

PROPOSAL: Fall 2025 Differential Tuition Rates

Background

Differential tuition (DT) is an additional tuition assessment to students enrolled in programs in the Haworth College of Business (HCOB), the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS), and the College of Fine Arts (CFA). The use of DT is associated with programs that have a higher program cost, market differences in tuition rates, and unique educational needs.

Differential tuition for HCOB and the CFA was approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2011 and was implemented starting in Fall 2011. For HCOB, the DT only applies to upper-level students (56 or more earned credits at WMU). In September 2012, the Board of Trustees approved DT for CEAS and the rate was implemented starting in Spring 2013.

From 2011 to 2021, the DT rates increased by the same per credit hour increase in undergraduate tuition through requested Board action. Effective with the Board approved undergraduate tuition simplification strategy, beginning in Fall 2022, differential tuition rates will only be increased with a specific action brought forward by Academic Affairs based on strategic review of rates. Differential tuition rates have not increased since Fall 2022 and a strategic review supports the recommended increases.

We are requesting increases to the DT rates that results in an overall tuition increase of 5.0% when accounting for the overall increase of 4.6% in the WMU tuition rates.

Recommended Action

It is recommended, effective with the Fall 2025 semester, the Board of Trustees approves the DT rates for HCOB, CFA and CEAS as attached.