

PENGUIN TUITION PROMISE

DESCRIPTION OF FEES

The Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University has pledged to make every effort to keep the required fees as low as is consistent with providing quality education. It is intended that fees not be adjusted more often than annually and that fee changes be announced in the spring or early summer. The Board of Trustees does, however, reserve the right to change any fee, charge, or fine without notice if conditions warrant.

Fees

INSTRUCTIONAL FEE

This fee is assessed to all penguin tuition promise students each term. This fee supplements the state subsidy and is a source of revenue for the University's educational and general fund.

GENERAL FEE

This fee covers costs associated with non-instructional services, including but not limited to the student union, intercollegiate athletics, campus recreation, performing artists and lecture programs, student organizations, student government and student counseling services.

NON-RESIDENT SURCHARGE

Those students who are not legal residents of Ohio must pay a surcharge in addition to tuition.

AUDITED COURSES

Students may audit courses (i.e., register to take a course without receiving credit). The fee for auditing a course is the same as if the course were taken for credit.

COLLEGE FEE

This fee is designed to recognize the differential cost of instruction among colleges. Examples of use include research instrumentation, enhanced teaching equipment, specialized software, specialized information resources (databases), maintenance and repair of capital equipment, technical and laboratory personnel support, and lab and instructional space upgrades.

COURSE BOOK AND SUPPLY FEE

This fee represents the cost for electronic materials such as eBooks that are used in designated course(s). This fee is non-refundable after the 100% tuition refund period and cannot be appealed.

COURSE FEE

This fee is designed to partially offset expenses associated with courses that make use of supplies, equipment or personnel support beyond that associated with typical lecture courses. Examples include chemical supplies, engineering equipment, computers, software, and lab monitors. In addition, the Student Success Course Fee is designed to partially offset expenses associated with Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVe) Act training, Financial Aid materials and training sessions with Financial Aid, content and programming for a common intellectual experience including speakers and campus-wide events, other materials, handouts, and software related to common elements of first-year experience courses.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION FEE

A fee is charged for each course for an individual examination provided by an academic department to determine whether a student can be given academic credit for their knowledge of the course material. The fee must be paid before the test can be taken. This fee is charged on a per-credit basis.

DISTANCE EDUCATION LEARNING FEES

This fee is to offset the cost of technology and support needed to support online courses and programs.

GRADUATE ACCELERATED PROGRAM FEE

This fee is assessed to all undergraduate students taking graduate level courses that are part of an approved accelerated/dual-credit degree program. The fee is assessed to each course approved for the accelerated/dual-credit degree program for which a student registers. This fee is for administrative costs associated with these programs such as individualized application, registration, and tracking of course credits.

GRADUATION FEE

This nonrefundable fee is assessed when students apply to graduate to cover costs associated with graduation. Should a student graduate with more than one degree at a time, the fee will only be charged once.

HONORS COLLEGE FEE

This fee supports student learning objectives within the five pillars of the Honors College. Some of the programs and activities supported by this fee are the Honors College Retreat, Academic Journal, student research, student presentations, annual showcase, and volunteer and community service projects. Additionally, the fee serves as a source to staff programs and equip buildings with technology to foster and support educational development and student success.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CREDENTIAL EVALUATION FEE

The International Programs Office (IPO) is responsible for evaluating credentials from applicants earned at foreign high schools and universities. This fee supports the evaluation of those credentials including professional development of staff in this area. Each graduate applicant who submits credentials to be evaluated by IPO staff will be assessed this fee.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FEE

Per YSU policy, all international students who attend YSU on an F-1 or J-1 visa and who are not sponsored by a government-related organization, are required to purchase Health Insurance. International students will be assessed this fee on their student account. YSU transfers the fee to the insurance company to provide health insurance for the individual student. The rates are set by the insurer; therefore, the fee is variable and may change from year-to-year.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE

The International Programs Office (IPO) is responsible for providing pre-admission advising and a wide array of student services unique to the international student population. This fee will support expenses related to pre-admission advising including technology support, travel, mailing and related expenses and international student services including providing appropriate academic advising to applicants, supporting immigration advising, supporting staff professional development related to immigration regulations and admission, and providing a range of general student support services including orientation, airport pickup and international activities. Each international student who is classified as either an undergraduate or graduate student will be assessed this fee with the exception of online and distance learning programs.

LATE APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Application for Graduation must be submitted within the first three weeks of the term. Applications submitted after this date will be assessed a non-refundable late fee.

