

**PROPOSAL: Fall 2026 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.

The current differential tuition rates will remain in effect for fiscal year 2027 for all three colleges. We are requesting differential tuition structure changes for HCOB and CEAS. For HCOB, we are requesting that a differential tuition rate of \$297 per semester for students taking 12-15 credit hours (flat rate) or \$24.75 per credit hour for students taking less than 12 or more than 15 credits be applied to freshmen and sophomores (55 or fewer earned credits at WMU) effective starting the Fall 2026 semester. We are also requesting approval to apply differential tuition to HCOB graduate students at a rate of \$73.29 per credit hour.

For CEAS, we are requesting approval to apply differential tuition to graduate students at a rate of \$70 per credit hour.

Recommended Action

It is recommended, effective with the Fall 2026 semester, the Board of Trustees approves the DT rates and structure as listed above and summarized in the table below.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Differential Tuition**  
**Rates Effective with Fall 2026**

<b>Differential Tuition Rates* (Resident and <u>Non-Resident</u>)</b>		
<b>Haworth College of Business</b>	<b>College of Engineering and Applied Sciences</b>	<b>College of Fine Arts</b>
<p><b>Freshmen and Sophomores (55 or fewer earned credits)</b>            \$297.00 Flat Rate for 12-15 credits            \$24.75 per credit hour for 1-11 credits            \$297.00 plus \$24.75 for each credit hour over 15</p> <p><b>Juniors and Seniors (&gt; 55 earned credits)</b>            \$870.55 Flat Rate for 12-15 credits            \$67.17 per credit hour for 1-11 credits            \$870.55 plus \$67.17 for each credit hour over 15</p> <p><b>Graduate Students</b>            \$73.29 per credit hour</p>	<p><b>Undergraduate Students</b>            \$804.85 Flat Rate for 12-15 credits            \$62.10 per credit hour for 1-11 credits            \$804.85 plus \$62.10 for each credit hour over 15</p> <p><b>Graduate Students</b>            \$70.00 per credit hour</p>	<p><b>Undergraduate Students</b>            \$1,074.70 Flat Rate for 12-15 credits            \$82.86 per credit hour for 1-11 credits            \$1,074.70 plus \$82.86 for each credit hour over 15</p>
* Differential tuition rate is an additional assessment for programs (in-person and fully on-line) in the indicated colleges		