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Academic Common Market

West Virginia provides its residents the opportunity, through the Academic Common Market (ACM) and through other contract programs, to pursue academic majors or programs not available within the state. The contract programs and the ACM permit West Virginians to enter out-of-state institutions at reduced tuition rates. The ACM provides access to numerous undergraduate and graduate programs. The programs are restricted to West Virginia residents who have been accepted for admission to one of the specific programs at the designated out-of-state institutions. Through reciprocal agreements, WVU allows residents of states within the ACM to enroll in undergraduate and graduate programs on an in-state tuition basis. Further information may be obtained from the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Stewart Hall, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6203, Morgantown, WV 26506-6203, or you may visit the SREB Academic Common Market site for eligible programs: http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html. Application must be made through the higher education authority of the state of residence. West Virginia residents should apply through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25301. For more information see their brochure at: https://www.wvhepc.org/academic/ACM_Brochure.pdf.

Regional contract programs have been established for study in optometry, podiatry, and veterinary medicine. Visit: http://home.sreb.org/acm/rcp/StateInfo.aspx?state=52 for additional information.

SREB Academic Common Market

Through the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Academic Common Market, WVU allows students from SREB member states to enroll in certain WVU programs at in-state tuition rates. Typically these degree programs are not available to students in their home state. In addition to West Virginia, SREB member states are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida (graduate only), Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina (graduate only), Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas (graduate only), and Virginia. Please refer to the SREB website for the most current information about programs offered to residents of your state.

Tuition and Fees

The WVU Office of Admissions assigns enrolling students a residency classification for admission, fee, and tuition purposes. Students who are legal residents of West Virginia pay “resident” tuition at WVU; students who are residents of other states and nations pay “non-resident” tuition.

Tuition and fee structures additionally vary by academic program at WVU. Current tuition and fee costs can be found at: http://tuition.wvu.edu.

Fee Regulations

All West Virginia University fees are subject to change without notice. A nonrefundable service fee of $50 must accompany the application for admission to graduate studies. All fees are payable to the Office of Student Accounts at registration. Arrangements with the Office of Student Accounts for payment from officially accepted scholarships, loan funds, grants, or contracts shall be considered sufficient for acceptance of registration. All students should register on days scheduled for registration at the beginning of each semester or summer session. Any student failing to complete registration on regular registration days is subject to a late registration fee.

Registering students pay the fees shown in the fee charts, plus special fees and deposits as required.
WVU places restrictions on students who have outstanding debts to a unit or units of the University. The restriction may include, but is not limited to, the withholding of a student’s registration, diploma, or transcript. No transcripts are issued to any student before payment is made of all tuition, fees, and other indebtedness to any unit of the University.

**Special Fees, Library Fee, and Technology Fee**

Special fees provides students with access to the WVU Mountainlair Student Center, the Daily Athenaeum newspaper, University radio station, Student Recreation Center, Student Health Services, Athletics (student admission to WVU football, basketball, and other sporting events), student affairs activities, and the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system. The library fee provides students with access to and support from the university libraries. The technology fee supports University computer centers and campus technology development. All students, regardless of whether or not they have been granted a tuition waiver, must pay these mandatory fees.

**Laboratory Fees**

Many departments assess laboratory or other equipment fees to provide availability to consult specific departments concerning nonrefundable equipment deposits and laboratory fees.

**Music Fees**

All music majors must pay a fee that entitles them to assigned practice space daily. Band and orchestra instruments may be rented by the semester. Contact the College of Creative Arts for details regarding these fees.

**Other Fees**

There are other fees for certain services and functions provided by the University. Check with the University office providing the service or function in question to find out the current fee. Also, individual programs may have additional fees.

**Refund of Tuition and Fees**

Current information on refunding can be found on the WVU Finance Division’s webpage: [http://finance.wvu.edu/osa/refunds.cfm](http://finance.wvu.edu/osa/refunds.cfm).

**Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy**

Payments of tuition, fees, and other charges by check, draft, or money order are subject to WVU’s Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy. A copy of the policy is available in the Office of Student Accounts. A service charge of $25.00 is collected on each check returned unpaid by the bank upon which it was drawn. The service charge on unpaid, returned check(s) is subject to change in accordance with state law.

**Identification Card**

Students registered for the current semester are eligible for an identification card (Mountaineer Card). The Mountaineer Card gives WVU students access to certain activities and privileges depending on fees assessed. Students assessed the on-campus fees have free access to the Student Recreation Center, the PRT, Student Health, athletic events, and may ride the local bus system (MountainLine) by using their ID card. On and off-campus students have access to the WVU Libraries and the Mountainlair’s WVUp All Night activities. Students taking Extended Learning classes may opt to pay the on-campus fees to participate in the other activities. WVU reserves the right to refuse issuance of an identification card; misuse may result in confiscation of the card. For more information about the Mountaineer Card visit: [http://www.wvu.edu/~wvucard/](http://www.wvu.edu/~wvucard/).

**Residency Policy**

Residency policy is established by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission Series 25, which is posted at admissions.wvu.edu/admissions/residency/hep-25. The WVU Office of Admissions assigns students a residency classification for admission, tuition, and fee purposes. Students who are legal residents of West Virginia pay “resident” tuition and fees at WVU; students who are residents of other states and nations pay “non-resident” tuition and fees. Further information on residency classification is at admissions.wvu.edu/admissions/residency.