

College Expenses

Students will receive eBills monthly to their Mount Mercy University email account while they are attending Mount Mercy. It is the student's responsibility to check their eBill online each month. Fall tuition, food and housing fees must be paid in full by September 10th and Spring tuition, food and housing fees by February 10th, unless the student enrolls in the Mercy Payment Plan. If the student is not enrolled in the Mercy Payment Plan and their tuition, food, and housing is not paid in full, all future course registrations and financial aid will be cancelled. If additional financial aid is received after the full payment has been made, the student will receive a refund of the credit balance of his/her account. Payments may be made by cash, check, debit, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Payments made by US debit or credit card are subject to a 2.85% convenience fee with international debit or credit cards being subject to a 4.25% convenience fee. If payments are not received by the due date, a late fee will be added to the student's account. Late fees can only be waived due to University responsibility causing a delay in payment or the failure to act by a student because of sudden disabling illness or accident.

Late Fees

Type	Cost
\$500 - \$1,000 Outstanding Balance	\$10 Late Fee
\$1,000 - \$2,500 Outstanding Balance	\$25 Late Fee
\$2,500 - \$5,000 Outstanding Balance	\$50 Late Fee
\$5,000 - \$7,500 Outstanding Balance	\$75 Late Fee
\$7,500 - \$10,000 Outstanding Balance	\$100 Late Fee
>\$10,000 Outstanding Balance	\$150 Late Fee

Because of rapidly changing economic conditions, it may become necessary to alter tuition and fee structure before the next edition of this *Catalog* is published.

Tuition, Food and Housing, Estimated Cost of Attendance and Other Fees 2023-24

Full-time Traditional Students - Total Billed Cost

A student is considered full-time if she or he is registered for 12 or more hours per semester. Enrollment in more than 16 credit hours will result in additional tuition being charged at a rate equivalent to the part-time tuition rate per hour.

Full-time Fees	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total
Tuition (12-16 hours)	\$19,035	\$19,035	\$38,070
Food & Housing*	\$5,515	\$5,515	\$11,030
Total	\$24,550	\$24,550	\$49,100

* VIP Meal Plan and Double Occupancy Room.

Mount Mercy has a three year residency requirement because it considers the residential program integral to the educational

experience. Students are expected to live in campus housing during their first six semesters of full-time college attendance (typically through junior year). These students will automatically be charged for food and housing.

Students may request an exemption from this requirement if the student:

- Lives with parents
- Has "independent status" with regard to federal financial aid regulations
- Turned 21 years old *before* July 1st of the current year

An exemption request must be approved by the Office of the Dean of Students. Upon approval of the exemption request, the food and housing charges will be removed from the student's account. Exemption request forms are available from the Admissions and Student Services Offices. Exemption forms will be available at registration.

Part-time Traditional Students - Total Billed Tuition

A student is considered part-time if he or she is enrolled in less than 12 hours per semester. Tuition for part-time students is assessed based upon the number of hours for which a student is registered.

Type	Cost
Part-time tuition (1-11.5 semester hours)	\$1,151/semester hour

Estimated Cost of Attendance

The estimated cost of attendance is a combination of billed campus expenses and estimated living expenses that students may or may not incur during their time in school.

On-Campus Billed Expenses

Full Time	Cost	Part Time	Cost
Tuition	\$38,070 (\$12,000 average net tuition)*	Tuition	Charged per credit
Housing & Food (Living Expenses)**	\$11,030	Housing & Food (Living Expenses)**	\$5,515
SGA Student Fee	\$200	SGA Student Fee	\$200
Technology Fee	\$500	Technology Fee	\$250
Wellness Fee	\$300	Wellness Fee	\$150
Total billed expenses	\$50,100	Total billed expenses	\$6,115 + per-credit tuition

Average total net \$24,030 price

* Average Net Tuition After University, State, Federal Financial Aid Applied

** Calculated for normal capacity room / VIP Plan

On-Campus Estimated Expenses

Other estimated expenses	Full Time	Cost	Part Time	Cost
Books		\$1,200		\$600
Personal Expenses		\$3,000		\$1,500
Transportation		\$1,700		\$850
Loan Fees		\$70		\$35
Total		\$5,970		\$2,985

Data was used from www.commongoodiowa.org (<http://www.commongoodiowa.org/>) for Linn County for 2022 pulled on 11/21/2022. Personal expenses are approximately 12 months of health care and 3 months of clothing/household expenses lines. Transportation is approximately 3 months of transportation line.

