First established as a camp in 1849, Eagle Pass has grown into a city of over 35,000 people. With a variety of shops and malls, it is the gateway to Piedras Negras' colorful outdoor markets and handiwork of the Mexican tradition. Biculturalism flourishes in Eagle Pass, and it is common for people in Eagle Pass to speak both Spanish and English. In this atmosphere, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College strives to bring together diverse cultures.

**Uvalde**

Settled in 1853, Uvalde served as a trading post for area settlers and forts along the Nueces River. Prior to Texas' annexation, many battles were fought along the Nueces River in an attempt to settle the boundary dispute between Texas and Mexico. Turn of the century architecture is still evident in Uvalde. Nestled among tree shaded streets are many elegant old homes, dating back to the late 1890s and early 1900s. Many storied houses with long porches, balconies, and tall graceful columns preserve a testament to the past. The huge old oaks that were so numerous in the area are so loved by the city that many streets are built around the trees. The Uvalde campus of Rio Grande College houses the main library for the College along with the offices of the Associate Provost/Dean, Chair of the Department of Business Administration, Chair of the Department of Education, Financial Aid, Student Services and Media/Public Relations/Outreach. Near Uvalde is Garner State Park, a recreational area famed in the state for its camping and outdoor activities. Uvalde is also the headquarters of Southwest Texas Junior College, our partner institution.

**SRSU RIO GRANDE COLLEGE**

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College Small Business Development Center strives to support the economic development of the Middle Rio Grande region of rural Southwest Texas. The Center's mission is to act as a catalyst for business and economic development by providing a broad range of education, counseling, and technical assistance activities targeted to businesses, economic development organizations, public officials, and the community at large.

The Center conducts the SBDC program in nine counties stretching from Maverick to Dimmitt, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala – an area of 12,000 square miles, with an estimated population of approximately 160,000 and approximately 2,700 businesses. The region is comprised of a geographically dispersed, ethnically and culturally diverse populations.

The Small Business Development Center has offices on each of the Rio Grande College campuses.

**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal consideration of all applicants for admissions without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability. Applicants will be considered for admission to the University when all the items required for admission have been filed with the Office of Admissions and Records.

In order to enroll initially for any semester or summer term, an application must have been filed with Admissions and Records prior to the first day of registration for the particular semester or summer term. A completed file will contain the following items: Application for Admission and official copies of all college or university transcripts. Written notification concerning admission will be sent by the Office of Admissions and Records to each applicant.

Sul Ross State University requires the same personal standards and applies the same criteria in considering applications for admission as it uses in the retention of students who are enrolled. To be consistent with this policy, the University reserves the right to refuse acceptance to prospective or former
students who are on disciplinary suspension or expulsion from any college or university, or who have committed other offenses of a serious nature, which, in the judgment of the University, are likely to have an adverse effect on the University. The personal standards are provided in the Student Code of Conduct contained in the Student Handbook.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The Rio Grande College of Sul Ross State University accepts applications for admission from students who have completed a minimum of 42 transferable semester credit hours from accredited colleges and universities. Any person who desires to apply for admission should contact the Office of Admissions and Records, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, 3107 Bob Rogers Drive, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852; or the other offices of the Rio Grande College, 2623 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Texas 78801; or Rio Grande College, 205 Wildcat Drive, Del Rio, Texas 78840, or www.applytexas.org.

Full Admission

To be considered for admission to the Rio Grande College of Sul Ross State University, a student must have completed a minimum of 42 transferable semester credit hours with a 2.0 GPA from an accredited college or university, be eligible for enrollment in upper level courses, and be eligible for readmission to the last college or university attended. The student must also meet the minimum 2.0 grade point average for all courses attempted. While not required for admission, students are urged to complete the Texas Required Core Curriculum before beginning at SRSU-RGC.

