

# Financial Information

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the 2020-21 academic year are as follows:

- Tuition — \$60,900 (Tuition is divided between the fall and spring semesters.)
- Student Bar Association Fee (JD) — \$90
- Legal LAUNCH Week Fee — \$70
- University Health Insurance TBD — See details at Student Health Services (<https://students.wustl.edu/student-health-insurance-plan-information/>)
- Mandatory University Health and Wellness Fee — \$524
- Parking Permit (optional) — Visit the Parking & Transportation website (<https://parking.wustl.edu/>) for more information.
- Books/Supplies — \$2,000
- Room/Board — \$14,400
- Personal/Other Expenses — \$5,000
- Continuing Student Fee may apply. Please refer to items 5 and 6 of the Tuition Policy below.

\* All Washington University students are required to carry health insurance. Full-time graduate students on the Danforth Campus are automatically enrolled in (and billed for) the basic student health insurance plan unless proof of comparable coverage is provided. (International students are not eligible to waive out of the insurance plan.) For details about available plans or waiving options, visit the Habif Health and Wellness Center website (<http://shs.wustl.edu/Pages/default.aspx>).

\* International students should review financial documentation requirements for student visas (<https://law.wustl.edu/academics/llm-mls-jsd-programs-overview/graduate-programs-admitted-students/graduate-programs-admitted-students-visa-information/>).

**Tuition and fees are subject to change each year.**

## Law School Tuition Policy

Tuition for all programs is published during the spring semester for the upcoming fall and the following year's spring semester and summer school and is subject to the following:

1. **No students, whether full-time or part-time, may earn a JD degree from Washington University School of Law until they have paid the equivalent of six semesters of full-time tuition at the regular full-time semester rate. Students entering as second-year transfers need to pay the equivalent of just four semesters of full-time tuition. For joint-degree students, the semester-tuition minimum is five; for LLM students, it is two. Students will be charged the full semester rate for their last regularly scheduled semester, even if they require**

**less than the full-time class load to graduate. Eight hours is the full-time load for LLM in U.S. Law, Master of Laws, LLM in IP, and Master of Legal Studies students. Twelve hours is the full-time load for all other programs. Effective September 1, 2009, summer school or other special-program tuition does not get credited toward the semester-tuition minimum for any degree student. The semester-tuition amounts indicated above are intended as a minimum, not a maximum. Thus, students who pay the minimum semester-tuition rate for their degree but fail to earn sufficient credits to graduate on time are still required to pay for any additional credits they need to complete their degree beyond the semesters for which they have already paid.**

2. Students who take 12 or more hours (or 8 or more hours for students in the LLM in U.S. Law, Master of Laws, LLM in IP, and Master of Legal Studies program) in the fall or spring semester will pay the current regular published semester tuition. Subject to meeting the tuition requirements set out in the previous paragraph, students enrolled in fewer hours per semester will pay the published hourly tuition rate.
3. All individuals taking classes for credit or audit will pay the published full-time or part-time tuition rate. One exception to this policy is that JD, MLS, LLM, and JSD alumni will be allowed to audit one class for free. Alumni who have audited one class at any time after graduation will be required to pay the full hourly tuition rate if they wish to audit another class. In addition, the free audit is not available to graduates if they are enrolled in subsequent degree programs.
4. Full-time JD students who have paid for six semesters of full tuition and LLM students who have paid for two semesters who do not have the required credits to graduate for unforeseen reasons beyond their control may petition to take the number of hours to graduate at reduced tuition. (Joint JD degree students could petition after paying for five full semesters. Transfer JD students could petition after paying for four semesters, provided they received transfer credit equivalent to the normal Washington University Law 1L course load.) Under normal circumstances, a request for reduced tuition will only be granted if the student had paid tuition and received no credit due to an authorized leave of absence. Any petition for reduced tuition will be submitted to the associate dean of administration.
5. JSD students pay two years of full tuition and a continuing semester fee thereafter. During their first year, JSD students may earn an LLM, or, if they have already earned an LLM at another law school, they may audit or take for credit up to 12 hours in each of their first two semesters. During subsequent semesters, they will pay the standard hourly tuition rate for all classes they audit or take for credit. Normally students will not be charged the continuation fee and tuition in the same semester. The continuing fee is published each year. The continuing student fee for 2020-21 is \$3,000, and this will increase with the rate of tuition in subsequent years.