LATE PAYMENT FEES

Payment of a bill received after the due date results in assessment of a late payment fee. All fees and charges billed must be paid in full. Partial payments will result in assessment of a late fee. Payment plan participants who do not pay their scheduled payment amount by the due date are also subject to assessment of a late payment fee.

NCAA PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES

This fee is for approved NCAA expenses such as meals incidental to participation, approved housing costs and fees, missed appointment charges, and other NCAA approved costs or charges.

PARKING PERMIT (OPTIONAL)

This fee is optional each term for penguin tuition promise and accelerated online students. This will allow the student to have unlimited access to shuttle service. The Daytime parking permit will grant access to approved lots from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Overnight parking permit will grant access to approved lots without any time restrictions. This fee is charged, upon request of the parking permit via Penguin Portal. The fee supports the operating and maintenance costs of campus parking facilities, roadways and sidewalks, as well as student shuttle service. The fee does not guarantee an available space in any particular lot. Some facilities are restricted (e.g. for students only, for faculty and staff only, or overnight parking only). The current Driving and Parking Regulations pamphlet and parking lot map should be consulted. The fee is refundable only if the student returns the parking permit access card and validation sticker within five days of either the withdrawal date or the last date of the 100% tuition refund period, whichever is earlier. This fee is non-refundable after the 100% tuition refund period and cannot be appealed.

A daily fee is charged anyone without a permit who wishes to park in facilities designated for cash business.

PERFORMANCE MUSIC FEE

This fee offsets the cost of maintaining the programs and facilities of the Dana School of Music including the purchase and repair of equipment, rental of performance venues, recording and archiving of Dana events, and other expenses. The performance fee helps us provide the best possible experience for our students and follow standards set by the National Association of Schools of Music. This program fee is charged in addition to regular tuition. It is assessed students taking music lessons and is applied on a per-credit basis.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION FEE

A fee is charged for an examination provided by an academic department to determine a student's proficiency for some reason other than assignment of academic credit. If academic credit is to be awarded, the credit by examination fee applies and not this fee.

STUDIO ART FEE

This fee enables the Department of Art to strategically plan for essential equipment upgrades and investment in new technologies that drive development and implementation of innovative curriculum including the purpose of large and costly equipment and digital technologies. As new processes and directions emerge in contemporary art, the Department of Art must introduce new and innovative instructional art making options into the curriculum to remain enrollment competitive with regional and national peer institutions.

TESTING FEES

The University Office of Testing supervises a variety of special tests used for admission to college, graduate, or professional schools. The fees are established by the agencies responsible for the tests. Students are advised to contact the Testing Office for information and to make reservations.

Service Charges

COMPUTER-BASED PLACEMENT RE-TEST FEE

A non-refundable fee is charged each time a computer-based placement test is retaken.

DATA RECOVERY SERVICE FEE

Fee assessed to recover data and/or transfer data that was successfully recovered onto a media device provided by the students (i.e. flash drive, hard drive, or DVD). No fee is assessed unless some or all of the data is recovered. Note: If it is necessary to remove the hard drive from the PC in order to recover data, the IT Service Desk will NOT be able to perform the service, and no fee will be charged to the student.

HEALTH CENTER FEE

MERCY HEALTH WICK PRIMARY CARE AT YSU

This on-campus center provides health care to all currently enrolled YSU students, both resident and commuter students.

WHO CAN USE THE SERVICE?

- All students except consortium, transient students, and students specifically enrolled in a distance learning/online program are assessed the Student Health Center Fee of \$34 for each semester of enrollment. This entitles those students to use of services at Wick Primary Care.
- Consortium and transient students and students specifically enrolled in a distance learning/online program who choose to take a course on campus are also assessed the Student Health Center Fee of \$34 for each semester of enrollment in an on-campus course. This entitles those students to use of services at Wick Primary Care.
- Consortia and transient students and students specifically enrolled in a distance learning/online program and taking courses strictly online will have the opportunity to purchase access to services at Wick Primary Care at \$34 per semester. Go to the [Health Center Fee webpage](#).

The mandatory fee of \$34 provides revenue to Mercy Health System to give students access to their Primary Care Facility. Students do not need to have health insurance to use the center's services. The center is staffed by a full-time primary care physician and an advanced practice provider.

The center provides preventive and acute care, both by appointment and walk-in service. This full-service primary care practice provides health care for illness, injury, first aid, and routine health checks. Health screening tests, physical exams for sports and academic programs, gynecological exams, consultations, and referrals are provided. Flu and other immunizations are also given; however, there are charges for these injections. Mental health, behavioral health, and addiction services are also available. Additional charges may apply for service and can include: labs, urine, x-ray, MMR and Varicella vaccines.

