

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition and Fees

The current tuition and fee schedule for WVU Parkersburg is published in the Answer Book and may be obtained on the college's website as Policy VI-11B Tuition and Fees (<https://www.wvup.edu/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/07/VI-11B-TUITION-FEES-2.pdf>).

Tuition and fees are approved annually by the college's Board of Governors, as well as the West Virginia Community and Technical College System Board of Governors, and are effective for the academic year identified. Questions concerning tuition and fees should be directed to West Virginia University Parkersburg Business Services by calling (304) 424-8223.

Tuition Payment Options

Tuition may be paid by cash, check, credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa) or an installment payment plan. All tuition must be paid by the due date published in the academic calendar for the term of enrollment. Failure to make timely payment arrangements will lead to administrative removal from all classes. Additional information is available from Business Services.

Tuition Refund Schedule

The Tuition Refund Schedule lists corresponding dates and penalty assessment percentages. It is available online or by contacting Business Services.

Refund schedules apply to tuition only and do not apply to fees. Refunds are issued only on complete withdrawals from the college. No refund will be issued for dropping individual courses until registered credit hours are zero. Tuition refunds will be issued for complete withdrawals to students according to the tuition refund schedule.

Note: If utilizing a tuition payment installment plan, the amount of refund is adjusted by any outstanding balance due on the installment payment plan. Students must complete the withdraw process before they can receive a refund for withdrawing from the college. The refund schedule is subject to change without notice.

Financial Aid

Most WVU Parkersburg students are eligible for some type(s) of financial aid. Students interested in any type of financial aid must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>).

For students to be eligible to receive financial aid, they must:

- Be fully admitted as a degree-seeking student
- Have the FAFSA completed on or before April 15 of each year to ensure priority consideration for all types of federal and state financial aid. High school seniors applying for the PROMISE Scholarship must have the FAFSA completed by March 1. Learn more about West Virginia's state financial aid programs by visiting www.cfww.com (<http://www.cfww.com>)
- Hold a secondary school diploma or equivalent from an accredited institution or a valid high school equivalency exam, such as the GED or TASC certificate
- Be enrolled in an eligible degree program
- Maintain good academic standing
- Meet Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress every semester. To review WVU Parkersburg's full Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, please visit the financial aid webpage at www.wvup.edu/finaid/ (<http://www.wvup.edu/finaid/>).
- Students who do not meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress are not eligible to receive federal or state financial aid, including loans.

Students who are approved for financial aid, including scholarships, will receive notification to their college student email account advising them that they may log in to their OLSIS account to view their financial aid award. Students who have been offered financial aid (including scholarships) for both the fall and spring semesters of an academic year will normally receive only one financial aid offer notification for the entire academic year. When financial aid is fully processed (normally 4-5 weeks after the first day of classes), refunds will be disbursed to students using BankMobile Disbursements, a technology solution, powered by BMTX, Inc. Students have multiple options for receiving their financial aid credit balance refunds, and may visit this link for more information: <https://bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoices/>.

WVU Parkersburg participates in the Federal Direct loan program. Students will be notified of their loan eligibility at the same time they are notified of other aid offers. To be eligible for student loan funding, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours in a semester. First time borrowers at WVU Parkersburg will not receive their loan credit balance refunds until at least thirty (30) days after their first day of class. Maximum loan amounts are based on class level, and the limits are set by Federal Student Aid. More information about loans is available online at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/> (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/>).

Financial Aid and Attendance

Due to the requirements of federal and institutional financial aid policy, the college takes attendance in all college courses during the attendance verification period, which is the first four weeks of every fall and spring semester. For courses that meet in person, students will be reported as

attending if they are present during classroom lectures, labs, or submit course assignments. Students taking online courses must complete assignments in a timely manner and engage in the course as proof of attendance. Simply logging into Blackboard does not constitute proof of attendance. The amount of financial aid a student receives each semester will depend on that student's class attendance for that semester. Failure to attend college courses may result in being deregistered from class and will result in loss of some or all financial aid.

Students who have been reported by any instructor as "not attending" will receive a warning through the WVUP student email system. The student will have a chance to confirm attendance status with their professor before being deregistered (dropped from classes). Financial aid refunds to students will not be disbursed until after this period. Students are allowed to charge books and supplies against their financial aid at the bookstore on campus. Students may do so from the week before classes begin until the middle of the third week of classes.

Financial Aid Repayment Policy

When a student withdraws from school before completing the period of enrollment, federal regulations require that WVU Parkersburg determine whether any of the student's financial aid must be repaid to the various federal financial aid programs. The state of West Virginia requires the same calculation.

A student earns Title IV federal student aid based on the length of time they remained enrolled during an enrollment period. If the student has completed more than 60% of the enrollment period, all Title IV funds are considered earned, and no funds have to be repaid. If charges over and above the amount of retainable Title IV financial aid are not covered by other funds, West Virginia University Parkersburg will bill the student to make up the difference.

A student owing a repayment to any federally sponsored student aid program cannot receive any federal financial aid (including loans) for future enrollment periods until repayment arrangements have been made with either the WVU Parkersburg Business Office or the U.S. Department of Education.

Ineligibility and Holds on Student Records

Students in the following circumstances will have their records frozen and/or be ineligible to receive financial aid:

- i. Students in default of student loans that were received while attending WVU Parkersburg or any other educational institution that reports to the U.S. Department of Education and the National Student Loan Data System.
- ii. Students who do not meet WVU Parkersburg's Standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- iii. Students who owe a repayment on any federal aid program.
- iv. Students who have an outstanding balance with WVU Parkersburg.

Standards of Satisfactory Progress for Financial Aid Recipients

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students who receive financial aid from WVU Parkersburg must remain in good academic standing and must make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their academic goals. This policy applies to all students who apply to receive assistance from any federal or state financial aid program, as well as from any programs administered by the college that requires determination of academic progress for eligibility. For more information of WVU Parkersburg's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, please see answer book policy VI-10A Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Applicants: <https://www.wvup.edu/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/VI-10A-Standards-of-Satisfactory-Progress-SAP-Standards-for-Fin-Aid-Applicants.pdf>

The federal government defines satisfactory academic progress as maintaining a minimum quantitative (hours attempted and completion rate) and qualitative (grade point average) standards. WVU Parkersburg's specific standards are as follows:

i. **Grade Point Average:**

All students receiving financial aid must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

ii. **Completion Rate:**

All students receiving financial aid must maintain a minimum 67% completion rate. This means a student must complete at least 67% of all credit hours attempted. Grades that will be counted towards attempted hours include F, W, FIW, I, and R. Any previous grades at WVU Parkersburg or other institutions must be included when calculating this rate.

iii. **Credit Hours:**

Students are also limited to the number of credit hours for which they can receive financial aid.

- *Eligible Certificates (CERT):*

Students are expected to complete their program within attempting 45 credit hours.

- *Two-Year Degrees (AAS, AA, or AS):*

Students are expected to complete their program within attempting 90 credit hours.

- *Four-Year Degrees (Bachelor's level):*

Students are expected to complete their program within attempting 180 credit hours.

To review West Virginia University Parkersburg's full Academic Progress policy, please visit the financial aid webpage at www.wvup.edu/finaid (<http://www.wvup.edu/finaid/>).

VA Pending Payment Compliance

Despite any policy to the contrary, for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill[®] (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA, we will not:

- prevent their enrollment
- assess a late fee
- require that they secure alternative or additional funding
- deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution

To qualify for these provisions, students pending a payment from the VA may be required to:

- produce the VA's Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class
- provide written request to be certified for VA education benefits
- provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see our VA School Certifying Official for all requirements)