Students must:

- File an application for admission. Failure to list all institutions previously attended constitutes falsification of records and may result in enforced withdrawal from the University and loss of credit earned toward degree requirements at Sul Ross State University.
- File an official transcript from each college in which the student was previously enrolled, regardless of type of enrollment or intent to transfer credits. Transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions and Records at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College from the Registrar of the issuing institution. If the college grade point average does not meet the grade point average requirement of admissions criteria above, the student’s application will be rejected.
- Students who wish to earn transfer credit at other institutions while pursuing a degree program at SRSU must have prior written approval of the major advisor and department chair with copies being filed with the Dean of the Rio Grande College. Students must submit official transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records after completion of any courses taken at another college or university. Students may transfer hours from accredited two-year institutions as may be necessary to meet degree requirements, but students must meet the minimum requirements for hours in residence at Sul Ross State University and for advanced hours as may be required for the degree. Lower level hours taken after initial enrollment at other institutions will not be counted toward the requirement that the last 30 hours of the degree must be taken in residence at Sul Ross State University. Courses taken at a two-year college cannot transfer as advanced hours. Grade points earned and hours attempted at another institution will be used in determining eligibility for admission, graduation, and meeting academic standards for continued enrollment. Semester credit hours earned in remedial courses at other institutions are not accepted for transfer. Semester credit hours earned with the grade of D or better in non-remedial courses at other institutions will transfer. However, a student may be required to repeat the course or similar courses at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College in order to satisfy degree requirements depending upon the major field of study and the overall grade point average of the student involved.
Admission to the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree
The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree is designed to provide a bachelor degree pathway for individuals who hold an Associate of Applied Science degree or persons with extensive work history and knowledge. The requirements for admission are as follows:

1. 42 transferable semester credit hours (may not include remedial course work)
2. Be in good standing at previous college or university attended
3. Completion of a minimum of 15 semester hours of the required Texas Core Curriculum
   AND
4. One of the following:
   a. Earned Associate of Applied Science degree
   b. Minimum of 10 years of relevant work experience. Relevant experience is
      defined as suitable for submission as Prior Learning Experience and earning
      at least 9 semester hours of credit through Council of Adult and Experiential
      Learning (CAEL). CAEL is recognized by all regional accrediting bodies, has
      an online process for submission of Prior Learning Experience, utilizes
      nationally recognized authorities for assessment of Prior Learning
      Experience, and furnishes a transcript for documenting such work in a
      transfer of credit type of process. Prior Learning Experience equivalent to 9
      semester hours of credit is determined by the portfolio evaluation process
      through the Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). Applicants
      may enroll in a portfolio development course or take established exams.
      Contact a College Credit Specialist for guidance with CAEL. More
      information at www.learningcounts.org

Transfer Dispute Resolution
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has established guidelines for resolving transfer disputes. These transfer disputes may arise when a lower-division course is not accepted for credit by a Texas institution of higher education. To qualify as a transfer dispute, the course(s) in question must be offered by Sul Ross. Additionally, the sending institution must challenge Sul Ross's denial of credit. In all disputes, Coordinating Board form CB-TDR, "Transfer Dispute Resolution," must be completed to initiate dispute action. Forms are available in the Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Office in Alpine and at each RGC college site. Appeals must be filed within fifteen days after the Sul Ross State University transcript evaluation has been received. Assistance in completing the form will be available in any of these offices.

Texas Success Initiative
The Texas Success Initiative is an innovative response of the State of Texas to assist students in progressing through the higher educational process. Students enrolling in institutions of higher education in the state must be assessed as to readiness to perform at college levels and, if deficient, be provided with plans to help them reach college level readiness. The Success Initiative replaces the previous requirements for the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) examination.

All students must be assessed for college readiness upon entry into the institution. There are no exemptions for students based on previous course work, but students who meet one of the following criteria are deemed to be "college ready:" Specified scores on the ACT, SAT, or TAAS (or TAKS after 2004); possession of an associate or baccalaureate degree; successful completion of college-level coursework at a private out-of-state institution; certification of college readiness from a Texas public higher education institution; or current service in the armed forces or reserve component or a discharge from the armed forces reserve component after 1989.

