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Dear Student:

Hunter College is committed to offering the best quality service available in an ever evolving climate of technological advancements. Over the past few years, many of you have requested that the College offer students and their families the flexibility to make online tuition and fee payments.

***Beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2008***, students will be able to make tuition and fee payments online using both credit cards (Mastercard, American Express and Discover) and an EFT (electronic funds transfer) transaction. The VISA card will no longer be accepted. This does not include dorm payments that will continue to be accepted at the Bursar cashier windows (room 238 HN). The college will no longer accept credit card payments at the Bursar Office windows on campus for ***any*** outstanding bills. *Credit card payments for tuition and fees will **only** be accepted online through eSIMS.* The Bursar window tellers will ***only*** accept cash, checks and money orders. The payment options available to students will not change, but the opportunity to conduct business “anywhere in the world” online will be yours. Hunter College has adopted this new payment process in concurrence with the other CUNY colleges. In fact, this is not a unique approach and has been implemented by almost all other colleges and universities in the area that continue to accept credit cards.

Over the past five years, doing business using credit cards has become extremely expensive because of the fees incurred by the College to process each credit card transaction. All students are affected even if they do not use a credit card. Therefore, the University has decided that students who wish to use credit cards will have to pay for the fees associated with these transactions. No fees will be charged for students using online EFT transactions.

If you are paying for any non-instructional fee such as re-admission fees, application fees, library fines, etc., you ***cannot*** use the online system. Payment must be made by check, money order, or cash ***only*** at the cashier windows, or you can use your OneCard. Please see our website for more details concerning how to use your credit card for OneCard transactions. Transcripts should be ordered online at <http://registrar.hunter.cuny.edu/transcripts.shtml>.

The following changes are *effective* **July 1, 2008**:

#### Credit Card Payments

Credit card payments will ***only*** be accepted over the web using EDS, a firm contracted by CUNY, which will process all credit card payments. Students can link to EDS’s website from eSIMS where they will be presented with a tuition and fee charge. Prior to the completion of the transaction, EDS will assess a convenience fee that the student will be charged *in addition* to the amount of the bill. This convenience charge will be retained by EDS, ***not*** by Hunter College. Students will be able to access EDS’s website twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, EDS will offer email payment confirmations and on-line account viewing capabilities. Students’ eSIMS accounts will be updated minutes after their payment has been processed. Students paying online by credit card will also receive the advantage of having funds returned to the credit card they used to make their payment when refunds are applicable. This will be done quicker and safer than issuing a check. The College ***cannot*** issue a credit card

chargeback to a different credit card than the one used to make the original payment, so choose the card you want to use with this in mind.

### EFT Payments (Electronic Checks)

EFT payments will **only** be accepted over the web using a CUNY-contracted firm, EDS. Students can link to EDS's website from eSIMS, where they will be presented with a tuition and fee charge. Students will **not** incur a convenience fee when using an EFT (e-check or pin debit transaction). EDS will present an electronic check to the college from the payee's checking or savings account. Please have your bank account and routing numbers available when making this type of online payment.

### TuitionPay Payment Plan

A student may establish an account and pay directly to TuitionPay, which offers a five-month payment plan for the Fall and Spring terms and a three-month payment plan for the Summer. TuitionPay is interest-free and permits students to pay over time rather than all at once. Visit [www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com) or call 1-866-267-CUNY to enroll. Please note that the enrollment fee is \$18 per term.

### Cash, Checks and Money Order Payments

**Only** these payment types will be processed at the Bursar Office windows at Hunter College and via US mail. Please do **not** put a cash payment in the mail. All checks and money orders should be sent to the College address, 695 Park Avenue, Room N238, New York, NY 10065.

In lieu of paying a credit card convenience fee, students are encouraged to consider several other alternative methods of payment, including an EFT transaction, a TuitionPay monthly payment plan, and completing applications for financial aid and/or scholarships.

For more detailed information regarding online payments, please visit to [www.hunter.cuny.edu/bursar](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/bursar) and click the "Online Payments" tab.

Best wishes for a productive semester.

Sincerely,



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