Tuition, Fees, and Financial Information

Tuition
As used by the University, the term tuition refers to a comprehensive fee that includes payment of instructional programs, academic services, student services and activities, recreational sports, and intercollegiate athletics. All fees are subject to approval and/or change by the Board of Visitors.

Information related to the comprehensive tuition can be found on the website for the Office of Finance at http://www.odu.edu/admission/costs-tuition/tuition/rates.

Students who are eligible to enroll in a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses in any given semester must pay tuition for the courses at the appropriate levels as prescribed. Graduate hours are available at graduate tuition rates, and undergraduate rates apply for undergraduate hours.

Housing Charges—2014-15 Academic Year*

Housing Charges
2014-15 Academic Year
Average room and board per year $9,268.00

Applied Music Fees—2014-15 Academic Year*

Applied Music Fees
2014-15 Academic Year
Individual Instruction (2 or 3 credits, one hour of instruction) $250.00
Individual Instruction (1 credit, one-half hour of instruction) $175.00
Group Instruction (class piano or voice) $75.00

Laboratory Fees—2014-15 Academic Year*

Laboratory Fees
2014-15 Academic Year
ARTS 202, 203, 211, 231, 271, 279, 304 $30
ARTS 241, 251, 252, 253, 254, 261, 263, 281, 291 $50
BIOL 111N, 118N, 122N, 124N, 137N, 139N $20
BIOL 404, 405W, 420, 473, 504, 520, 573 $25
BIOL 103 $30
BIOL 250, 251 $35
BIOL 314 $40
BIOL 315 $45
CEE 335 $20
CET 345W $30
CHEM 106N, 108N, 122N, 124N, 138N $50
CHEM 212, 214, 322, 332W, 334W $75
CHEM 442W/542 $100
CS 101, 120G, 121G $50
CS 150 $40
CYTO 428 $45
DNTH 303 $40
DNTH 301, 317 $50
ECE 287, 387 $25
ECE 407, 507 $30
EET 125, 315, 325, 335 $30
ENGN 110, 111 $45
GEOG 402, 404, 502, 504 $25
MATH 211, 212, 312 $10
MAE 203, 225, 305 $25
MAE 441 $30
MDTS 401, 501, 601 $45
MEDT 310, 312, 319, 320, 325, 326, 327, 331 $45
MEDT 307 $50
MET 387 $20
MET 200, 400, 415 $30
NURS 302 $65
NURS 351 $80
NURS 619, 658, 659, 660, 665, 674, 675, 764, 767 $250
NURS 672 $340
OEAS 106N, 107N, 126N, 127N $20
OEAS 110N, 111N, 112N $30
OEAS 440, 441, 442W $35
PT 627, 628, 826, 827 $150
STEM 110T, 221, 231, 241, 350, 360 $20
THEA/COMM 341, 370, 380, 385, 446, 483, 486 $25

Nonrecurring Charges and Fees—2014-15 Academic Year*

Nonrecurring Charges and Fees
2014-15 Academic Year*
Application Fee** $50
Distance Learning On-Line Technology Fee $20 per credit hour
Late Penalty Fee 5% of past due amount
Payment Plan Processing Fee (non-refundable) $40
Returned Check Processing Charge $50
Collection Fees 25% of past due amount
Transcript Processing Charge (per copy) $5
Thesis, Dissertation Binding Service Charge $60
Additional Copies $18.00
Ph.D. Dissertation - Microfilming $65
Ph.D. Dissertation - Copyrighting $55

* All fees are tentative and subject to final approval by the Board of Visitors and/or the President. Those listed are in effect as of 2014-15 and are subject to change.

** Does not apply to Old Dominion University full-time faculty and staff and their full-time dependents and former Old Dominion University students seeking readmission who have not attended another institution since leaving Old Dominion.

Residency
To be considered a Virginia resident for tuition purposes for any given semester, it is necessary that the applicant be domiciled in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one year immediately preceding the beginning of that term. Domicile is a technical legal concept and is defined as the place (state) where a person resides with the unqualified intention of remaining indefinitely, with no present intention of leaving. Domicile is generally evidenced by such things as payment of income, real estate,
and personal property taxes, voter and automobile registration, and driver's license. Residence in Virginia for the purpose of securing an education does not qualify a person for classification as a Virginia student for tuition purposes.