Students admitted to Rio Grande College may still be required to meet higher score requirements for admission to specific programs such as teacher education.
Transient and Special Student Admissions

A. Transient- A student who is pursuing a degree at another institution may be considered for transient admission. The student must present a transcripted certification of readiness for college level work or meet other readiness exemptions, a statement of good standing from the college in which the student is pursuing a degree and proof of completing any required remediation. Transient admission is granted for a maximum of twenty-four semester credit hours. Credits earned as a transient student may be applied to a degree at Sul Ross, at the discretion of the major department, AFTER regular admission is granted.

B. Special- A student who is over 21 years of age who does not intend to work towards a degree at Sul Ross and who has a high school diploma from an accredited high school or a GED may be admitted to the Rio Grande College to enroll in a part-time schedule for enrichment purposes. Students seeking admission as a special student must present a transcripted certification of readiness for college level work or meet other readiness exemptions, a statement of good standing from the college in which the student is pursuing a degree and proof of completing any required remediation. Credits earned as a special student may be applied towards a degree at Sul Ross, at the discretion of the major department, AFTER regular admission is granted. A maximum of 9 semester credit hours may be taken as a special student prior to regular admission.

Continuous Enrollment/Discontinuing Attendance
Students who discontinue enrollment for one (1) calendar year must re-apply for admission. All requirements of the catalog in effect at the time of re-admittance (or subsequent catalog if selected) must be met. See Time Limit for Completion of Degrees.

International Student Admissions - Undergraduate
An admission applicant who does not hold United States citizenship or permanent resident status and who has not graduated from a United States high school must fulfill international student admission requirements. Students must apply no later than 30 days prior to initial enrollment.

- Application for admission;
- Official transcript of credits from each college or university attended, or secondary school transcript;
- Achievement test scores when required;
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 520 or an official transcript showing completion of two full semesters (24 hours) from an accredited American college or university with a C average or better;
- Evidence of ability to support him/herself while studying in the United States; and
- An application fee of $50.00 (U.S. currency).

International student applicants are responsible for assuring that they meet all United States Immigration and Naturalization Service requirements with regard to their residence and study in the United States.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS
Admission to Graduate Studies is required of all post-baccalaureate students enrolling in graduate-level courses at Sul Ross State University. Applications for admission to graduate study are available at each College office or from the Office of Admissions, Sul Ross State University- Rio Grande College, 3107 Bob Rogers Drive, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852. Each applicant will be notified in writing of acceptance or rejection for admission. Students may seek admission to Graduate Studies by applying for admission to a master's degree program or by applying for admission as a non-degree seeking student.

Admission to the Master's Degree Program
A student seeking admission for the purpose of pursuing a master's degree must hold a baccalaureate degree from an institution approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Official transcripts must be on file in the Office of Admissions and Records at least ten days prior to initial registration as a
graduate student. Also, the student must demonstrate by prior academic records and scores on the verbal, analytical and quantitative portions of the aptitude test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or for students in Business Administration, the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), a competence to pursue advanced study and research. The Graduate Record Examination or the Graduate Management Admissions Test should be taken early enough to ensure that scores are on file in the Office of Admissions and Records at the time of initial registration. In any case, the test must be taken prior to the end of the first long semester (fall or spring) after initial enrollment and arrangements made for the scores to be sent to the Office of Admissions and Records. Otherwise, the student will be denied further registration in the graduate program. Information concerning registration and testing dates for the GRE and GMAT may be obtained on-line. GRE, www.ets.org and GMAT, www.mba.com.

There are two levels of admission to a master's program, full and probationary. Approval of the major department is required for admission at either level. The following criteria will be used in determining the eligibility for admission to the appropriate level.

Full Admission

Applicants must have official transcripts and test scores sent to the Office of Admissions and Records, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College. The Office of Admissions and Records will compile and tabulate the documentation and submit a file on each applicant to the major academic department. Following the departmental review of the file, the Director of Admissions and Records will communicate to the applicant the admission status to be granted. All three of the following criteria must be met for full admission status.

- A 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 semester credit hours prior to the issuance of the bachelor's degree.
- A GRE score of 850 (verbal and quantitative) or a GMAT score of 400.

