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How to Calculate Your Tuition Fee?

- Your tuition fee is based on how many CREDIT HOURS you enroll in each semester
- Cost of attendance for 2022-2023 posted by the Controller’s Office
- Tuition breakdown: https://www.fau.edu/controller/student-services/tuition-breakdown/
- Some programs involve additional costs.
What is Credit Hour?

- A “Credit Hour” is the unit of measuring educational credit. It was established to measure the amount of time a student has studies the course.
- Most courses are worth 3 credits
- Some courses are worth more or fewer credits

Credit Hour requirement for international students
- Bachelors Degree = Minimum 12 Credit per Semester
- Masters Degree = Minimum 9 Credits per Semester
## Estimated Cost of Attendance for I-20 Issuance Purpose

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* Financial Certification Form [https://www.fau.edu/international/fcf/](https://www.fau.edu/international/fcf/)
To view your account balance online, please follow these steps:

• Go to: https://myfau.fau.edu/signed_in/selector/index
• Select Sign in to login to your MYFAU account
• Select FAU Self Service
• Select Student Services
• Select Student Account
• Select Account summary by Term to view statement
How to Pay?

- Payment Methods:
  - Pay online
  - Pay by Mail
  - International Payments - Flywire

- FAU accepts international payment by wire transfer, foreign credit and debit cards, and other international payment options through FAU's International Payment Portal, powered by Flywire.
- [https://www.fau.edu/controller/student-services/wire-transfer/](https://www.fau.edu/controller/student-services/wire-transfer/)
- The portal allows you to:
  - Execute, track and confirm your international payment to FAU online
  - Choose payment options from your home country
  - Access a 24/7 multilingual Customer Support Team
  - Save on bank fees and ensure the best exchange rates with Flywire’s Best Price Guarantee
When to Pay?

• For the $200 Non-refundable tuition deposit (undergraduate students ONLY), please check deadline to pay by logging into the Owldone portal (www.owldone.fau.edu).

• For tuition fees (for all students), the last day to pay without late fees for the Fall Semester will be August 30, 2022, by 5pm (ET).

• $100 late fee will be added to your account if payment received after the deadline.

• To check the last day to pay each semester, please view the FAU Academic Calendar (https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php).
International Scholarships, Assistantships, and Fellowships Opportunities

- Undergraduate students:
  - Undergraduate International Scholarships

- Graduate students:
  - Graduate Assistantship
  - Assistantships are available in many academic departments and administrative offices, although availability varies by the field of study, type of degree, and degree level.
  - Students interested in applying for an assistantship should contact their graduate programs directly.
  - Fellowships and Awards

- ISS Resources Page
• You are expected to have sufficient funds for the period of studies as indicated on the I-20.

• Individual financial needs vary greatly, but we recommend that you have at least U.S. $3000 - $4000 available in cash or traveler checks for your initial expenses.

• Avoid carrying only $100 bills, since the larger bills can be difficult to cash in stores and restaurants. So, try to bring some smaller bills, such as $20 and $10 bills.
Opening Bank Accounts

• **International Student Brochure by PNC Bank**

• International students must apply for a bank account IN-PERSON, and you will need to provide the following information:
  - Name
  - Local (U.S.) address
  - Home (country) address
  - Phone number
  - Email address
  - Primary form of ID/ Original passport
  - Secondary form of ID

• Some other common banks in the Boca Raton area
  - Bank of America
  - Wells Fargo

• Debit cards/Credit cards – Building credit history
Sale Tax in Florida

- The Florida (FL) state sales tax rate is currently 6%.
- Depending on city, county and local tax jurisdictions, the total rate can be varied.
- The Palm Beach County (where FAU Boca Campus located) combined sale tax rate for Palm Beach County is 7% (state tax 6% + county tax 1%).
- Grocery food is generally tax exempt in Florida.
- Tax Free Weekend in Florida (Back-to-School Tax Week) – July/August
Tipping System in the U.S.

• Tipping is a practiced social custom in the U.S.
• In restaurants offering traditional table service, a gratuity of 15-20% of the amount of a customer’s check (before tax) is customary when good to excellent services is provided.
Bringing Down Costs

- Ask about student discounts
- Textbook Rental ([FAU Bookstore](https://www.fau.edu/bookstore/) / [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com))
- Check with [Textbook Reserves](https://www.fau.edu/libraries/) at the FAU Libraries
- Live with one or more roommate to bring down housing and utility costs.