The General Assembly of Virginia has enacted several special provisions for active duty military, spouses and dependents. Please refer to www.odu.edu/registrar for current guidelines.

A student who meets the criteria for resident tuition during his or her course of study at Old Dominion University is not automatically reclassified to such status. He or she must request such classification, using an appeal form available from the Office of the University Registrar. By law, appeals of classifications must be submitted before the start of classes for the term in which a change is sought. Copies of the Virginia statute and guidelines issued by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia are on reserve in the University Library and are available at www.schev.edu (http://www.schev.edu) (search for "domicile"). Because of the length of those requirements, they are not printed in this catalog. Additional information may be obtained from the Office of the University Registrar.

Students who fail to complete the Application for Instate Tuition are classified at the out-of-state tuition rate.

Student residency records may be audited for compliance with the Code of Virginia residency. Students may be required to submit proof of domicile following audit. Documentation may include driver’s license, motor vehicle registration, etc.

Billing Cycle

Through the act of registration, either by registering online or by registration form, students accept responsibility for charges incurred. All University charges are due and payable by the established deadlines. The total amount due must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date shown on the statement to avoid financial penalties. Students unable to pay the total due may opt for participation in the University payment plan (fall and spring only). If charges remain unpaid 30 days after the due date, a 5% late payment penalty is assessed. Once the account is 120 days past due, it is forwarded to a collection agency and assessed an additional 25%.

Billing Statements

The University sends student account and debt notifications by e-mail. It is the student’s responsibility to activate the ODU.EDU e-mail address issued to all admitted students. Please refer to Leo Online for specific types of notification covered. Approximately 30 days before the payment due date, advance billing statements for tuition and fees are sent to students who have preregistered. Students are expected to access account information through the secured access site on the web at www.leoonline.odu.edu. Any student who registers or adds classes after any advance billing may be issued a statement by electronic mail during the next billing cycle, and charges will be subject to late payment fees. Failure to receive a reminder bill confirming charges does not waive the requirement to make payment when due, and financial penalties may accrue.

Failure to Pay Tuition

Students’ registrations will not be canceled for failure to pay tuition. Nonpayment will not release students from the financial obligation for tuition charges. Students are strongly encouraged to follow University procedures and meet published deadlines to officially drop classes and be released from charges. Stopping payment on a tuition draft does not constitute a cancellation of the student’s registration.

Payment/Cashiers Office

Students may pay for tuition and fees with personal checks, money orders, cash, or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express). The Cashiers Office no longer accepts credit card payments at the window. Cash payments should be made at the Cashiers Office ONLY. Check/money order payments may be mailed to Accounts Receivable/Cashiering, Old Dominion University, Alfred B. Rolllins, Jr. Hall, Norfolk, VA 23529-0045. Personal checks will be accepted for the exact amount of fees and/or other amounts owed the University. Students may make credit card payments via Leo Online. Students who pay using a credit card will be charged a convenience fee. Third party payments are accepted upon submission of authorization documents. Payments on all financial obligations to the University will be applied on the basis of age of the debt. The oldest debt will be paid first. Postdated checks are not scrutinized and will be deposited upon receipt. The Cashiers Office does not cash checks or make cash refunds. Checks must be provided in US dollars. Checks written in excess of assessed fees or other amounts paid the University will be accepted and processed, but the excess will be refunded to the student by mail or electronically at a later date. Over-payments on students’ accounts of $5 or less that are not created by a financial aid disbursement will not be refunded unless students request the refund from the Accounts Receivable office.