Full admission may also be granted to applicants who hold a master's degree from accredited colleges or universities and who have the approval of the department in which they propose to do work. Full admission status does not imply an absence of additional department requirements (leveling work, higher GRE scores, etc.). Consult specific departmental graduate programs in the Catalog for more information.

Probationary Admission

Probationary admission may be granted with the approval of the major academic department if a student has submitted transcripts of baccalaureate work, GRE or GMAT scores and satisfies at least one of the requirements for full admission. The probationary student must satisfy all conditions which are required by the major department and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average on 12 semester hours in graduate level courses in order to be considered for full admission. Upon the completion of these requirements, the student may be granted full admission upon the recommendation of the Chair of the major department and with the approval of the Dean. Failure to maintain a 3.0 grade point average during the probationary period will result in immediate dismissal from the graduate program.

Probationary status also may be granted to any student who has not submitted GRE or GMAT scores to the Office of Admissions and Records. The GRE or GMAT must be taken prior to the end of the long semester (fall or spring) after initial enrollment (summer terms included). The responsibility for monitoring the probationary student's compliance with all conditions of admission including the submitting of GRE or GMAT scores, the maintaining of 3.0 GPA, and the satisfaction of academic conditions imposed by the department) rests with the major department in which the student is enrolled. During the entire probationary period, the student is responsible for maintaining close communication with the major department and, as called upon, with the Dean.

Probationary admission may be granted if a student has submitted transcripts of work, and satisfies at least one of the requirements for one official academic transcript. The probationary student must satisfy all conditions which are required by the full admission status and maintain a 2.0 grade point average to be considered for full admission. Upon the completion of these requirements, the student
may be admitted to full admission status. Failure to submit all official transcripts from previous institutions will result in a hold for future semesters/terms until the file is complete with the Office of Admissions and Records.

Admission as a Non-Degree Student (citizens of the United States)
Students who are not pursuing a degree, but who are interested in graduate work for professional or personal reasons may be admitted as a non-degree student provided they present the following:

Application for admission.
An official transcript with a baccalaureate degree posted from an accredited institution.
Approval of the Department Chair in the department where course work will be undertaken.

Students who decide to apply for a change of status to pursue master's degree work must meet the requirements for admission to a degree program as stated in Section I of this policy. The change of status must be approved by the Chair of the major department and the Dean. Students should be aware that, in transferring from non-degree to degree seeking status, that at the discretion of the accepting department, no more than 12 semester hours earned prior to admission to degree seeking status can be used to meet the degree requirements of the program.

International Student Admissions - Graduate
International students must meet the requirements for admission as stated in the Graduate Admissions section. In addition, they must file the following items in the Office of Admissions and Records:
Evidence of financial responsibility. This may be satisfied by an Affidavit of Support (Immigration Service Form I-134) or a signed statement from a U.S. citizen or foreign national committing the necessary resources in U.S. dollars for the student's expenses.
Evidence of English language proficiency as demonstrated by any one of the following:
- A TOEFL score of 520; or
- Twenty-four hours of undergraduate work with a C average at an accredited U.S. college or university, or 12 graduate hours with a B average at an accredited U.S. college or university; or
- A bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.

An application fee of $50.00 in U.S. currency (non-refundable) is required.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE ANTICIPATED DATE OF REGISTRATION.

Transfer of Graduate Courses
THERE IS NO AUTOMATIC TRANSFER FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF CREDITS APPLICABLE TO A GRADUATE DEGREE. A request for transfer of hours must be made to the major advisor at the time a degree plan is prepared. No requests for transfer of hours will be accepted after the degree plan is prepared without written approval of the major advisor and the Dean prior to enrollment in the course at another institution. Graduate students will not be permitted to apply toward the master's degree more than twelve semester credit hours of transferred credits, military service credits, non-collegiate educational experiences, undergraduate courses taken for graduate credit, graduate-level independent study courses, or any combination of these. Such courses must be pertinent to the candidate's program of study. A student may request transfer of a maximum of twelve semester credit hours in a 36-hour non-thesis program or six semester hours in a 30-hour thesis program from an accredited college or university provided the course work has been approved by the student's major advisor and the dean. Before courses will be approved for transfer, they must meet the following standards:

A. The grade for each course must be at least a B.

B. The course must be unmistakably designated as graduate credit on the official transcript, which must be on file in the Office of Admissions and Records.
C. The time limit of six years must not have expired at the projected time of graduation.

