

# Odessa College

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### **OC offers 25 percent off tuition for summer sessions, free tuition for ECISD dual-credit academic courses fall 2010 and spring 2011**

ODESSA (March 4, 2010) – Odessa College will offer its summer classes at a reduced tuition rate again this summer.

At a called board meeting tonight, OC board of trustees voted to approve reduced tuition rates for summer college credit classes in order to help break down educational cost barriers during a time of economic downturn. Students will receive 25 percent off the cost of tuition for courses taken during summer I and/or summer II.

As an example, if an in-district-student takes six hours during either of the two summer sessions, the tuition would be \$234 plus books and fees – an almost \$78 savings – rather than the regular price of \$312 plus books and fees. Out-of-district students also will benefit from the reduced tuition savings. Student who have already registered and paid for their summer classes will receive a refund for the difference in the tuition. The special summer tuition reduction applies to all students taking OC college credit classes online, on campus or at an OC extension site.

Additionally, the OC board of trustees voted to approve a one-year commitment to pilot free tuition to ECISD students who enroll in dual-credit academic courses in the fall 2010 and/or spring 2011 semesters. The no-cost tuition applies only to academic dual-credit courses, not technical dual-credit courses, offered through the OC *collegeNow* program either online or in the high school classroom.

Odessa College is committed to providing the highest quality education for its students as well as providing more benefits and opportunities for its community.

Registration for summer classes is available from 5 a.m. to midnight online at [www.odessa.edu](http://www.odessa.edu) or on campus during the hours of 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in Wrangler Express Center.

For more information on OC's reduced summer tuition, *collegeNow* tuition or registration, please call the Wrangler Express Center at 335-6849 or log on to the Web site at [www.odessa.edu](http://www.odessa.edu).