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S.R. 2501

A Resolution in Support of Establishing a Student Library Printing Credit

Executive Summary

The University of Texas Libraries (UT Libraries) offers campus-wide printing, copying, and scanning through the UTprint system. As of Fall 2025, 8.5"×11" rates are approximately \$0.11 per one-sided black-and-white page (\$0.10 per side duplex) and \$0.30 per color page (sales tax not included)¹. Payment is currently accepted through UTprint mechanisms such as My Library Print Funds and Bevo Pay; Bevo Pay has been announced for decommissioning in August 2026². UT Austin does not provide a baseline student printing credit. Many peer institutions allocate a small, recurring print allowance to every student each semester, which significantly reduces cost barriers for academic essentials (syllabi pages, problem sets, resumes, forms) and simplifies access in the first weeks of classes. This resolution proposes a modest, universal UT Libraries printing credit each long semester (and a proportional summer allocation) delivered automatically to all students, integrated with existing UTprint accounts.

Academic Connection

Printing remains necessary for a subset of coursework (studio critiques, lab forms, advising materials, testing accommodations, internships/career fairs). A universal print credit will: (1) prevent financial hurdles from interfering with class readiness; (2) reduce lines and staff burden at the semester start; and (3) support equity for Pell-eligible and first-generation students who are disproportionately impacted by per-page costs and sales tax on required prints. Embedding the credit within UTprint aligns with campus technology access goals and existing infrastructure without introducing new vendors or cards.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Student Print Credit?

A: A universal printing allowance that appears in your UTprint account each long semester, intended for essential academic printing.

Q: Who is eligible?

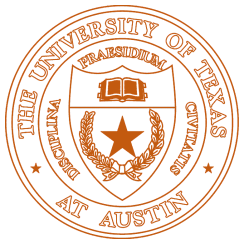
A: All students enrolled by the census date each long semester; summer enrollees receive a proportional amount.

Q: How much is the printing credit?

A: The Office of the CIO, CFO, and UT Libraries will set the exact dollar value based on current rates and budget. Based on peer schools, a baseline amount would be 50 black and white pages.

1. "Printing Rates," *University of Texas Libraries*, accessed October 14, 2025, <https://www.lib.utexas.edu/study-spaces-technology/print-copy-scan/rates>

2. "Bevo Pay," *University of Texas Housing and Dining*, accessed October 14, 2025, <https://housing.utexas.edu/programs-services/bevo-pay>



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Q: Where can I use it?

A: The print credit will initially apply to UT Libraries and other UTprint release stations that accept Library Print Funds. As implementation expands, the University may explore integrating additional printer networks, such as those used by Athletics or other units, into the unified system to ensure consistent access and reduce friction for students.

Q: How do I see the balance?

A: In the UTprint portal, as a dedicated purse, separate from any personal funds.

Q: What happens when I run out?

A: Printing seamlessly draws from your personal UTprint funds or approved tender if you add money.

Q: Does the credit roll over?

A: No. It resets each semester.

Q: Is sales tax included?

A: Sales tax is applied per University policy; the credit functions like a payment method at checkout.

Q: What about color or specialty jobs?

A: The credit targets 8.5"×11" printing, including black and white and color.. Specialty services, such as posters, follow posted rates and may require personal funds once the credit is used.

Q: Does this affect Bevo Pay?

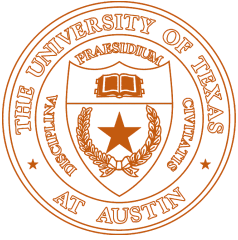
A: No. The credit resides within UTprint. As Bevo Pay sunsets (Aug 2026), the credit remains available/visible in UTprint.

Q: What does a “proportional” allocation mean for Summer printing?

A: Because UT Austin has multiple Summer class terms (Summer I, Summer II, and full Summer), the print credit will scale based on enrollment. Students enrolled in classes for either a full Summer term or both Summer I and Summer II will receive the full semester credit, while those enrolled in either Summer I or Summer II will receive half credit.

Q: How will this be implemented?

A: The Senate of College Councils will work with the Office of the CIO, UT Libraries, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the CFO to implement a consolidated program that maximizes student success.