D. The total number of hours taken at Sul Ross State University and any other institution may not exceed 15 semester credit hours in any one semester in the long term or six semester credit hours in either summer term.

E. No more than twelve semester credit hours in any combination of transfer work, undergraduate courses taken for graduate credit, and graduate-level independent study courses may be credited toward the master’s degree.

TUITION AND FEES
See web site for specific tuition and fees: http://www.sulross.edu/page/1825/tuition-fees.
SRSU-Rio Grande College assesses a $30/semester hr. fee for web-based courses, minus credit for computer access fees.

Resident Student Tuition
The State tuition for students classified as residents of the State of Texas during 2013-2014 is $50 per semester hour.

Graduate Tuition
The State tuition for graduate students classified as residents of the State of Texas during 2013-2014 is $62 per semester credit hour (see page 24 for Graduate Tuition Differential Rebate program).

Non-Resident Tuition
Tuition for a student who is classified as a non-resident student is equal to the cost of attending a state university in Texas as determined annually by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For 2013-14, this amount is $404 per semester credit hours. See Residence Status in this catalog.

Designated Tuition
A mandatory Designated Tuition Fee of $62 per semester credit hour is assessed to all students. This fee is used to help cover the costs of services, use and/or availability of all or any of the University’s property, buildings, structures, activities, operations or other facilities. These funds are used to support the Educational and General operations of the University (i.e. scholarships, equipment, development).

Student Service Fee
A mandatory Student Service Fee of $15 per semester credit hour with a maximum of $140 per long semester, or $70 per summer term is required from all students. This fee is used to help cover the cost of Student Services. Student Services are activities which are separate and apart from the regularly scheduled academic functions of the institution and directly involve or benefit students (i.e. Student Government, Student Counseling, Athletics).

Computer Access Fee
A mandatory Computer Access Fee of $7 per semester credit hour is required from all students. This fee is used to help cover the cost of operations of the Academic Computer Resource Center. This includes staff salaries, equipment, software, and other operating costs.

Technology Services Fee
A mandatory Technology Service Fee of $17 per semester credit hour is required from all students. This fee is used to cover technology salaries, equipment, software and other operating costs.

International Education Fee
A mandatory International Education Fee of $1 per semester is required from all students. This fee is used to assist students participating in international student exchange or study programs. This assistance is in the form of scholarships or other stipends.
Publication and Records Fee
A mandatory Publication and Records Fee of $12 per semester is required from all students. This fee is used to cover the costs of materials or services of publications, including transcripts.

Library Fee
A mandatory Library Fee of $2 per semester credit hour is required from all students. This fee is used to help cover the costs of acquisitions for the Miller and Wildenthal Libraries.

Tuition and fees are subject to change by the Texas Legislature and or the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System

ADDITIONAL AND OPTIONAL FEES
Student Teaching Fee $125.00
Graduation Fee 30.00
Diploma Insert Fee 5.00
Late Fee 25.00 to 50.00
International Application 50.00
Reinstatement/Cancellation fee 100.00
Late payment fee/late registration fee 25.00

Any student failing to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date, will be prohibited from registering for any classes until full payment is made. A student who fails to make full payment prior to the end of the semester will be denied credit for work done during the semester.

REFUNDS
Withdrawals:
Refund of Fees. Any student who has paid the registration fees in full and officially withdraws by submitting a withdrawal card and registration receipt is entitled to a refund of tuition and fees as follows:
Regular Session
  Prior to the first regularly scheduled class day 100%
  During the first five class days 80%
  During the second five class days 70%
  During the third five class days 50%
  During the fourth five class days 25%
  After the fourth five class days None
Summer Session
  Prior to the first regularly scheduled class day 100%
  During the first, second or third class day 80%
  During the fourth, fifth or sixth class day 50%
  Seventh day of class and thereafter None

REDUCING HOURS/DROPPING COURSES
Should a student reduce semester hours by officially dropping a course or courses, the following refund rates will apply, provided the student remains enrolled at Sul Ross State University.
Regular Session
  During the first twelve class days 100%
  After the twelfth class day None
Summer Session
  During the first four class days 100%
  After the fourth class day None
A class day is a regularly scheduled day of class at the University. The first twelve class days are the first twelve days of regular class meetings, including Fridays.

