

**APPENDIX A**

**FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**

**TUITION AND FEES**



## TUITION AND FEES REQUIRED BY STATUTE

Tuition rates for community colleges are controlled by the Legislature either through statute or the biennial operating budget. Technical colleges have the authority to set tuition individually, although growth rates generally follow those for the community colleges.

**Operating fee:** This largest component of tuition (80 percent) is retained locally at the college to support the general operations of the college. On average the revenue from the operating fee represents about 20 percent of colleges' general operating budget; the state appropriation covers the other 80 percent.

**Building fee:** The building fee (10 percent of the tuition charge) is collected by the college and sent to the State Treasurer. The funds are appropriated by the Legislature for capital improvements in the college system.

**Services and Activities (S&A):** The S&A fee (10 percent of the tuition charge) is retained locally by the colleges and dedicated to the support of student programs and activities such as athletics, clubs, childcare and other activities identified by students at a college. Colleges may set their S&A fee below the maximum authorized, and a few of the colleges exercise this option.

In addition to basic tuition there are other fees charged to students by the colleges. These fees take the form of lab fees, technology fees, and other miscellaneous fees.

Additionally, students meeting specific statutory criteria may pay reduced fees. Examples include Vietnam and Persian Gulf veterans. Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language are offered at a reduced rate of \$25.

In 2006-07, the latest year of available data, the average tuition and fee charge at community colleges nationwide was \$2,642<sup>1</sup> compared to the \$2,586 charged in Washington.

### WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND FEES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ACADEMIC YEARS 2004-05 THROUGH 2007-08

<b><u>Quarterly Tuition &amp; Fees</u></b>	<b><u>2004-05</u></b>		<b><u>2005-06</u></b>	
	<b><u>Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Resident</u></b>
Quarterly Tuition				
Building Fee	\$75.50	\$205.25	\$80.00	\$209.75
Operating Fee	618.00	2,224.25	653.00	2,259.25
Services & Activities Fee	77.50	77.50	82.00	82.00
Quarterly Total	771.00	2,507.00	815.00	2551.00
Annual Total *	\$2,313.00	\$7,521.00	\$2,445.00	\$7,653.00
<b><u>Quarterly Tuition &amp; Fees</u></b>	<b><u>2006-07</u></b>		<b><u>2007-08</u></b>	
	<b><u>Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Resident</u></b>
Quarterly Tuition				
Building Fee	\$84.50	\$214.25	\$87.50	217.25
Operating Fee	691.00	2,297.25	715.00	2,321.25
Services & Activities Fee	86.50	86.50	89.50	89.50
Quarterly Total	862.00	2,598.00	892.00	2,628.00
Annual Total *	\$2,586.00	\$7,794.00	\$2,676.00	\$7,884.00

\*For three quarters.

Source: SBCTC Tuition and Fee Rates.

Note: The Services & Activities Fee amounts are the maximum a college may charge.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/quickfacts/documents/Costs.pdf>

**WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND FEES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS  
IN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-08**

<u>Quarterly Tuition &amp; Fees</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Quarterly Tuition		
Building Fee	\$87.50	\$217.25
Operating Fee	1,309.50	3,979.00
Services & Activities Fee	89.50	89.50
Quarterly Total	\$1,486.50	4,285.75
Annual Total *	\$4,459.50	\$12,857.25

\*For three quarters.

Source: SBCTC Tuition and Fee Rates.

Note: The Services & Activities Fee amounts are the maximum a college may charge.