Paying for College

wiu.edu/PayingForCollege
Billing & Receivables

www.wiu.edu/billing
Student is legally responsible for all charges.
Electronic billing each month via STARS

- Email notification sent to student's WIU email
- Additional email may be established on STARS
- August 2016 bill available on STARS August 4.
All bills are due the 28th of each month

- 1% monthly finance charge assessment
- Payment required to advance register for next semester in November and April
- Payment required to obtain copy of transcripts
- Financial aid will only apply to allowable charges (tuition, fees, room, board, health insurance)
Automated Payment Plan

- Structured - based upon contract
- Contract must be completed on STARS
- Deducted the 5th of the month from your bank
- $2 per payment processing fee
- Three to six payments, based upon contract:
  - Six payment deadline-May 31
  - Five payment deadline - June 30
  - Four payment deadline - July 31
  - Three payment deadline - August 31
Cost Estimator online at wiu.edu/billing

- Tuition = $284.70 per credit hour
- University fees = $90.12 per credit hour
- Room & Board = $2940 & $1850
Cost Estimator

This is only an estimate and does not include books. Please choose one option for each section:

Residency Status:
- Plan R Students Only - Within US
- Plan R Students Only - Outside of US
- Plans L through Q Students Only - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin Residents
- Plans L through Q Students Only - Out-of-State (other) Resident

Starting in Fall 2016 (Plan R), new students from all US states will be charged in-state rates.

Academic Status:
- New Undergraduate
- Returning Undergraduate
- New Graduate
- Returning Graduate

Campus Location:
- Macomb Campus
- Quad Cities Campus

Tuition Plan: (find your rate here)

Undergraduate:
- Undergraduate Plan R - Beginning Fall 2016
- Undergraduate Plan Q - Beginning Fall 2015
## Cost Estimator

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<tr>
<th>Hours this semester</th>
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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$4,270.50</td>
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<td>$1,351.80</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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If you are taking 9 hours or more, please add $705.00 for health insurance to your total.

Remember, this is only an **estimate** and does not include books or other miscellaneous charges such as parking permits, flex plan and microfridge.

This is only an estimated total for the semester. Be sure to call Billing and Receivables at (309) 298-1831 with any questions.
Payment Options

- STARS-B/R payment online
- In person at the Union Service Center
- Mail to: Billing and Receivables
  1 University Circle
  Macomb, IL 61455
- Credit card via Illinois Treasurer’s Electronic Payment Services
  - EpayIllinois.com
  - Toll free (877) 690-3729
  - Convenience fee
  - MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Visa
Refunds

- Refunds are issued to the PLUS Loan borrower before the student borrower unless borrower indicated otherwise.
- Student refunds are direct deposited.
- B/R Account Detail (all transactions).
- Direct Deposit Authorization.
Why is my loan not on my August bill?
Federal regulations determine when loans can be applied, which is after the August bill date.

We recommend you verify your account balance on STARS using **B/R Account Detail** before the August 28 due date.
Want more info?

- Visit [wiu.edu/PayingForCollege](http://wiu.edu/PayingForCollege)
- Stop by our table today:
  - Billings & Receivables Brochure
  - Tuition and Fees schedule for Plan R
  - Direct Deposit Information Parent Borrowers
  - Automatic Payment Plan Information
  - List of Local Banks
Financial Aid

www.wiu.edu/fa
How will Financial Aid contact me?
WIU Email

- Notifications, requests for additional info

STARS

- Select *Financial Aid Information* - FAFSA status, award letters, loan cancellation
How should I contact Financial Aid?
Communication is key!

- Email: financial-aid@wiu.edu
- Website: wiu.edu/fa
- Appointments
- Phone calls

Don't forget the Parent/Guest Account!
REMINDERS!

- Enrollment can impact your financial aid.
- Costs - aid = ?
- Books are purchased out-of-pocket
I'm using student loans - what do I need to do?
Federal Student Loans

- Visit www.studentloans.gov to complete:
  - Entrance Counseling
  - Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Credits directly to your bill (B/R Account Detail)
- Reduce or cancel through STARS or by contacting Financial Aid
Grades matter!

- Satisfactory Academic Progress
  - Minimum 2.0 GPA
  - Earn 67% of all credits attempted
- Do not attempt more than 150% of the credits needed
File your FAFSA every year!

- Online at www.fafsa.gov
- File FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st for future years.
Do you still need to submit information to Financial Aid?

Documents received after July 15th may not be reviewed until after school starts.
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See you at the fair!