

# Senior Fee

Graduation at UW-Superior is an important milestone for our students and a day of celebration for family, friends and alumni. To assist students in preparing for graduation and to continue to offer a memorable commencement ceremony, a one-time senior fee of \$50 will be assessed to all students during the semester they accumulate 84 or more credits. Transfer students who arrive at UW-Superior with 84 or more credits will be charged the fee the semester when they first enroll. The senior fee goes into effect 2014 Fall Semester and replaces prior practices of assessing a \$50 Graduation Fee to students on the term of graduation. There has been no increase in the fee; the fee is now available on student bills and has been made easier to identify, pay, and assess. This is a one-time fee per student, per degree.

## **What will the senior fee be used for?**

The Commencement Ceremony requires extensive staff time to plan and organize, and involves literally hundreds of students, parents, friends and guests. The processing fee supports this important event and rising costs associated with this event. There are also costs associated with graduation verification, printing of transcripts, and diplomas.

## **Is UW-Superior the only university to have this fee?**

UW-Superior is one of many universities in the UW System who assesses a senior/graduation fee. Fees for graduation currently range from \$25 to \$50 for this same purpose. Many of our UW System institutions apply this fee to potential graduates and is not refundable.

## **What about a fee for graduate students?**

Graduate students are assessed a similar fee when they earn 22 credits. This is noted as a graduation fee as the funds are directed for the same purposes as the senior fee. This is a one-time fee per student, per degree.

## **Why is the fee applied at 84 credits?**

Because the fee provides services for students who are preparing to graduate, it is assessed at the point at which most students are entering into their senior year and approaching graduation.

## **What if I do not intend to participate in commencement? Do I still need to pay the fee?**

Yes, the senior processing fee supports not only commencement but also assists all senior students in better preparing for their graduation. There are also costs associated with processes that must be completed after commencement.