Off-CAMPUS BILLED EXPENSES

Full Time	Cost	Part Time	Cost
Tuition	\$38,070 (\$14,070 average net tuition)*	Tuition	Charged per credit
SGA Student Fee	\$200	SGA Student Fee	\$200
Technology Fee	\$500	Technology Fee	\$250
Wellness Fee	\$300	Wellness Fee	\$150
Total billed expenses	\$39,070	Total billed expenses	\$600 + per-credit tuition
Average total net price		\$15,070	

* Average Net Tuition After University, State, Federal Financial Aid Applied

Off-CAMPUS ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Other estimated expenses	Full Time	Cost	Part Time	Cost
Living Expenses (Housing & Food)		\$10,000		\$5,000
Books		\$1,200		\$600
Personal Expenses		\$4,000		\$2,000
Transportation		\$6,000		\$3,000
Loan Fees		\$70		\$35
Total		\$21,270		\$10,635

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Other Tuition and Fee Details

Winter Term Tuition

Winter term tuition for three credit hours is included in the full-time tuition rate for traditional students who are enrolled full-time in *both* fall and spring semesters. Students must be enrolled and billed as a full time Mount Mercy student in both semesters. (This does not apply to students in Accelerated or Graduate programs). Students enrolled in a winter term course that are not full time in both the fall and spring will be billed at the part time tuition rate. Students taking more than three credit hours will be responsible for the cost of the additional credit hours. Students who are full time in both fall and spring and are taking a winter term course(s) at no additional charge, are still responsible for any course related fee such as lab fees. There will be no refund of tuition or food and housing for winter term if a full time student chooses not to enroll in winter term.

Accelerated Program Students

Tuition for students in the Accelerated Program is due the first night of class. If you are reimbursed by your employer, and you have a completed Deferred Payment Plan Enrollment Form on file in the Student Accounts team, tuition is due 45 days from the end of each block. Please refer to the Accelerated section of this *Catalog* for a description of this program.

Type	Cost
Accelerated	\$556/semester hour
PREP and TEACH Program	\$556/semester hour

Graduate Program Students

Tuition for students in the Graduate Program is due the first night of class. If you are reimbursed by your employer, and you have a completed Deferred Payment Plan Enrollment Form on file in the Student Accounts team, tuition is due 45 days from the end of each block. Please refer to the Graduate Programs section of this *Catalog* for a description of these programs.

Type	Cost
Master of Arts in Education	\$556/semester hour
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy	\$556/semester hour
Master of Business Administration	\$704/semester hour
Master of Management	\$556/semester hour
Master of Science in Education	\$556/semester hour
Master of Science in Nursing*	\$704/semester hour
Master of Science in Supply Chain Management	\$704/semester hour
Master of Strategic Leadership	\$704/semester hour
Doctor of Nursing Practice	\$908/semester hour
PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy	\$760/semester hour

FOOD AND HOUSING Options

Academic Year:

Students have a number of options regarding both food and housing. Please note that the charges below are adjustments to the food and housing charges previously detailed.

Residence Halls:

Housing Type	Amount per semester
Regina Double and McAuley	\$2,737.00
Triple/Quad	

Andreas Triple	\$2,737.00
Lower Campus Double	\$3,428.00
Medical Single Room, McAuley or Regina	\$2,737.00
McAuley Double-in-Triple	\$3,421.00
Hazel House	\$3,518.00
Andreas Double-in-Triple	\$3,421.00
Single-in-Double Regina, McAuley, Andreas, and Lower Campus	\$5,025.00

Food Plans:

Food type	Amount per semester
Mustang Meal Plan - an average of 7 meals per week (only eligible for Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate students)	\$2,263.00
VIP Meal Plan - unlimited swipes for personal use	\$2,778.00

Other Housing Options

Summer Housing: Current Mount Mercy students (were enrolled spring semester) who are enrolled in summer courses or have pre-enrolled for fall semester classes may choose to live on campus in either Andreas or Lower Campus. There is no food plan for the summer. Summer housing rates:

Housing Type	Amount per semester
Double Room	\$859.00
Single-in-Double	\$1,288.00

If the student ceases enrollment during the summer, he or she will be asked to move out of campus housing. Students new to Mount Mercy must be enrolled in summer courses in order to choose summer housing on campus.

Special Fees

(All fees are non-refundable except where noted.)

Student Cost	Amount
Art Fees	Varies by course, see individual course description
Assessment of Prior Learning Experience Assessment Fee	\$60 per semester hour
Audit Fee for Center of Learning for the Church	\$150
Audit Fee for a Regular Course	\$100
Audit Fee for Activity or Lab Course	\$150
Challenge Exam Fee	\$25/semester hour for credit; \$10/semester hour for waiving credit
Lab Course Fee (applies to all lab courses except Education and Nursing)	\$50
Meal Plan Change (after Aug 1st)	\$25
Medical Laboratory Science Fee	\$100
Mercy Payment Plan Enrollment Fee	\$50 per semester
Mount Mercy I.D. Card Replacement Fee	\$15
Music Lesson Fee	Refer to Curriculum/Music section of catalog