An immediate refund will not be made at the time a student withdraws or reduces hours during a semester, but upon request, a check covering all refunds due will be mailed within approximately 30 days to the address left at the Cashier's Office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is the philosophy of Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College that any deserving and capable student who wishes to attend the university should not be deprived of that opportunity due to financial need. Underlying this philosophy is the belief that the primary responsibility of financing a student's education rests with the student. However, because of the variety of financial backgrounds from which students come, it is sometimes necessary to seek outside help to cover normal education costs which cannot be met by the family. It is the purpose of the office of Student Financial Assistance at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College to assist students in obtaining financial assistance necessary to cover this cost.

Some form of financial aid is available to every student, regardless of income. To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as early as January 1 for the following academic year. You must re-apply every year. The priority deadline for the fall semester is May 1, October 15 for the spring semester, and March 1 for the summer. These dates insure consideration for all programs as well as timely delivery of funds.

CONSORTIUM WITH SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sul Ross – Rio Grande College and Southwest Texas Junior College have a financial aid consortium which allows students to be enrolled in classes at both institutions. Certain restrictions and policies apply. Information is available from the Financial Aid offices at RGC and SWTJC. Approval is required from both institutions.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Federal regulations require Sul Ross State University to establish and apply reasonable standards of satisfactory progress for the purpose of receiving financial assistance under the programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Office of Financial Assistance has oversight of student financial aid programs intended to help students achieve access to higher education and accomplish academic goals. Each aid recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress in a course of study leading toward a degree or certificate. Financial assistance Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is measured after each long semester.

Undergraduate Students

GPA

All undergraduate students:
- Must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to remain in good standing.
- Will be placed on Financial Assistance Probation if their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Students on Financial Assistance Warning are eligible to receive financial assistance but are cautioned to strive to improve their academic standing.
- The grade for a course is not calculated in the grade point average if the course is repeated and a passing grade is received. For repeated courses the final grade will be counted and all hours attempted, including repeated courses, will count toward the time limit below.
Undergraduate students on Financial Assistance Warning will be placed on Financial Assistance Suspension if they fail to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of their semester of warning.

Completion
- In addition to maintaining the overall GPA requirement, students must make reasonable progress toward their degree or certificate.
- All undergraduate students:
  - Must successfully complete at least 67% of all hours attempted. Grades of F, W, PR, and I are not considered as satisfactory completion but do count as attempted hours.
  - Will be placed on Financial Assistance Warning if their overall percentage of completion rate falls below 67%.

Financial Aid Suspension
Undergraduate students on Financial Assistance Warning will be placed on Financial Assistance Suspension if they fail to achieve an overall completion rate of 67% at the end of their semester of warning.

Time Limits
All undergraduate students are expected to complete their program of study within the following time frames:
- Certificate: 68 hours attempted
- Associate Degree: 107 hours attempted
- Bachelor’s Degree: 180 hours attempted
- Second Degree: 45 hours attempted

Undergraduate students who have exceeded these time limits will no longer be eligible for financial assistance. These limits include all courses attempted, including summer sessions, periods when the student doesn't receive any Title IV aid, work toward all degrees (regardless of change in major or degree), withdrawn courses, and repeated courses.

Graduate Students
GPA
All graduate students:
- Must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 to remain in good standing.
- Will be placed on Financial Assistance Warning if their cumulative GPA falls below 3.0. Students on Financial Assistance Warning are eligible to receive financial assistance but are cautioned to strive to improve their academic standing.

Graduate students on Financial Assistance Warning will be placed on Financial Assistance Suspension if they fail to achieve an overall completion rate of 67% at the end of their semester of warning.

