Tuition and Financial Information

University College is affordable, enabling students to pursue a Washington University education at a fraction of the cost of a full-time program.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition rates for University College undergraduate and graduate courses can be found in the fall, spring, and summer Course Schedules and online on our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition). Tuition and lab or materials fees vary according to course and program.

Tuition Payment

All tuition and fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Acceptable methods of payment include cash, check, credit card, approved financial aid, and approved employer tuition reimbursement plans.

Refunds

Refunds are calculated from the date the student completes a course change online. Refunds are sent via check or credited back to the credit card that was previously charged. Check refunds can be picked up at Student Financial Services in North Brookings Hall. Checks not picked up within two weeks are mailed to the student’s local address. More information can be found in the fall, spring, and summer Course Schedules and online on our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition/refunds).

Financial Assistance

University College students — part-time and full-time — who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program may be eligible for financial assistance in the form of grants, loans, and scholarships. Visit our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/financial/sources). You can learn more about financial assistance options and obtain the appropriate forms by contacting the financial aid coordinator in University College at 314-935-6742. If students receive any type of financial assistance through University College, they must meet the academic standing and satisfactory progress requirements as defined by the particular assistance program and Student Financial Services.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal and state regulations require that educational institutions measure students’ academic progress toward a declared educational objective. To remain eligible and retain disbursed federal and state financial aid, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP). To remain in good standing, students must satisfy the following requirements: undergraduate students must be on pace to complete their program by attempting no more than 150 percent of the credits required to meet their program requirements with a C (2.0) minimum grade point average; graduate students must be on pace to complete their program by attempting no more than 150 percent of the credits required to meet their program requirements with a B (3.0) minimum grade point average. In addition, all students receiving financial aid are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure a significant portion of enrolled courses have been successfully completed. For more information, visit our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/financial).

Other Financial Assistance and Payment Options

Half Tuition for Individuals 60 and Over: This discount applies to most University College for-credit courses. Verification of age must be provided at the time of registration.

Washington University Employees: Washington University provides its employees with tuition assistance to foster their continuing education. Full-time employees with one year of service are eligible for 100 percent tuition remission on for-credit undergraduate courses and 50 percent tuition remission on for-credit graduate courses starting after 4 p.m. Remission covers a maximum of 7 credits per semester, and the student must obtain a passing grade to retain the tuition remission. For more information, visit our website (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition/employee).

Postdoctoral Appointees: Postdoctoral appointees appointed under the Postdoctoral Education Policy (effective July 1, 2004) having the titles of Postdoctoral Research Associate or Scholar are eligible for the Postdoctoral Tuition Plan. Remission covers a maximum of 4 credits per semester and must be undergraduate level (400 and below) and for career development purposes only. A passing grade in the course is required to retain the tuition remission. For more information, visit our website (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition/employee).

Company-Sponsored Tuition Payment Plans: Many companies in the St. Louis area pay all or part of their employees’ tuition. Individuals should contact their supervisor or human resources department at their place of employment to determine if a tuition reimbursement plan is available. If their employer agrees to pay all or part of their tuition, they should submit their company’s tuition reimbursement policy, verification of eligibility, and the University College Intent to Pay form. Payment is due approximately 30 days after the end of the semester. This payment option is not available during the summer. For more information, visit our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition/payment).

University City Teachers: Teachers in the University City school district may take University College courses at a substantial discount. Verification of employment must be presented at the time of registration. For more information, call 314-935-6700.
Veterans: Individuals attending under the VA program must submit a Certificate of Eligibility, and those using Post 9/11 benefits must apply or be accepted to a degree or certificate program. University College participates in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, established in 2008. Those who qualify for the Yellow Ribbon benefits can attend University College full time with no out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and mandatory fees. For more information, visit our website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/yellowribbon).

Clayton City Employee Scholarship: Washington University in St. Louis is piloting a scholarship program for City of Clayton employees. Employees working full-time are invited to take classes at University College in Arts & Sciences, Washington University's evening, professional, and continuing education division, at one-half the University College tuition during the 2017-18 academic year with the support of this scholarship. Exceptions include Applied Music, Doctor of Liberal Arts, Independent Courses (i.e., Independent Study, Directed Research, Master's Thesis), Special Programs (i.e., MS in Biology for Science Teachers), and courses in which enrollment is limited. This discount cannot be combined with the Washington University tuition benefit, University College scholarships or military benefits.