

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 budgets; 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) fee: The S&A fee (10 percent of the tuition charge) is retained locally by the colleges and dedicated to support 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 \$25 per quarter.

In 2010-11, the average resident tuition and fee charge at community colleges nationwide was \$3,100¹ compared to the \$3,326 charged in Washington.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND FEES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ACADEMIC YEARS 2008-09 THROUGH 2011-12

| <u>Quarterly Tuition & Fees</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | | <u>2009-10</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
| Quarterly Tuition | | | | |
| Building Fee | \$89.50 | \$221.25 | \$95.00 | \$225.00 |
| Operating Fee | \$729.50 | \$2,335.75 | \$780.00 | \$2,390.00 |
| Services & Activities Fee | \$91.00 | \$91.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Quarterly Total | \$910.00 | \$2,648.00 | \$975.00 | \$2,715.00 |
| Annual Total * | \$2,730.00 | \$7,944.00 | \$2,925.00 | \$8,145.00 |
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| <u>Quarterly Tuition & Fees</u> | <u>2010-11</u> | | <u>2011-12</u> | |
| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
| Quarterly Tuition | | | | |
| Building Fee | \$95.00 | \$225.00 | \$110.20 | \$243.65 |
| Operating Fee | \$780.00 | \$2,390.00 | \$949.70 | \$2,561.25 |
| Services & Activities Fee | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$120.90 | \$120.90 |
| Quarterly Total | \$975.00 | \$2,715.00 | \$1,180.80 | \$2,925.80 |
| Annual Total * | \$2,925.00 | \$8,145.00 | \$3,542.40 | \$8,777.40 |

Source: SBCTC Tuition and Fee Rates.

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

*For three quarters

¹ <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/KF2012ChapterV.pdf>

**WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND FEES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS
IN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
ACADEMIC YEARS 2008-09 THROUGH 2011-12**

Tuition rates for community colleges offering upper division baccalaureate courses are set at an amount comparable to the per credit tuition rate for the comprehensive regional universities. Students pay community college lower division tuition rates for lower division courses. Students are charged per credit for upper division courses and lower division courses up to the full-time maximum tuition amount charged by comprehensive regional universities. Building fees and student activity fees for students in the bachelors programs are charged in the same manner as other community or technical college students, not at the rates applicable to regional universities.

| <u>Quarterly Tuition & Fees</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | | <u>2009-10</u> | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
| Quarterly Tuition | | | | |
| Building Fee | \$89.50 | \$221.25 | \$95.00 | \$225.00 |
| Operating Fee | \$1,375.00 | \$4,178.00 | \$1,570.00 | \$4,760.00 |
| Services & Activities Fee | \$91.00 | \$91.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Quarterly Total | \$1,555.50 | \$4,490.25 | \$1,765.00 | \$5,085.00 |
| Annual Total * | \$4,666.50 | \$13,470.75 | \$5,295.00 | \$15,255.00 |
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| <u>Quarterly Tuition & Fees</u> | <u>2010-11</u> | | <u>2011-12</u> | |
| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
| Quarterly Tuition | | | | |
| Building Fee | \$97.55 | \$231.00 | \$101.32 | \$232.70 |
| Operating Fee | \$1,789.92 | \$5,426.00 | \$2,002.60 | \$5,642.60 |
| Services & Activities Fee | \$107.00 | \$107.00 | \$105.60 | \$105.60 |
| Quarterly Total | \$1,994.47 | \$5,764.00 | \$2,209.52 | \$5,980.90 |
| Annual Total * | \$5,983.41 | \$17,292.00 | \$6,628.56 | \$17,942.70 |

Source: SBCTC Tuition and Fee Rates, based on 12 credits per quarter.

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

*For three quarters.