Completion
In addition to maintaining the overall GPA requirement, students must make reasonable progress toward their degree or certificate.
All graduate students:
- Must successfully complete at least 67% of all hours attempted. Grades of F, W, PR, and I are not considered as satisfactory completion.
- Will be placed on Financial Assistance Warning if their overall percentage of completion rate falls below 67%.

Graduate students on Financial Assistance Warning will be placed on Financial Assistance Suspension if they fail to achieve an overall completion rate of 67% at the end of their semester of
warning.

Time Limits
All graduate students are expected to complete their program of study within 54 hours attempted after which they will no longer be eligible for financial assistance.

Financial Aid Suspension
Financial Assistance Warning is limited to one semester. A student who fails to meet the overall standards while on Financial Assistance Warning will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

APPEAL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUSPENSION
Students with special circumstances may appeal their Financial Assistance Suspension in writing to the Financial Assistance Appeals Committee. Forms are available in the Financial Assistance Office. The Financial Assistance Office may also be contacted for information on appeals filing deadlines. The decisions of the Financial Assistance Appeal Committee will be final.

Appeals may be made based on:
- A death in the immediate family.
- Serious injury or illness of the student or a member of the immediate family.
- Improvement sufficient to meet required standards in hours and/or GPA while attending a subsequent semester at student’s own expense.
- Special circumstances to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. (Students on Financial Assistance Suspension who have not attended college for at least one calendar year may appeal based on change of circumstances.)
- A student whose appeal is granted will be reinstated on Financial Assistance Probation.
- A student on Financial Assistance Probation must complete the probationary period with at least a 2.0 GPA (3.0 for Graduates) and complete 67% of all their coursework.
- A student on Financial Assistance Suspension whose appeal is denied may attend SRSU at his/her own expense, if eligible.

Financial Assistance may be reinstated under the following conditions:
- The required cumulative GPA is attained; and
- An overall completion rate of 67% of hours attempted is achieved.

RETURN OF FUNDS DUE TO WITHDRAWAL
As part of the withdrawal process, students are required to secure approval from the Financial Assistance Office. As required by federal regulations, the Financial Assistance Office will determine if the student must repay all or part of the aid awarded. Calculation of repayment is made at the time of withdrawal by determining the amount of aid the student was awarded, the amount of awarded aid the student earned, and ultimately the awarded aid the student did not earn that must be returned to the aid program(s).

The following steps are used to calculate the amount that must be returned to the aid program(s):
1. Determination of the withdrawal date.
2. Determination of the amount of aid the student earned. This is done by multiplying the percentage of the period of enrollment that has been completed (or 100 percent once the student completes 60 percent of the enrollment period) multiplied by the aid that was disbursed and/or could have been disbursed as of the date of withdrawal.
3. Determination of the amount of aid the student did not earn. This is done by subtracting the “earned amount” from the aid disbursed as of the date of withdrawal.
4. Determination of the amount of aid the University must return. This is the amount that is equal to the total institutional charges for the payment period multiplied by the percentage of the aid that was unearned.
5. Determination of the amount of aid the student must return. This is the amount that is equal to the aid received by the student for non-institutional expenses multiplied by the percentage of the aid that was unearned.

Special rules that apply to the return of the unearned aid include:
1. The University must return the amount of unearned aid that is equal to the total institutional charge for the payment period multiplied by the percentage of the aid that was unearned.
2. In order to satisfy the amount the University must return to the aid programs, a combination of the following resources may be used--aid not yet disbursed to the student, the student’s refund as determined by the official refund schedule as posted in the Schedule of Classes, and any additional amount to be repaid by the student.
3. The student must return the balance of the unearned aid less the amount the University returned.
4. The student’s share of loans to be returned may be repaid in accordance with the terms of loan.
5. The student’s share of the grants to be returned is divided in half.
6. Excess funds will be returned in the following order: Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan Program; Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan Program; Federal Perkins Loan Program; Federal PLUS Program; Federal Pell Grant Program; Federal SEOG Program; Other Title IV Aid; Other State Aid; and Miscellaneous Aid.

