

Truition® FAQs for new students

Q: What does Truition® mean?

A: Truition® means your education is one low cost. You pay one price per credit hour, no fees and no book costs—making it easier for you to gauge the true cost of your education.

Q: Who is Truition® for?

A: Truition® is for all undergraduate and graduate students—including transfer students—enrolled in online classes, evening classes in Columbia, Missouri, and in-seat classes at any of our more than 30 venues nationwide. We have other exclusive programs in place for students attending class during the day at our traditional campus in Columbia, Missouri.

Q: I will be a new Columbia College student this fall in 2019. What is my tuition rate?

A: The rates per credit hour are:

Undergraduate: \$375

Military undergraduate: \$250

Graduate: \$490

Military graduate: \$325

Q: What fees are covered under Truition®?

A: Columbia College eliminated all fees. No application fees, no technology fees, no proctoring fees, no graduation fees, no lab fees, no fees per class.

Q: What about textbooks?

A: Not only will book costs be covered, but all other required materials such as lab kits and access codes are also included.

Most courses use eTexts. With eTexts, your professor can provide study tips, highlight important material within the text and add personal notes to any key section. eTexts also have a read-aloud feature so you can listen to book content when you're on the go. And you can download and access your books on your phone or tablet.

Q: Can I get a paper copy of my textbook?

A: If you would like a paper copy of your textbook, you may purchase it from the VitalSource Bookshelf app for eligible textbooks after the enrollment Add/Drop period of the session has closed. Paying to print a book is entirely up to you.

Q: What about third-party charges?

A: In a handful of scenarios, students may have to pay third-party vendors for services. For instance, providers such as Parchment (transcript printing) and CLEP/DSST (outside testing services for academic credit) will continue to charge for services.

These are not costs that Columbia College controls. We are not directly involved in these transactions, and we receive no financial benefit from them.

Q: When will I have access to my eTexts?

A: eTexts will usually be available several days before classes start, but no later than the first day of class.

Q: Can I opt out?

A: Yes, however very few students do so.

Q: OK, what's the catch?

A: There's no catch. Columbia College has been a not-for-profit provider of higher education since 1851. It's our mission to improve lives by making college affordable to all. That's the truth. That's Truition.®