

# Paying for College



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# **Billing & Receivables**

[wiu.edu/billing](http://wiu.edu/billing)

# Billing by Semester

- 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 2011 bill available on STARS August 5
- All bills are due the 28th of each month



# Cost Guarantee – Plan M

## 4 Years Continuous Enrollment

- Cost Estimator at [www.wiu.edu/billing](http://www.wiu.edu/billing)
- Tuition per credit hour \$254.95
- University Fees per credit hour \$77.73
- Room
- Board



# Additional Cost on the Bill

- Health Insurance \$369.19
- Transcript Fee \$ 15 (one time)
- Orientation Fee \$100 (one time)
- Miscellaneous Housing Charges
  - ResNet \$80
  - Readership \$5.50
  - Prepay Charge
- Other miscellaneous charges



# Payment Plans

Two payment plans each have the following four limitations:

- 1% monthly finance charge assessment
- payment required to advance to 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)



# Open Payment Plan

- Flexible - Payments may be made during the semester according to the student's individual resources
- No Contract



# Automatic 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
  - Deadline for six payments – May 31
  - Deadline for five payments – June 30
  - Deadline for four payments – July 31
  - Deadline for three payments – August 31



# Payment Methods

- STARS-B/R payment on-line
- 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
  - [www.illinoisepay.com](http://www.illinoisepay.com)
  - toll free (877) 455-3729
  - convenience fee
  - MasterCard, Discover, American Express



# Refunds

- Only allowable charges (tuition, fees, room, board, health insurance) can be deducted from Title IV funds (Federal Loans and Grants)
- Could get refund and still owe for miscellaneous charges
- Refunds are issued to the PLUS Loan borrower before the student borrower unless borrower indicated otherwise
- Student refunds are direct deposited



# Screens on STARS

- B/R Account Detail (all transactions)
- B/R Automated Payment Plan
- B/R Billing Statement (transaction as of billing statement date)
- B/R College Illinois
- B/R Email Addresses
- B/R Payment On-line
- B/R GI Bill Information
- B/R Tax Relief Act
- Direct Deposit Authorization



# FAQ

## Why is my loan not on the 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 before the August 28 due date.



# Additional FAQ

Why am I assessed Health Insurance?

- Health insurance is automatically assessed to students enrolled 9 or more hours. Health insurance waivers are processed in the Student Health Insurance Office. Deadline is Sept 2.

How much should I bring to purchase books?

- Plan to bring \$40 per credit hour



# Cost Estimator

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# Student Services Fair

## Billing and Receivables Table

- Tuition and Fee Schedule for Plan M
- Direct Deposit Authorization Form for PLUS Loan Borrower
- Macomb Bank information