Third-Party Payment Authorizations

The financial guarantee for payment of tuition and fees must be addressed specifically to Old Dominion University, Accounts Receivable, and printed on agency letterhead, purchase order, or voucher. Payments must be unconditionally guaranteed and made by the due date specified on the University’s invoice. Amendments to the financial guarantee are required in writing. Prior to the University processing authorizations, students may receive an individual billing statement. Students must provide the third-party billing authorization or government training voucher to the Office of Finance before the student’s individual payment due date. Failure to submit the authorization by the established deadline may result in a student billing, assessment of late fees and a financial hold on the student’s account. An agency with a past due balance may have billing privileges terminated. Sponsoring agencies and students being sponsored by these agencies should be aware that the student is ultimately responsible for any defaults in payments by the sponsoring agency. A student whose employer or sponsor reimburses him or her for tuition after receipt of grades is not considered a third party. A student must pay in full upon registration or by the stated due date to avoid financial penalties. Contact the third-party billing coordinator for billing requirements or check the University web site.

Student Account Inquiry

The University reserves the right to request information on the student identification number and/or a photo identification when releasing information or conducting other financial transactions. Specific account information will be released only to the student. Each student account can be viewed using any Internet browser. Students are strongly encouraged to access records directly through their secure access site on www.leoonline.edu. Students are expected and required to assume responsibility for their own financial matters and to abide by the laws of the Commonwealth and the rules and regulations of the University. Failure to read and comply with University regulations will not exempt students from whatever penalties they may incur.

Delinquent Accounts

The University will not issue a degree, diploma, transcript of grades, grade report, or permit a registration for future terms to any student who has not paid all debts in full. Students with account holds are permitted to drop classes to reduce debt or withdraw to prevent academic penalty.

Collections

Virginia State law requires that the University make every attempt to collect past due amounts owed to state agencies. If, after 120 days, full payment of a debt has not been received, the account will be placed with a collection agency. Account holders are responsible for any collection costs incurred at a rate of 25% of the total due. Several other actions may be taken including the following: the account can be listed by the Credit Bureau as a bad debt; a delinquent account can be collected in full from income tax refunds, lottery winnings or other refunds due from the state (for Virginia residents); and the account may be turned over to the Virginia Attorney General’s Office for litigation. Timely payment is strongly encouraged so that collection efforts can be avoided.
Tuition Differentials
In accordance with the refund periods, a full or partial refund of the difference between tuition paid and the new tuition charges will be granted if the per credit rates differ. In those instances where the revised tuition charges are greater, the additional tuition charges will be assessed.

Special Situations
Administrative drops, as in the case of classes canceled by the University or the case of academically suspended students, entitle the student to a full refund of tuition.

Refund Policy on Financial Aid Funds
Federal regulations mandate the treatment of refunds for financial aid recipients. Financial aid funds are returned to the government when charges were paid by financial aid and a refund is given a student who fully withdraws from the University. Financial aid recipients may request more detailed information from the Financial Aid Office as federal refund guidelines are subject to change.

Tuition Appeal Policy
Students who must withdraw (with a grade of W or WF only) after the end of the refund period may appeal for a refund under the Tuition Appeal Policy. The purpose of the tuition appeal process is to provide an opportunity for students to explain mitigating circumstances that prohibited them from course completion. All appeals must be in writing with supporting documentation as appropriate. Upon review of the information submitted, the Tuition Appeal Committee may approve a refund or a release of financial charges under pre-approved conditions or recommend an exception. Committee decisions are final.

Students have the responsibility to submit an appeal within one year of the tuition due date for which charges are being appealed and to demonstrate compliance with the policy. Documentation is required, especially in cases of illness, death, and changes in employment shifts or military orders. Depending on the complexity of the appeal and the receipt of all supporting documentation, processing time on appeals can vary from two to four weeks. Late fees and collection fees are not appealable charges.

Tuition appeals will generally be approved for the following reasons as long as the appropriate supporting documentation on official letterhead with original signature is provided: extended periods of physical illness, extended periods of physical or mental illness of the student’s immediate family member, death of a student’s immediate family member, job transfers outside of Hampton Roads or extended campus site, involuntary changes in employment schedule or military deployment, or a statement from the Office of Student Affairs authorizing an administrative withdrawal for medical reasons.

Students are strongly discouraged from submitting appeals that are based on lack of awareness of University policies and procedures, changes in personal circumstances or decisions, dissatisfaction with academic progress, or personal errors in judgment, including not attending class, as they will not be considered for approval. Issues related to the dissatisfaction with course content, delivery of instruction, or dissatisfaction with an advisor or instructor should be addressed with the chair of the academic department rather than through this appeal process.

