225.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 19,300.00	£ 19,100.00	£ 19,100.00	£ 18,900.00	£ 18,450.00	£ 17,950.00	£ 17,750.00	£ 17,750.00

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TUITION FEES 2008/2009

SECTION ONE: UNDERGRADUATE FEES

	HOME/EU STUDENTS		OVERSEAS STUDENTS							
	2006 entry or later	All previous	2008/2009 Entry	2007/2008 Entry	2006/2007 Entry	2005/2006 Entry	2004/2005 Entry	2003/2004 Entry	All Previous	
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING										
Bioengineering	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£18,200	£18,000	£17,550	£17,100	£16,900	£16,900	
Aeronautics										
Chemical Eng. & Chemical Tech.	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£18,700	£17,100	£16,900	£16,900	
Mechanical Engineering										
Civil and Environmental Eng.	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£18,100	£17,100	£16,900	£16,900	
Computing (including joint courses in Maths and Computing)	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£19,300	£18,850	£18,550	£18,100	
Earth Science and Engineering	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£19,300	£18,850	£16,900	£16,900	
Electrical and Electronic Eng.	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£18,700	£18,300	£16,900	£16,900	
Materials	£3,145	£1,250	£19,450	£19,450	£19,300	£19,300	£18,300	£16,900	£16,900	
FACULTY OF MEDICINE										
Years 1, 2 & 3 [†]	£3,145	£1,250	£23,800	£23,800	£23,500	£17,550	£17,100	£16,900	£16,900	
Years 4, 5 & 6 and Oxbridge entry [†]	£3,145	£1,250	£35,500	£35,500	£35,200	£28,800	£28,000	£27,750	£27,750	
FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES										
BSc/MSci in Biomedical Sciences	£3,145	£1,250	£19,250	£19,250	£18,000	-	-	-	-	
Chemistry	£3,145	£1,250	£19,300	£19,300	£19,100	£17,950	£17,950	£17,950	£17,950	
Mathematics	£3,145	£1,250	£15,500	£15,100	£15,100	£13,600	£13,250	£13,150	£13,150	
Life Sciences										
Physics	£3,145	£1,250	£18,200	£18,200	£18,000	£17,550	£17,100	£16,900	£16,900	
Business and Environmental Mgt at Wye Campus (see [§])	£3,145	£1,250	£14,100	£14,100	£14,000	£13,600	£13,250	£13,150	£13,150	

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	HOME/EU STUDENTS		OVERSEAS STUDENTS						
	2006 entry or later [†]	All previous	2007/2008 Entry	2006/2007 Entry	2005/2006 Entry	2004/2005 Entry	2003/2004 Entry	2002/2003 Entry	All Previous
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING									
Bioengineering	£3,070	£1,225	£17,350	£17,150	£16,700	£16,300	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Aeronautics									
Chemical Eng. & Chemical Tech. Mechanical Engineering	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£17,800	£16,300	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Civil and Environmental Eng.	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£17,250	£16,300	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Computing (including joint courses in Maths and Computing)	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£18,400	£17,950	£17,650	£17,250	£17,250
Earth Science and Engineering	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£18,400	£17,950	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Electrical and Electronic Eng.	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£17,800	£17,450	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Materials	£3,070	£1,225	£18,500	£18,400	£18,400	£17,450	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
FACULTY OF MEDICINE									
Years 1, 2 & 3 [†]	£3,070	£1,225	£22,650	£22,400	£16,700	£16,300	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900
Years 4, 5 & 6 and Oxbridge entry [‡]	£3,070	£1,225	£33,800	£33,500	£27,450	£26,650	£26,450	£26,450	£26,450
FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES									
BSc/MSci in Biomedical Sciences	£3,070	-	£18,350	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemistry	£3,070	£1,225	£18,400	£18,200	£17,100	£17,100	£17,100	£17,100	£17,100
Mathematics	£3,070	£1,225	£14,400	£14,000	£12,950	£12,600	£12,500	£12,500	£12,500
Business and Environmental Mgt at Wye Campus (see [§])	£3,070	£1,225	£13,450	£13,350	£12,950	£12,600	£12,500	£12,500	£12,500
Physics									
All other Natural Sciences courses	£3,070	£1,225	£17,350	£17,150	£16,700	£16,300	£16,100	£16,100	£15,900

[†] Students who deferred entry before August 2005 will be charged £1,225.

[‡] Students on A305 will be charged at the lower (non-clinical) rate for the first two years and the remaining three years at the higher (clinical) rate.

[§] Home/EU students undertaking an intercalated Medical BSc and who are already receiving statutory support will be charged £1,225.

[§] D6NF/D6N2 BSc Applied Business Management; D6NG/DN62 BSc Applied Business Management with a Yr in Industry; F9N2 BSc Environmental Management.