

Tuition & Fees

Tuition

Tuition is the major source of income to support the cost of undergraduate education. Most of the remaining cost is generously funded by gifts from the university's alumni and friends and from income from the university's endowment.

In setting the tuition rate, our emphasis is on being able to hire a high-caliber faculty and to offer extensive opportunities to our students. For the 2025-26 academic year, the tuition rate also reflects, among other things, the cost of comprehensive measures we are taking that are necessary to enhance the safety of all members of our community.

Tuition for the 2025-26 academic year is \$34,120 per semester for full-time study. Typical full-time study is 12 to 18 units. If students enroll in more than 21 units per semester, they will pay additional tuition of \$2,843 for each credit unit beyond 21 units. Undergraduate students may be eligible to pay the per-credit unit tuition rate if they receive approval for a reduced course load below the required minimum of 12 units (see the Minimum/Maximum Course Load information on the Undergraduate Study page) and if they work to adjust their registration accordingly by the add/drop deadline. Recommendations for reduced course loads may be approved for documented disability accommodations or health reasons by the appropriate office in Student Affairs or by the student's school(s). (This typically occurs if the student is in their ninth semester of enrollment at Washington University and poised to complete their degree requirements.) Students must subsequently work with their school to adjust tuition. Students withdrawing from individual courses or recommended for reduced course loads after the add/drop deadline are not eligible for tuition reductions/refunds.

If the public health situation changes such that the university must suspend in-person classes, instruction will be provided remotely or through other alternative means, and there will be no tuition refunds based on that transition. If a student chooses to withdraw, entitlement to a partial refund will be determined in accordance with normal refund policies.

First-year, first-semester students may register over the summer or after beginning orientation programs closer to the start of the fall semester. For all subsequent semesters, continuing students have the chance to register in spring for the following fall semester and in fall for the following spring semester. Students will typically be assessed tuition and other semester charges in July for the fall semester and in December for the spring semester. Students must pay charges by the due date specified under the Financials Hub in Workday or they will incur a late fee.

If a student cannot afford to pay the full balance, they should explore the university's extensive financial assistance opportunities, which are described in the Financial Support section of this *Bulletin*.

Many families prefer to pay educational expenses on a monthly basis. The Installment Payment Plan allows students to spread all or part of the academic year's expenses over equal monthly payments. The Washington University Partners in Education with Parents (PEP) plan offers monthly payment options over a period as long as 10 years at a competitive, fixed interest rate. The PEP plan is described in the Financial Support section of this *Bulletin*.

A student's family should begin planning for educational costs as soon as possible following the decision to enroll. It is important to allow sufficient time to complete financial arrangements prior to registration.

Fees

Student Activities

The mandatory student activities fee is 1% of tuition, and it supports students groups to develop engaging and unique activities, programs, and initiatives on campus. For the 2025-26 academic year, this fee is \$341 per semester, but this special fee may vary from year to year. Information about the fee may be obtained from the Student Union page of the Campus Life website.

Student Health and Wellness

Washington University has a student health and wellness fee designed to improve the health and wellness of the entire Washington University community. The fee of \$336 is assessed to the student each semester.

In addition, to protect the health of our entire community, the university requires all full-time degree-seeking students to have health insurance. Students either must purchase the Washington University Student Health Insurance Plan or prove that they have adequate coverage through another plan. The cost of the Washington University Student Health Insurance Plan, as well as instructions for obtaining a waiver through proof of adequate coverage, will be provided to enrolled students.

Late Registration

Students may register for classes through the add/drop period. Students in School of Continuing & Professional Studies programs who register after that period will incur a flat late fee of \$50.

Returned Checks

The university assesses a service charge for handling and processing returned checks.

Enrollment Deposit

First-year, transfer, and exchange students are required to pay a deposit upon admission to Washington University. The enrollment deposit is nonrefundable. The enrollment deposit will be used to cover costs associated with first- and second-year experiences, including orientation. International students are charged an additional fee to support international-specific orientations and new student programming.

- Domestic and permanent resident first-year students: \$600
- International first-year students: \$885
- Domestic and permanent resident transfer students: \$285
- International transfer students: \$570
- Exchange students: \$600

Leaves and Withdrawals from the University and Refunds

The College of Arts & Sciences, the Olin Business School, the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, and the McKelvey School of Engineering follow a standard refund schedule, listed below, when students request a leave of absence or to withdraw from the university after classes have begun in a given semester. Students must submit a request for time away for either a leave or withdrawal, which will be routed automatically to the appropriate school for approval and sent to the Office of the University Registrar for processing.

Refunds are typically calculated based on the date the student notifies the university of withdrawal, although for health-related leaves the date a student was no longer able to participate in course activities may be used.

If a Federal Title IV aid recipient takes a leave or withdraws from school before the end of the academic semester, Washington University must refund (send loan funds back to the lender) the unearned (amount of time in the academic semester that the student did not attend) amount of Title IV funds. Unearned Title IV funds will be returned to the Title IV program. Students will be responsible for any disbursed but unearned portion of their Title IV funds.

Tuition Refund Schedule

Withdrawal Date	Refund
1st or 2nd week of classes	100%
3rd or 4th week of classes	80%
5th or 6th week of classes	60%
7th or 8th week of classes	50%
9th or 10th week of classes	40%
After 10th week of classes	0%

Changes in Fees

The university reserves the right to change the fees stated or to establish additional fees at any time without prior written notice. When fee changes or additions are made, they become effective with the next payment due.

Nonpayment of Fees

Nonpayment of tuition or other charges due to the university or otherwise affecting the university will prohibit the student from receiving certain services. Students with outstanding financial obligations to the university will not be allowed to register. More information can be found in the university's Student Financial Responsibility policy.