Tuition, Fees and Residency

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Cost of an Academic Year’s Work

Student Financial Support and Services (https://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 may not include indirect educational expenses such as books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

Tuition and Fees

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

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. For example, students are given access to the Student Recreation Center, the PRT, and athletic events, and may ride the local bus system (Mountain Line (http://www.busride.org)) by using their ID card.

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

The Residency Policy is established by BOG (https://policies.wvu.edu/finalized-bog-rules) Academics Rule 2.4, Residency Status for Admission, Tuition, and Fee Purposes. 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 the Academic Common Market (https://admissions.wvu.edu/cost-and-aid/academic-common-market) page on the Undergraduate Admissions website.
- 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 the Academic Common Market (https://admissions.wvu.edu/cost-and-aid/academic-common-market) page on the Undergraduate Admissions website.

For further information regarding specific state requirements, students should contact the Southern Regional Education Board (https://www.sreb.org).

**Tuition and Fee Regulations**

All tuition and fees are payable to the WVU Mountaineer Hub (http://mountaineerhub.wvu.edu) prior to the first day of each term. Policies are in place concerning late fees, financial holds, removal from classes, and collections (http://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/policies). Students can review their charges, waivers (university tuition, housing, or dining), scholarships, and payments online through the STAR Information System, which can be accessed through the WVU Portal at portal.wvu.edu. Payments can also be made through the WVU Portal. A processing fee is added to credit card payments.

Arrangements can be made with the WVU Mountaineer Hub for payment from officially accepted scholarships, loan funds, grants, or contracts. The WVU Mountaineer Hub also provides information concerning refunds.

WVU places restrictions on students who have outstanding debts to the University. Restrictions may include, but are 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 for all tuition, fees, and other indebtedness to any unit of the University. The WVU Mountaineer Hub also 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 Office of the University Registrar for withdrawal policies (https://registrar.wvu.edu/registration/withdrawal-policies).