The policy to return funds due to withdrawal may be modified at any time without prior notice in order to comply with state and federal guidelines.

GRADUATE TUITION DIFFERENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM

Purpose: To provide a tuition differential rebate to RGC students enrolling in specific graduate courses in English, History, Criminal Justice, or Public Administration for which Alpine tuition rates apply.

Note: The Tuition Differential Rebate does not apply to fees, books, or any other charges incurred.

Graduate Tuition
Qualifications:
1. Student applied for acceptance to the graduate program as a result of recruiting efforts by Sul Ross-Rio Grande College.
2. Student has met requirements for full or probational admission and been accepted in a graduate program.
3. Courses must be on the approved graduate degree plan.
4. Rebate applies only to graduate courses in English, History, Criminal Justice, and Public Administration.
5. Student is enrolled and has paid or utilized financial aid to pay for his/her tuition and fees.
6. Student must earn a minimum grade of “B” in the course.
7. Student must be eligible for in state tuition as rebate only applies to the in state tuition difference.

Process:
1. The student must request the rebate within 3 weeks of successful completion of the course with a grade of “B” or higher.
2. The student will submit to the Business Services office a transcript showing course completion and grade. Student may submit their request. The request must include the student’s name, Banner A number, and the courses and semester for which the rebate applies. The request may be submitted to any of the Business Services Associate at any campus.
3. After any needed verification, the student’s account will be credited the rebate and the student notified.
4. Students may request any remaining balance that may have accrued or apply it to a subsequent semester cost.

GRANTS
The federal and state grants awarded to Sul Ross students in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG).

LOANS
Sul Ross certifies student loans such as the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, the Plus Loan, and also offers emergency short-term loan assistance for students in urgent need.

Applications are available at any College office or by contacting the Office of Financial Assistance, Rio Grande College: 3107 Bob Rogers Drive, Eagle Pass, TX 78852, (830) 758-5021
2623 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX, 78801, (830) 279-3008
205 Wildcat Dr., Del Rio, TX 78840, (830) 703-4824

SCHOLARSHIPS
Sul Ross State University currently offers a variety of scholarships for students of the Rio Grande College. Applications are available at any College office or by contacting the Financial Aid/Scholarship Office, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, 2623 Garner Field Rd., Uvalde, TX 78801, (830) 279-3008.
Information about scholarships through independent agencies is available in the Financial Aid Office at any of the three College sites.

PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA ESTUDIANTIL (PASE)
Mexican citizens are eligible for the Programa de Asistencia Estudiantil (PASE) under which they qualify for in-state tuition and fees. Only Mexican citizens are eligible for PASE. U.S. citizens holding dual U.S./Mexican status are not eligible for PASE.
For more information on PASE or for a PASE application form, contact the Assistant Director of Financial Assistance, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, 2623 Garner Field Rd., Uvalde, TX 78801, (830) 279-3008.

VETERANS AFFAIRS
The Veterans Affairs Office, located in the Office of Admission and Records in Del Rio, serves those students who are eligible to receive educational benefits from the Veterans Administration. Records are maintained and reports made to the Veterans Administration on behalf of veterans, dependents, and active-duty servicemen enrolled in the University.

Students eligible to receive educational benefits from the Veterans Administration must inform the Office of Admissions and Records at each registration to insure prompt certification of enrollment. In addition to receiving the academic advisor's approval of the course schedule, students should also confer with the Veteran's Coordinator prior to registration concerning certification of the courses. The Veteran's Coordinator should be notified of any changes in the schedule anytime during the registration period.

Students eligible to receive educational benefits from the Veterans Administration must also have on file in the Veteran's Affairs Office, a degree plan by the end of the first semester of enrollment at the University.

When all entitlement under the V.A. programs has been exhausted, veterans who were legal Texas residents prior to their enlistment, participated on active service for at least 180 days, received an honorable discharge, and who have resided in Texas at least twelve months after the discharge from
the service, are eligible to enroll under the Hazelwood Act which exempts them from paying tuition. Under this act, the veteran is required to pay local specified fees.

For more information, call or write the Veteran's Coordinator at (830) 758-5007, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852.