

# Tuition, Fees & Residency

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## Cost of an Academic Year's Work

Student Financial Support & Services (<http://financialaid.wvu.edu>) provides an estimate of the total cost of attendance (<http://tuition.wvu.edu>) for an academic year. This estimate includes University tuition and fees and estimated campus room and board, but does not include books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fee structures (<http://financialservices.wvu.edu/tuition-and-fees>) vary by residency classification and academic program at WVU. Students are charged for University tuition, College tuition, and University fees. In some cases, students are charged an additional fee for WVU Online courses or programs. Senior citizens of West Virginia (age 65 and older) may take courses at WVU for reduced tuition and fees (<https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/senior-citizen-students>).

## Identification Card

Registered students are eligible for an identification card (Mountaineer Card (<http://wvucard.wvu.edu>)). The Mountaineer Card gives access to certain activities and privileges on campus. Students have free access to the Student Recreation Center, the PRT, and athletic events, and may ride the local bus system (Mountain Line (<http://www.busrise.org>)) by using their ID card. On- and off-campus students have access to the WVU Libraries. WVU reserves the right to refuse issuance of an identification card and misuse may result in confiscation of the card. Lost or broken cards can be replaced for a fee.

## Residency Classification

Residency policy (<http://admissions.wvu.edu/forms-and-procedures/residency-reclassification>) is established by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission Series 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.

## Academic Common Market

West Virginia University participates in the Academic Common Market (ACM) of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Hundreds of undergraduate and graduate programs are available for residents of SREB states. The ACM program is not competitive or merit-based, but applicants must meet state residency and college program requirements.

To qualify, students must be a resident of one of the 16 SREB states, select and plan to enroll in a program eligible for residents of their home state, complete the admission process at the institution offering the eligible ACM program and be certified as a resident of their home state by contacting the coordinator for their state of residence.

Key components of the Academic Common Market include the following:

- The ACM eliminates unnecessary duplication of academic programs among participating states, recognizing that it is impractical for any institution or single state to develop or maintain degree programs in every field of knowledge.
- The ACM provides access across state lines for programs not available in a student's home state. Programs may be added to, or deleted from, the inventory at any time due to program availability, curricular, instructional, or other needs. Currently enrolled students continue to study at resident rates if a program is deleted during their academic careers.
- The ACM lists existing degree programs that have the capacity to serve additional students. The ACM degrees available at West Virginia University for residents of SREB states are available at <http://undergraduateacademicaffairs.wvu.edu/home.acmatwvu>.
- First-professional degree programs, such as law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry, are not offered in the ACM and cannot be requested.
- Some institutions and states may impose additional acceptance requirements, such as full-time enrollment status or GPA requirements.

For more information about the ACM at WVU, visit <http://undergraduateacademicaffairs.wvu.edu/home/acmatwvu>.

For further information regarding specific state requirements, students should contact the Southern Regional Education Board ([www.sreb.org](http://www.sreb.org)) (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationexpenses/www.sreb.org>)).

## Tuition and Fee Regulations

All tuition and fees are payable to the Office of Student Accounts prior to the first day of each term. Policies are in place concerning late fees, financial holds, and collections (<http://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/policies>). Students can review their charges, waivers, scholarships, and payments online through the STAR Information System, which can be accessed through the WVU portal at [portal.wvu.edu](http://portal.wvu.edu). Payments can also be made from the same website. Payments of tuition, fees, and other charges by check, draft, or money order are subject to WVU's Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy (<http://financialservices.wvu.edu/policies/nsf-non-sufficient-fund-check-policy>). A processing fee is added to credit card payments.

Arrangements can be made with the Office of Student Accounts for payment from officially accepted scholarships, loan funds, grants, or contracts.

WVU places restrictions on students who have outstanding debts to the University. The restriction may include, but is not limited to, the withholding of a student's registration, diploma, or transcript. No degree is conferred and no transcripts are issued to any student before payment is made of all tuition, fees, and other indebtedness to any unit of the University. The Office of Student Accounts provides information concerning refunds (<http://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/refunds>).

Students who fail to drop courses prior to the end of the add/drop period are responsible for tuition and fees whether or not they attend those courses. See the Registrar's Office for withdrawal information.