- Foreign graduates engaged in post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) may retain access to the law school and their computer accounts by paying the continuing student fee noted above for the period from July through December and twice the semester fee for the period from July through June. If at this time a student is paying tuition to audit one or more classes after one free audit, the continuation fee will be waived for each semester that the student is paying tuition.
- Distinguished Visiting Scholars are invited guests of the School of Law and pay no fees. These scholars are clearly distinct from our foreign visiting scholar program, for which participants are charged a fee. The Distinguished Visiting Scholars are administered by the dean's office. The paying visiting scholars are administered by the International Program.

## Tuition Refund

Students considering withdrawing from school are encouraged to consult with Associate Dean Elizabeth Walsh. To withdraw, a student should provide written notification to the Registrar's Office and the Financial Aid Office and also obtain written approval from Associate Dean Walsh. Students who withdraw after a school term is underway will ordinarily receive a tuition refund based on the last day of class attendance as follows:

Withdrawal Date	Refund
Within 1st week of classes	100%
Within 2nd week of classes	80%
Within 3rd or 4th week of classes	60%
After 4th week & before end of 8th week of classes	40%
After the 8th week of the semester	0%

## Financial Aid

The School of Law offers numerous scholarship awards thanks to the generosity of the alumni and friends of the university. Scholarships are awarded based on merit and other designated qualifications, and they are guaranteed for the three years of law school. They are not contingent on maintaining a particular rank in class or a specified cumulative grade-point average. Every applicant is automatically reviewed for scholarship consideration.

The School of Law's Financial Aid Committee administers all forms of financial assistance available through Washington University. The sources of aid are the School of Law's own scholarship funds and the Direct Loan Program.

The School of Law makes every effort to meet the minimum financial needs of each enrolled student. Consistent with the policy of most professional schools, we assume that students will bear the primary cost burden of their educational expenses. Therefore, long-term loans are the primary source of financial assistance.

## FAFSA

To apply for loans, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Washington University Application for Financial Aid.

The FAFSA requires approximately ten working days to issue the need analysis to the school. It is the student's responsibility to secure financial aid forms and to meet all deadlines.

The FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>) can be filed online by visiting the Federal Student Aid website. The FAFSA code for Washington University is 002520.

The Law School application for financial aid can be completed online.

- Online Application for New Students ([https://apps.law.wustl.edu/admissions/wuforms/FA\\_PersonalInfo.asp](https://apps.law.wustl.edu/admissions/wuforms/FA_PersonalInfo.asp))
- Online Application for Returning Students ([https://apps.law.wustl.edu/admissions/wuforms/FA\\_PersonalInfo.asp](https://apps.law.wustl.edu/admissions/wuforms/FA_PersonalInfo.asp))

## Additional Sources of Financial Aid

The School of Law has compiled a list of scholarships and loans available to law school students. These sources are possible alternatives to the funding available through Washington University. Since none of these financial aid sources are associated with Washington University, we cannot guarantee the existence or availability of the scholarships and loans included in this list. For more information about the scholarships and loans listed, please contact the applicable organizations. We also encourage applicants to do some research on their own by contacting associations in their city or state as well as employers or organizations with which they or their family may have ties. Any outside aid received, no matter the amount, will help reduce the amount of loans the student might otherwise need to obtain.

Visit the School of Law website to view the list of available scholarships and loans (<https://law.wustl.edu/admissions/jd-admissions/scholarships-fellowships/>).

The School of Law makes admission decisions without regard for any request for financial aid. We do not, however, award loans and scholarships until after we have admitted an applicant.

## Additional Information

The Financial Aid Handbook (<https://7gxsl10eqdj9anba1k3swtoo-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Financial-Aid-Handbook-2019-20.pdf>) is available online.

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