Nursing Fee - Sophomore, Junior, and Senior \$800 per semester

Official Transcript	\$11
Parking Fees	See the Good Book
Replacement Diploma	\$75
Returned Check	\$25
Room Contract Cancellation Fee	\$500 - \$1000
Student Government Association (SGA) Fee - Traditional Students Only (Full Time and Part Time)	\$100 per semester
Technology Fee - Full Time Traditional Student	\$250 per semester
Technology Fee - Part Time Traditional Student	\$125 per semester
Tuition Deposit for all Full-time Students (paid at time of acceptance and credited to tuition)	\$200
Wellness Fee - Full Time Traditional Student	\$150 per semester
Wellness Fee - Part Time Traditional Student	\$75 per semester

Other student costs include:

Books and Supplies	est. \$1,200
Transportation (full-time students living on campus)	est. \$1,400
Transportation (full-time students living with parents)	est. \$2,280
Transportation (full-time students living off campus)	est. \$3,360

Mercy payment plan

The Mercy Payment Plan allows each semester's tuition, food, and housing to be paid in 4 equal installments due on the 10th of September, October, November, and December for Fall semester and the 10th of February, March, April, and May for Spring semester. If the 10th of the month falls on a weekend, payment is due the following business day. The Mercy Payment Plan can only be used for the payment of tuition, food, and housing. Students who have not paid their account in full by September 10th for the Fall semester or by February 10th for the Spring semester will need to enroll in the Mercy Payment Plan. There is an enrollment charge of \$50 per semester to participate in this plan. Enrollment in the Mercy Payment Plan must occur each semester; participation doesn't carry over from one semester to the next.

All enrolled students are eligible for the Mercy Payment Plan unless:

- The student is reimbursed by their employer.
- The student's account is considered delinquent (see below).
- A student at anytime has declared bankruptcy in which a Mount Mercy account has been written off.

International Student Accounts

International students must have their student account balance paid, in full, by the start of the semester. Students are encouraged to use Flywire to complete international payments (www.flywire.com) for convenience in tracking the payment from start to finish.

Delinquent Accounts

All students, except those receiving employer reimbursement, are required to have their entire account paid in full by the end of the term.

(December 11th for fall semester, May 10th for spring semester, and by the end of the term for all other sessions). Any balance remaining after the above dates will be considered delinquent.

Students who are reimbursed by their employers are required to have their entire account paid in full within 45 days from the end of class or their account will be considered delinquent.

Students with delinquent accounts may be subject to the following actions until the balance is paid in full.

- a. All current and future registrations will be cancelled.
- b. All financial aid for future terms will be cancelled.
- c. Student will no longer be able to reside in student housing.
- d. Student will not be able to obtain official transcripts.
- e. Reimbursed students will be required to have their account paid in full before class starts.
- f. Delinquency may be reported to a credit bureau.
- g. Account may be referred to a collection agency for the full amount due plus all collection costs and legal fees.

Graduation Policy

No diplomas will be issued and no official transcripts will be released until all financial obligations to Mount Mercy have been paid in full.

Refunds

Tuition and Fees

Fall and Spring Semesters

A student's final bill will be determined on the last day to add classes for each semester. This is generally seven days after the beginning of the semester and is referred to as the final bill date. Before the final bill date students may adjust their class schedules and necessary tuition adjustments will be made. Students who drop classes after the final bill date will not be eligible to receive a refund for any of the tuition charged for that class unless they withdraw from Mount Mercy.

Students who withdraw from Mount Mercy after the final bill date may be eligible to receive a refund of a portion of the tuition charged for the semester. The tuition refund schedule follows the federal financial aid guidelines. Please contact the Student Accounts team for more information regarding tuition refund amounts. If a refund is requested, a petition form must be filed with the Provost's Office within 30 days of the end of the term.

Winter Term and Summer Sessions

A student's final bill will be determined on the last day to add classes for each term which is generally one to two days after the beginning of the term (final bill date). Students may adjust their class schedules and necessary tuition adjustments will be made.

Students who drop classes after the final bill date will not be eligible to receive a refund of any of the tuition charged for that class unless they withdraw from Mount Mercy. If a refund is requested, a petition form must be filed with the Provost's Office within 30 days of the end of the term.

Food and Housing

The food and housing terms and conditions are stated in the contract signed by the student. During the semester there may be a proportional refund of food and housing charges if the student officially withdraws from Mount Mercy or moves off campus with the approval of the Director of Residence Life. There is a \$500 - \$1,000 contract cancellation fee that will be imposed on any student who does not fulfill the food and housing contract.

Transcripts

Official transcripts will not be released until student account charges (tuition, food & housing, and miscellaneous charges) have been paid in full.

*** Nursing Informatics students are required to pay the current University of Minnesota tuition rate for any University of Minnesota courses.**