Tuition appeal forms are available from the Office of Finance web site. Please refer to the Office of Finance website for full details: http://www.odu.edu/admission/costs-tuition/tuition/appeals .

Employee Fee Waiver
Full-time faculty and staff registered for on-campus courses may have the transportation fee waived provided a faculty/staff parking decal has been purchased. Accounts are adjusted after the end of the drop/add period.

Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver
An educational benefit under the Code of VA 23-38.54-60, Senior Citizen’s Higher Education Act of 1974, a senior citizen shall be permitted under regulations as may be prescribed by the State Council of Higher Education:

- To register for and enroll in courses as a full-time or part-time student for academic credit if such senior citizen had a taxable individual income not exceeding $15,000 for Virginia income tax purposes for the year preceding the year in which enrollment is sought;

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Senior citizen eligibility terms require that individuals must:

- Be at least age 60 before the beginning of the semester.
- Have had legal domicile in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one year before the first day of classes.
- Enroll in no more than three courses in a given semester with a tuition waiver.
- Register only on or after the first official day of classes. (Eligible students may submit the form found at www.odu.edu/registrar, but staff will not process the form prior to the first day of classes for the semester.)
- Have a taxable individual income not exceeding $15,000 for Virginia income tax purposes for the preceding year in order to be exempt from tuition for credit-bearing classes.

Senior citizens may be admitted to a course only on a space-available basis after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated.

Audited classes (no credit) are tuition-free for all senior citizens domiciled in VA.

**Perkins Loan Exit Interviews**

The Perkins Loan Program requires that all recipients attend an exit interview before graduating, leaving the University, or attending less than half-time for the semester enrolled. During the interview session, the student is informed of his or her rights and responsibilities, including grace period, deferments and how they work, and cancellation privileges. Students are notified of exit interviews by mail. If a student fails to attend the exit interview or return the required materials, a hold is placed on the student’s account, transcript and/or diploma until the University has received all the proper paperwork required to meet federal regulations. The Federal Direct Student Loan program is a distinctly separate loan program and has another exit process. For information on the Federal Direct Student Loan exit interviews, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.

**Deferment for Veterans**

Old Dominion University offers a deferment for veterans, which extends the payment deadline for students whose veterans’ benefits are not available by the tuition deadline. Generally, the deferment period extends the date of payment until the specified date shown below or until funds become available, whichever comes first. Deferments are a separate program and should not be confused with other University payment arrangements.

Students participating in educational programs through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may qualify for a deferment of tuition only. Interested students should contact the Office of the University Registrar for more information. Deferments are only granted prior to the tuition deadline for each semester, provided all past due debts are satisfied. Veterans’ deferments expire on November 1 for fall and April 1 for spring. No VA tuition deferments are offered for summer sessions.

**Balance of Aid Refunds**

Grants, scholarships and loans are credited to the student’s account in the order received. After all charges are fully paid, refunds will be issued as excess payments are credited to the account. Expected installment payments are deducted from the account prior to the release of the refund. All refund checks (except Plus Loan refunds) are made payable to the student and are mailed to the student’s permanent home address or electronically deposited. The refund check will be mailed five to seven business days after the

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replacement check. Please note that international checks will take longer.

**Education Tax Credits**

The Taxpayer Relief Act (TRA) of 1997, enacted by Congress, created two tax benefits for families who are paying for higher education. On January 31 of each year, all eligible students are issued a 1098T form for the prior calendar year. Students are directed to consult a tax professional or the Internal Revenue Service for matters related to tax credits.

**Contact Information**

Information related to tuition and fees, billing, refunds, payment options and related forms may be directed to Customer Relations located in the downstairs lobby of Alfred B. Rollins, Jr. Hall.

Payment address:
Office of Finance
Old Dominion University
Alfred B. Rollins, Jr. Hall
Norfolk, VA 23529.

**Fees for Noncredit Programs**

The fees for noncredit programs vary according to the activity. Noncredit courses are free to all senior citizens on a space-available basis.