

Dare to Compare – All the Details

Comparing costs associated with attending college is difficult, even for us.

This chart illustrates that there are differences to consider when selecting a college such as semester- versus quarter-based credit hours and extra fees based on courses/programs/semesters, etc. This comparison illustrates the costs that are not obvious to students until they first enroll.

	Total Tuition and Books per Course	Online Tuition per Credit Hour	Credit Hours per Course	Books, Materials & Resources ¹²	Other Fees				Total Credits Required for a Bachelor's Degree
					Application	Technology	Graduation	Other	
Columbia College¹	\$1,125	= \$375	x 3	+ \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	120
Pennsylvania State University World Campus ²	\$1,818	= \$576	x 3	+ \$90	\$65	\$0	\$0	\$0	120
Arizona State University ³	\$1,680	= \$530	x 3	+ \$90	\$70	\$50 per semester	\$50	\$54 per semester	120
Purdue University Global ⁴	\$1,670	= \$371	x 4.5	+ \$0	\$45	\$345 per term	\$0	\$0	180
Ashford University ⁵	\$1,655	= \$510	x 3	+ \$125	\$0	\$115 per course	\$150	\$0	120
Strayer University ⁶	\$1,630	= \$329	x 4.5	+ \$150	\$0	\$65 per term	\$150	\$0	180
Maryville University ⁷	\$1,590	= \$500	x 3	+ \$90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350 per semester	120
Colorado Technical University ⁸	\$1,530	= \$340	x 4.5	+ \$0	\$0	\$220 per term	\$150	\$0	180
Grand Canyon University ⁹	\$1,500	= \$470	x 3	+ \$90	\$0	\$105 per course	\$150	\$500	120
University of Maryland Global Campus ¹	\$1,497	= \$499	x 3	+ \$0	\$50	\$15 per credit hour	\$50	\$0	120
Oregon State University Ecampus ¹⁰	\$1,481	= \$309	x 4.5	+ \$90	\$65	\$0	\$0	\$350	180
American InterContinental University ⁸	\$1,463	= \$325	x 4.5	+ \$0	\$0	\$175 per term	\$150	\$0	180
University of Phoenix ¹¹	\$1,364	= \$398	x 3	+ \$170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	120

¹ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours.

² Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Tuition rate is based on current completion of 59 or fewer credits.

³ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Other fee is Financial Aid Trust Fee.

⁴ Awards quarter credits. One typical course = 4.5 quarter credit hours. Formerly Kaplan University.

⁵ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Books, course digital material and instructional materials fee of \$125 (average per course).

⁶ Awards quarter credits. One typical course = 4.5 quarter credit hours. Tuition is charged by course only and estimated by credit hour.

⁷ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Other fee is "One Fee".

⁸ Awards quarter credits. One typical course = 4.5 quarter credit hours.

⁹ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Canyon Connect is a per course for Online and Evening students. Other Fee is Learning Management Service Fee.

¹⁰ Awards quarter credits. One typical course = 4.5 quarter credit hours. Other Fee is one time Matriculation Fee charged at start of first term.

¹¹ Awards semester credits. One typical course = 3 semester credit hours. Mandatory Resource fee of \$170 per course electronic textbooks and materials.

¹² For institutions that either do not provide or charge a specific fee for books, materials and resources, the average cost of a new textbook of \$90 is used as an estimate according to the National Association of College Stores Independent College Stores Financial Survey 2016-2017.

<https://www.nacs.org/research/HigherEdRetailMarketFactsFigures.aspx>

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Information set forth herein is based on information available on institutions' websites as of 1/30/2020.

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