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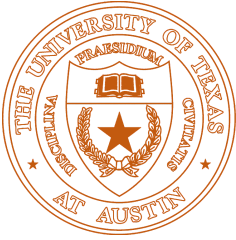
WHEREAS, This resolution revisits and updates prior Senate action on student printing (see [S.R. 1510](#), 2016) to reflect current campus infrastructure and needs; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Libraries provides students with campus-wide printing, copying, and scanning through UTprint and library-managed printers, payable via My Library Print Funds and (until decommissioning) Bevo Pay; and,

WHEREAS, Current UT Libraries rates for 8.5"×11" printing are approximately \$0.11 per one-sided black-and-white page (or \$0.10 per side when duplexed) and \$0.30 per color page, with sales tax applied at checkout; and,

WHEREAS, UT Austin currently does not provide a universal, centrally managed printing credit for all undergraduate and graduate students, creating small but meaningful cost barriers at the start of each semester; and,

WHEREAS, Campus printing is presently distributed across multiple contracts and service providers (for example, units such as McCombs maintain several distinct agreements), which increases cost and complexity; and,



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WHEREAS, Peer institutions within the UT System demonstrate feasibility and student benefit from semesterly print credits, including The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), which allocates \$12 in printing credit each long semester (with B/W as low as \$0.06 per page and color \$0.24 per page, with duplex discounts)³, and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) assigns semester vPrint/PaperCut credits (500 in fall and spring; 250 per summer session) and debits them as follows: 1 credit per single-sided black-and-white page, 2 credits per double-sided black-and-white page, 2 credits per single-sided color page, and 4 credits per double-sided color page.⁴; and,

WHEREAS, Additional peers outside the UT System, such as the University of Houston, provide a \$7.50 semesterly Cougar Card print credit; printing is charged per side at rates of 1.5¢ for black and white and 10¢ for color⁵, and Texas A&M University, an institution of comparable enrollment, allocates \$30 per semester and \$15 in the summer for printing with rates starting at \$0.07 for black and white and \$0.15 for color⁶.

WHEREAS, Some UT Austin departments already support limited printing for their majors, but such access is uneven across colleges and programs; and,

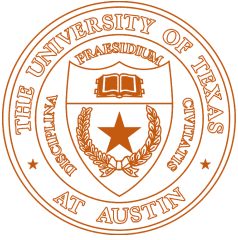
WHEREAS, Providing a baseline, universal print credit promotes equity, reduces administrative friction, supports first-generation and Pell-eligible students, and aligns with UT's student success priorities without requiring new third-party systems; and,

3. "University Technology Solutions," *University of Texas at San Antonio*, accessed October 14, 2025, <https://www.utsa.edu/techsolutions/students/printing/info.html>

4. "About vPrint," *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*, accessed October 14, 2025, <https://support.utrgv.edu/TDClient/1849/Portal/KB/PrintArticle?ID=158159>

5. "Print & Scan," *University of Houston*, accessed October 14, 2025, <https://libraries.uh.edu/spaces-tech/print/>

6. "TAMU-OAL – Print Rates," *Texas A&M University – Technology Services*, accessed October 16, 2025, <https://service.tamu.edu/TDClient/36/Portal/KB/PrintArticle?ID=665>



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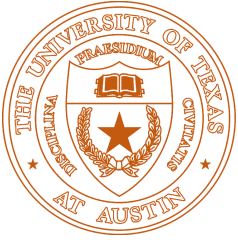
WHEREAS, Due to this lack of centralization, students are unable to access printers equitably across campus; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of College Councils supports establishing a UT Libraries “Student Print Credit” for all students, provisioned automatically each long semester with a minimum value sufficient to cover at least a baseline amount of 50 black-and-white pages, with a proportional allocation for summer enrollees; and,

RESOLVED, That UT Libraries and the offices overseeing UTprint shall implement this credit within existing My Library Print Funds/UTprint infrastructure, with balances visible to students and accepted at all UT Libraries print locations and UTprint release stations; and,

RESOLVED, That the Office of the CIO will be delegated the task to consolidate to a single, campus-wide managed print contract wherever practicable, eliminating duplicative vendors and contracts; cost savings realized from consolidation should be prioritized to fund the Student Print Credit and related service improvements; and,

RESOLVED, That UT Libraries and campus IT shall draft a Campus Printing Governance Charter (covering service scope within Libraries, device standards, locations, sustainability defaults, budgeting, data reporting, and user support), and present the charter to the Office of the Provost and CIO for approval; and



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RESOLVED That this resolution shall revisit and update S.R. 1510 (2016) and supersede conflicting provisions therein; and,

RESOLVED That this resolution of the Senate of College Councils be sent to: Cole W. Campese, *Vice President for Technology & Chief Information Officer*, The University of Texas at Austin; William Inboden, *Executive Vice President and Provost*, and The University of Texas at Austin; Brian T. Smith, *Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer*.

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