

TUITION AND FEES

Listed below are the estimated basic costs of attending Western Colorado University during 2025-2026. These costs are subject to change. Costs are presented here for information only.

Full-time Students

Tuition for:	16-Week Semester	Academic Year
Resident Tuition (with COF*)	\$3,738	\$7,476
Resident Tuition	\$5,478	\$10,956
RADY School Resident Tuition (with COF*)	\$5,376	\$10,752
RADY School Resident Tuition	\$7,116	\$14,232
Non-Resident Tuition	\$10,464	\$20,928
RADY School Non-Resident Tuition	\$12,102	\$24,204

*Reflects that the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend has been applied.

Part-Time Students

Tuition for part-time students is based on a per-credit charge. The estimated rates for 2025-2026 are \$311.50 per credit for resident students/\$448.00 per credit for RADY school resident students (after application of the College Opportunity Fund Stipend) and \$872 per credit for non-residents/\$1,008.50 per credit for RADY school non-residents. For tuition purposes, "part-time" is defined as fewer than 12 credits in a 16-week semester.

Tuition Surcharge

Students enrolled for more than 18 credits in a 16-week semester will pay a tuition surcharge. The tuition surcharge is a per-credit charge at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate.

Mandatory Fees (estimated)

Mandatory fees have been approved by the Board of Trustees to pay for special services, including the programs operated by the Student Government Association. The estimated cost of all mandatory fees for a full academic year for 2025-2026 is \$4,034.57. Mandatory fees are prorated for part-time students.

School of Business Fee: Students taking courses in the School of Business (Accounting, Business Administration, and Economics) pay a \$45 per credit fee for all non-GE courses.

Students taking lab courses in the natural and social sciences, field-based courses, and student teaching courses in education will have an additional fee assessed. Catalog course descriptions identify the courses with fees.

Optional Fees (estimated)

The following 2025-2026 optional fees will be assessed to each student's account: Renewable Energy Fee - \$30, Student Recreation Fee - \$400 and Scholarly Activity Fee - \$20. Any or all of these fees may be waived by contacting the Cashier's Office at cashier@western.edu. Student's wishing to waive optional fees must do so by the full term drop deadline.

The date of the drop deadline for any given semester can be found by visiting www.western.edu/registrar (<http://www.western.edu/registrar/>).

Room and Board Costs (Subject to change)

Western provides students several housing options in a variety of residence halls. Apartments are available to upper-class returning students. Below are examples of estimated living expenses for 2025-2026. For a comprehensive list of housing and meal plan fees, please visit <http://www.western.edu/current-students/residence-life/room-and-board-rates> (<http://www.western.edu/current-students/residence-life/room-and-board-rates/>)

Residence Halls & Apartments

Residence Halls	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total Academic Year
Escalante, Mears, Ute - Double	\$2,813.45	\$2,813.44	\$5,626.89
Escalante, Mears, Ute - Single	\$3,309.91	\$3,309.90	\$6,619.81
Apartments	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total Academic Year
Chipeta - Single, One Bedroom Apt.	\$3,977.35	\$3,977.34	\$7,954.69
Chipeta - Single, Two Bedroom Apt.	\$3,641.05	\$3,641.05	\$7,282.10
Pinnacles-Single Room	\$3,750.23	\$3,750.23	\$7,500.46
Pinnacles-Double Room	\$3,530.84	\$3,530.84	\$7,061.68

All students residing in University residence halls (non-apartments) are required to purchase a meal plan. It is suggested that students living in apartments carry a meal plan, but it is not required.

Meal Plan Choices

Plan Type	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total Year
Premier Plans:			
The Blue Mesa Plan or Mountaineer Plan is required of all first-year students and is available to all students.			
Blue Mesa Plan 19 Meals a week plus \$175 Flex Dollars (to be used exclusively in the Rare Air Café and Mad Jacks).	\$2,989.06	\$2,989.06	\$5,978.12

Mountaineer Plan \$2,727.96 \$2,727.95 \$5,455.91

15 Meals a week
plus \$175 Flex
Dollars (to be
used exclusively
in the Rare Air
Café and Mad
Jacks)

Crimson Plan¹ \$2,409.17 \$2,409.17 \$4,818.34

10 Meals a week
plus \$250 Flex
Dollars (to be
used exclusively
in the Rare Air
Café and Mad
Jacks)

¹ Available only to second-year students and above.

