

Discussion of Tuition for Courses Available through WVU Extended Learning

The State of West Virginia encourages academic outreach by permitting the tuition for off-campus courses to be reinvested into course delivery and institutional support of outreach. Since 1995 courses made available through WVU Extended Learning have been developed according to a defined formula. This formula encourages course offerings by allowing Colleges and departments the flexibility to develop and offer courses that meet the needs of students who cannot come to campus.

The tuition payment for each student is organized to address specific charges for each WVU unit. The composite of all charges is identified as TUITION with individual items identified as FEES.

The student's tuition payment may be split in the following ways:

System Capital Fee and Special Institutional Capital Fee

The WV Higher Education Policy Commission requires that these fees be not only paid by each student, but indicates that the amount be directed to fund the infrastructure of HEPC institutions, WVU Morgantown and its regional campuses. This infrastructure includes Admissions and Records, faculty offices and Extended Learning.

Education and General Fees and the Extended Learning Resource Fee

The individual fees represent the amount of the tuition which is shared between the college and WVU Extended Learning. Upon registration this revenue is available to support faculty salaries, staff and educational materials dedicated to the course or degree program.

College Specific Fees

Most colleges have fees that are dedicated entirely to the college offering the course. College fees support salary differentials and technological enhancement within the college. In rare cases a second fee may be included to further support course delivery such as the interactive video network and travel opportunities.

The Library Fee and Technology Fee

These monies are targeted to WVU Libraries and the Office of Information Technology (OIT). WVU Libraries has provided access to electronic publications to all Extended Learning students. The access supports research and analysis needed during coursework. OIT supports the MIX system which represents the student portal to the STAR system. STAR is utilized by students for online course registration, payment of fees and receiving course grades. OIT also manages WVU eCampus, the course management tool for online and electronically enhanced courses.

This summary has identified the components of tuition for WVU Extended Learning courses. Any student registering for degree credit courses is required to pay the total amount charged.