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Cost of an Academic Year’s Work

The WVU Financial Aid Office provides an estimate of the total cost of attendance for an academic year at financialaid.wvu.edu/tuition-cost-information/cost-of-attendance. This estimate includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, off-campus room and board, transportation, and personal expenses in amounts designed to provide a modest, but adequate, lifestyle for students.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fee structures vary by residency classification and academic program at WVU. Current tuition and fee costs can be found at financialservices.wvu.edu/home/wvu-tuition-and-fees. Students are charged for University tuition, College/School tuition, and University fees. In some cases, students are charged different rates for Extended Learning courses or programs. Senior citizens of West Virginia (age 65 and older) who meet WVU residency requirements may take courses at WVU for reduced tuition and fees. All West Virginia University tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

Identification Card

Students registered for the current semester are eligible for an identification card (Mountaineer Card). 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 (MountainLine) 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. For more information about the Mountaineer Card visit wvucard.wvu.edu/.

Residency Classification

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.

Academic Common Market

West Virginia University participates in the Academic Common Market (ACM) of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in the 16 SREB member states who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution’s in-state tuition rates. 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.

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.

For further information, contact your state’s higher education agency, the Southern Regional Education Board (www.sreb.org (http://www.sreb.org)).

• 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.
• It supports existing degree programs that have the capacity to serve additional students.
• It provides access across state lines for programs not available in a student’s home state.
• 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.

Wanting to know more about the ACM at WVU? Click on the link: http://undergraduateacademicaffairs.wvu.edu/home/acmatwvu

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Tuition and Fee Regulations

All tuition and fees are payable to the Office of Student Accounts prior to the first day of each term. Exceptions and late fee charges are explained at studentaccounts.wvu.edu/billing/late_fee_policy. Students can review their charges, waivers, scholarships, and payments online through the STAR Information System, which can be accessed from MIX at www.mix.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 available at adminfin.wvu.edu/policies/finance/financial-services/wvu-co-14-policy. A service charge is collected on each check returned unpaid by the bank upon which it was drawn.

Arrangements can be made with the Office of Student Accounts for payment from officially accepted scholarships, loan funds, grants, or contracts. Students holding graduate assistantships normally are provided with a waiver of University tuition but must pay College/School tuition and University fees. Students holding fellowships may receive waivers or scholarships to cover tuition and fees according to the provisions of the fellowship. Waivers and scholarships will be applied to students’ accounts.

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.

Refund of Tuition and Fees

Current information on refunds can be found at studentaccounts.wvu.edu/refunds.

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 available at adminfin.wvu.edu/policies/finance/financial-services/wvu-co-14-policy. A service charge is collected on each check returned unpaid by the bank upon which it was drawn.