Optional meal plans

The optional meal plans below will only be available to upper-class students and above who live in the on-campus apartments or off campus. You may purchase additional plans if you run out during a semester. These plans carry over between fall and spring semester. Plans are non-refundable.

Plan Type	Per Plan
Mountaineer 80 Any 80 individual meals in the Rare Air Café plus \$100 flex dollars to be used in the Rare Air Cafe or at Mad Jacks.	\$968.52
Mountaineer 40 Any 40 individual meals in the Rare Air Café plus \$50 flex dollars to be used in the Rare Air Cafe or at Mad Jacks.	\$482.70
Mountaineer 20 Any 20 individual meals in the Rare Air Café plus \$25 flex dollars to be used in the Rare Air Cafe or at Mad Jacks.	\$241.35

The Mears complex will offer a community kitchen that will be available exclusively to second-year students living in the Mears complex. The use of this kitchen can supplement your meal plan, as all students living in the Mears complex are required to have at least the Crimson Plan.

Residence Life Requirement

Information about the online housing selection process will be e-mailed to the student's western.edu official e-mail account beginning in the spring. All first and second-year students are required to live in on-campus housing and purchase a meal plan unless excused by the Housing Appeal Committee for one of the following reasons:

1. the student is married;
2. the student is living with parent(s) or a legal guardian;
3. the student has previously lived on campus for two terms at another institution;
4. the student is at least 21 years of age by the first day of classes.; or
5. the student is an honorably discharged veteran.

Deposit

Please refer to the housing contract.

Payment of Charges

Tuition and fees are due on the first official start date of the semester. Students will be mailed a billing statement before the beginning of each semester with an estimate of charges. Western Colorado University will not register a student who has an outstanding financial obligation to the University.

Per state statute, failure to pay a financial obligation to the University when it is due may result in an account being placed with a collection agency with such action reported to a credit bureau. In addition, an account may be charged legally allowable collection charges and attorney fees to help secure payment of the debt owed the University.

Non-Payment, Late Charges, and Restrictions

In each of the 16-week semesters and the summer session, a date is established after which payment is considered late. This date is available from the Cashier's Office.

Students who do not pay their bill by the due date each semester may be subject to the following: a \$50 nonpayment/late fee each month the account remains delinquent, prohibited from adding courses for the current term, prohibited from enrolling in any future term, and prohibited from living in campus housing for future terms.

Refund of Charges

The following refund policies are in place at Western Colorado University.

When a student officially withdraws from Western (see Academic Policies section on Withdrawal from the University), tuition and fees are refunded according to the following schedule for a full term 16-week semester:

Refund Amount	Time Period
100%	Through the end of the official drop period
50%	For the period between 15% and 25% of the term
25%	For the period between 25% and 50% of the term

Students taking a course(s) in a part of term that ends prior to the end of the full term semester will not receive a refund, in whole or part, once the final meeting time for that course(s) has concluded.

If a student officially withdraws from Western, the housing and meal plan charges will be refunded according to the following schedule:

Prorated by week through the end of the official drop period

Refund Amount	Time Period
50%	For the period between 15% and 25% of the semester
25%	For the period between 25% and 50% of the semester
0%	For the period after 50% of the semester

Please refer to the Office of the Registrar website for specific dates of the official drop period.

Students who officially withdraw from Western, or who simply stop attending classes, are subject to repaying all or part of any financial aid received, depending on their length of actual attendance.

Changes in Tuition and Fees

Tuition rates are established each year by the Board of Trustees, and student fees are recommended by the Student Government Association and approved by the Trustees. The University reserves the right to change any of these costs at the beginning of any academic semester.

Colorado Residency

New students are classified as in-state or out-of-state students for tuition purposes on the basis of information provided on the application for admission and on other relevant forms. Applicants may be required to submit evidence substantiating their claim of in-state eligibility.

To be eligible for a change to in-state status, students must submit petitions with appropriate documentation. The forms, deadline information, and explanation of the Colorado tuition classification statutes are available online.

Tuition classification is governed by Colorado statutes and by judicial decisions that apply to all state-funded institutions in Colorado and is subject to change without notice.