Tuition and Financial Information

University College provides access to an affordable world-class education. University College courses and programs are designed for individuals who are seeking to expand their professional knowledge, who wish earn a degree or certificate, or who are lifelong learners wanting to explore new fields and interests.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition rates for University College undergraduate and graduate courses can be found online on the Tuition & Financial Aid webpage (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/). 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

All refunds are calculated from the date on which the student completes an online course change form (https://ucollege.formstack.com/workflows/course_change_workflow/). If the original payment was made by credit card, a refund will be applied to the student’s credit card. Otherwise, a check will be generated for the refund amount. Check refunds can be picked up at the Student Financial Services office (https://sfs.wustl.edu/Pages/default.aspx) in the Sumers Welcome Center. Checks not picked up within two weeks are mailed to the student’s local address.

University College grants full refunds to individuals called to active military duty.

More information can be found on the Refund Policies & Deadlines webpage (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/tuition/refunds/).

Financial Assistance

Both part-time and full-time University College students who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program may be eligible for financial assistance in the form of grants, loans and scholarships. Students can learn more about financial assistance options and obtain the appropriate forms by visiting the Financial Aid webpage (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/) or by sending an email to the financial aid coordinator (cfuucfinancialaid@wustl.edu) in University College. 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. To remain in good standing, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 6 units of course work during each of the fall, spring, and summer semesters, with a C (2.0) minimum grade-point average.
- Graduate students must complete a minimum of 4.5 units of course work during each of the fall and spring semesters (3 credit units during the summer), with a B (3.0) minimum GPA.

In addition, all students receiving financial aid are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that a significant portion of the courses in which the students are enrolled have been successfully completed.

Other Financial Assistance and Payment Options

Half Tuition for Individuals 60 Years Old and Older: People 60 years of age and older may enroll for credit in most University College courses at one-half the regular tuition. Exceptions include courses in applied music, the Doctor of Liberal Arts program, independent courses (i.e., independent study, directed research, master's thesis), and special programs (e.g., the MS in Biology for Science Teachers); courses in which enrollment is limited are also excluded. This discount cannot be combined with the WashU Tuition Assistance benefit, University College scholarships or military benefits. A birth certificate, driver’s license, or other official 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% tuition remission on for-credit undergraduate courses and 50% tuition remission on for-credit graduate courses. 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 the Employee Tuition Assistance webpage (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/assistance-remissions/washu-employees/).

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 for undergraduate-level courses (400 and below) for career development purposes only. A passing grade in the course is required for the student to retain the tuition remission. For more information, visit the Employee Tuition Assistance webpage (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/assistance-remissions/washu-employees/).

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 the 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 their 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 the Tuition & Fee Information webpage (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/tuition/).

St. Louis Area City & School District Tuition Assistance: Individuals working in full-time positions in government departments or school districts for the City of Clayton, University City, St. Louis City, and St. Louis County are eligible to take classes at a substantially reduced rate after six months of service with their employers. St. Louis City charter school employees are also eligible. Learn more about the St. Louis Area City & School District Tuition Assistance program (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/assistance-remissions/stl-city-school-district/).

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, which was 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 the Veterans Benefits webpage (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/veterans-benefits/).

Dependent Child Benefits: After seven years of full-time service (or its equivalent if one works part-time), eligible dependent children may receive up to eight semesters of tuition assistance for undergraduate studies. The level of benefit paid is determined by the date of hire and full- or part-time status at the time the employee utilizes the benefit. Tuition assistance benefits are tax-free for birth, adopted and stepchildren. Benefits for children of domestic partners are a taxable benefit to the employee. Note: Prior full-time service at another accredited university may count toward the service requirement for this benefit. Washington University provides two forms of tuition assistance benefits for dependent children of its full- and part-time employees who meet certain eligibility requirements: (1) full tuition remission benefit at Washington University and a partial tuition remission benefit at other accredited institutions for the dependent children of full-time employees; and (2) partial tuition remission benefit at Washington University and other accredited institutions for the dependent children of part-time employees. For more information, visit the Dependent Child Tuition Assistance webpage (http://hr.wustl.edu/benefits/Pages/Dependent-Child-Tuition-Assistance.aspx).