Mercy Health Primary Care is located on the corner of Wick Ave. and Lincoln Ave. For more information, visit the [Wick Primary Care website](#).

Students in the following programs are not eligible for the services provided with the Student Health Center Fee: Youngstown Early College (YEC), College Credit Plus (CCP), Workshops, and Sixty Plus (noncredit classes). However, they may use Wick Primary Care using their own insurance or other methods of payment.

HOUSING

On-campus housing is available to students year-round. The academic-year housing contract includes a fully furnished, double-occupancy room (shared with a roommate) as well as a full campus meal plan. Once a student completes and signs a housing contract, charges are applied to the student account on a per-semester basis. Students may also apply separately for on-campus housing during winter break and both summer terms.

All billing dates, cancellation policies, and applicable fees are clearly outlined in the housing contract, which is included in full within the housing application and is also available on the Housing website. Please note that a housing application fee and a housing prepayment are required to reserve a space.

Students who choose to live off campus are able to consider purchasing a commuter meal plan.

RESIDENCE HALL - ROOM LOCKOUT FEE

This fee is assessed to students who require lockout assistance and is assessed on the fifth occurrence and any subsequent time (the first four lockout calls are free).

IDENTIFICATION CARD REPLACEMENT CHARGE

A non-refundable charge is made for replacement of an ID card.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE

The International Programs Office (IPO) arranges social and cultural activities of cross-cultural nature. IPO may charge a nominal fee in order to defray the cost of such activities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORAGE FEE

The International Programs Office (IPO) arranges for international students to have access to secure storage for their belongings over the summer break. International students who wish to store their belongings are assessed this fee per box.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEE

The International Programs Office (IPO) arranges transportation at the end of each semester to the airport. Students who wish to reserve a space on the airport shuttle are assessed this fee. The intent of this fee is to defray the costs associated with providing transportation services.

PAYMENT PLAN ENROLLMENT FEE

A non-refundable fee is charged for enrollment in the payment plan. All tuition and fees are due in full by the payment due date unless the student enrolls in the payment plan.

PC REMEDIATION SERVICE FEE

Fee assessed for removal of all spyware and viruses from the PC and for installing the most current updates to applications and the operating system to help reduce the risk of future attacks. The first two PC remediation services are provided free of charge to current YSU students; the fee only applies to remediation performed beyond the first two free services.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY CHARGE

Certain activity courses (e.g. bowling, skiing, ice skating, scuba diving) are available only upon the payment of a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the facility or transportation. These charges are set by the operator of the facility, are paid by the student to that operator (not to the University), and are in addition to any other applicable fee.

PLACEMENT & SUPERVISION FEE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENT TEACHING

Through the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST), teacher candidates are placed in public and private institutions in various locations around the world where English is the language of instruction. YSU students who student teach overseas through COST will be charged a placement and supervision fee. The fee is established by COST and the entire amount is paid to them for the administration of the program. The fee amount varies and may be higher in some overseas sites.

RETURNED CHECK, ACH (ELECTRONIC CHECK), OR CREDIT CARD FEE

A charge is levied on anyone whose check, ACH, or credit card payment is returned unpaid by the bank. Failure to pay billing of return check, ACH, and/or credit card payment within six days; and/or a second check, ACH, or credit card payment return will result in the University not accepting this type of payment at any of its collection points and may subject the student to financial suspension for the term.

TECHNOLOGY LOANER EQUIPMENT FEE

A non-refundable fee that covers the cleaning, updates and maintenance of the YSU loaner devices.

TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS CHARGE

There is a charge for normal transcript processing requests as well as rush or overnight express requests issued by the Office of Records. Transcripts will not be issued for anyone with outstanding debts owed to the University.

Fines

LIBRARY FINES

Fines are assessed for failure to return books on time as stipulated or for the unauthorized removal of a reserved book. Willful damage or defacement of library materials or other property is a violation of state law and is punished as such.

PARKING VIOLATION FINE

Parking without a permit, parking in unauthorized areas and other offenses as identified in the *Parking Regulations* brochure will result in the issuance of a citation against the vehicle and its owner, or against the student responsible for the vehicle (e.g., a student driving a parent's car). Payment of a fine removes the citation. In certain cases, vehicles may be towed. See the regulations (<https://ysu.edu/parking-services/rules-regulations/>) for detailed information.