Tuition, Fees & Residency

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Cost of an Academic Year's Work

Tuition and fees structures vary by residency classification and academic program at WVU locations. Students are charged for University tuition, college tuition and University fees. Some programs may require additional charges. Students may also be 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. Additional cost may include room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

Identification Card

Registered students are eligible for an identification card (called the Catamount Card or Mountaineer Card (https://mymountaineercard.wvu.edu) at the Morgantown location). The Mountaineer Card gives access to certain activities and privileges at the Morgantown location. At the Keyser location, students have free access to the Student Union and athletic events 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 Status

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 Office of Enrollment Services assigns students a residency status for admission, tuition, and fee purposes. Students who are determined to be 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. Students who are residents of identified metro counties pay "metro" tuition and fees. The metro counties are Allegany County, MD; Garrett County, MD; Bedford County, PA; Fayette County, PA; Somerset County, PA; Frederick County, VA.

Tuition and Fee Regulations

Policies concerning late fees, financial holds, removal from classes, and collections can be found on the Financial Responsibilities (https://hub.wvu.edu/billing/policies/) page. Students can review their charges, waivers (university tuition, housing, or dining), scholarships, and payments online through the WVU MyAccount, which can be accessed through the WVU Portal at portal.wvu.edu (https://portal.wvu.edu). Payments of tuition and fees and other charges can be made through the WVU Portal. A processing fee is added to credit card payments. Excess payments or financial aid remaining in a student's account after all University charges are paid are returned to the student via a refund (https://hub.wvu.edu/billing/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 or diploma. Diplomas will not be issued to any student before payment is made for all tuition, fees, and other indebtedness to any unit of the University.

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. Withdrawal Policies (https://registrar.wvu.edu/registration/withdrawal-policies/) are explained on the Office of the University Registrar website.

SECTION 103 INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS USING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS BENEFITS

On December 31, 2018, the President signed into law the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018. It contains a provision (Section 103) that took effect on August 1, 2019. Therefore, despite any policy to the contrary, for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA, WVU will not:

- Prevent their enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require they secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA’s Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- Provide written request to be certified;

- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see our VA School Certifying Official for all requirements).