

FINANCE AND HOUSING

EXPENSES

The rates for tuition and student fees, and for living expenses in University housing are determined by the Minnesota Legislature and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees and are subject to change without notice.

Tuition: Resident/Non-Resident. Students who are not permanent residents of the state of Minnesota are charged a higher rate of tuition than are residents of the state. The MnSCU Board of Trustees establishes the criteria by which student residency, for tuition purposes, is determined. Generally, a student's permanent residence is that location at which a student has graduated from high school, and where parents or legal guardians permanently reside. A classification of non-resident can be changed to resident at any time residency requirements are met. Students desiring to change their residency may obtain information concerning the specific requirements from the Office of the Registrar.

Tuition: Reciprocity with Other States. Students who are residents of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Manitoba can attend Minnesota State Mankato without paying non-resident tuition. Students from Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri and Nebraska can attend Minnesota State Mankato at a rate less than the non-resident tuition rate. Students desiring the reciprocal rate must complete a reciprocity application form at www.getreadyforcollege.org, or pick up the form that is available in the Office of the Registrar, and send the form to the Higher Education Board of their home state. Students may also obtain a form from a nearby postsecondary school.

ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR 2012-2013

On-Campus

1-11 credits	
Resident	\$262.34 per credit hour
Non-resident	\$564.04 per credit hour
12-18 credits (Banded)	
Resident	\$3,333.79 flat fee
Non-resident	\$7,073.04 flat fee
19+ credits	
Resident	Flat fee + \$320 per credit
Non-resident	Flat fee + \$575 per credit

Student Fees. Student fees are assessed based on enrolled credits. The student fee provides funds for a variety of student services and programs that benefit all students. Student fees are charged per credit hour and are the same for resident and non-resident students. The fees for the 2012-2013 academic year were \$35.10 per credit hour of the \$35.10 per credit hour fee, \$34.67 of the fee was distributed to support the following services: \$10.38 Student Union facility fee, \$5.45 Student activity fee, \$4.33 Health Services fee and a \$8.75 Technology fee and a \$2.50 Campus Recreation facility fee. The above fees are charged through the first 12 credit hours. Additionally, a Minnesota State Mankato Student Association fee of \$.43 is charged for each registered credit. Fees are determined at the close of each academic year. Information about student fees for 2012-2013 can be obtained by calling the Office of Student Affairs, 507-389-2121 or (MRS/TTY 800-627-3529 or 711.)

Other Course Related Costs. In addition to tuition and fees, there may be additional course-related costs associated with enrollment in certain classes. Special costs include, but are not limited to, those for supplies and materials, facility use, liability insurance, or conference attendance costs.

Senior Citizens Fees. Minnesota senior citizens aged 62 and over may enroll for any course free of charge if they do not desire degree credit. An administrative fee of \$20 per credit hour will be assessed if degree credit is desired. No activity fees will be assessed; however, any laboratory and/or course fees will be required regardless if taking the course for credit or audit. For further information contact the Office of the Registrar, 507-389-6266.

Other Fees. At various times in their academic career, students may incur other fees and charges, such as an admission fee, orientation fee and graduation fee among others.

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 2012-2013

The following is a summary of estimated basic education costs for undergraduates during the academic year 2012-2013, based on a course load of 30 credit hours over two semesters. Costs of attending Minnesota State Mankato will vary according to the student's actual credit load, book and supply needs, housing arrangements and so on. Expenses such as parking permits, laundry, health needs, etc. are not included.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Tuition (24-36 cr)	\$6,667.58	\$14,146.00
Room & Board (residence hall, double room, 19 meal).....	\$6,780.00	\$ 6,780.00
Books (est.).....	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Total estimated education costs* (2 semesters).....	\$14,347.58	\$21,826
* plus student fees		

Payment of Tuition and Fees. Tuition and fees are payable on a per-term basis. Registrations are subject to cancellation if minimum payment requirement is not met by registration guarantee dates, which fall 15 business days prior to the first day of classes and again on the fifth class day of the term. Students must not rely on the University to cancel their registration for non-payment. Full account payment is due 25 business days after the start of the term. Payment requirement may be satisfied with financial aid, personal payments, approved payment plan, or documented third party authorizations, waivers, or deferments. Students must drop classes within the refund deadlines if they want to make sure to not be held liable for the courses.

Refund of Tuition and Fees. Refunds and/or credits are based on the guidelines set forth by the MnSCU Board of Trustees.

Refund Policy. Dropped Classes. Students registered for term classes will receive a full refund/credit provided the class is dropped by the fifth class day of the term or by one day after the first class session, whichever is later.

Short courses of 5 days or less must be dropped prior to the first class session for refund/credit.

Go to www.mnsu.edu/campusub/payments/dropcourses/ for more information.

Refund Policy. Withdrawal from the University. The term "Official Withdrawal" is defined as terminating enrollment in all registered courses for the academic term. Contact the Campus Hub either in person at 117 Centennial Student Union or by phone at (507-389-1866) to officially withdraw.

Go to www.mnsu.edu/campusub/payments/withdrawalinfo/ for more information.

Return of Federal and State Financial Aid Due to Withdrawal/Drop or Stopping Attendance.

Financial aid is given based on the student fully attending registered courses. If a student withdraws/drops or stops attending class it could impact his/her financial aid eligibility for the term, including funds already applied and paid as an overage. Some or all of the financial aid funds must be returned unless the student has completed at least 60% of the enrollment period.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid can be awarded in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and/or part-time employment. Detailed information and instructions on all financial aid programs may be obtained in person at the Campus Hub, 117 Centennial Student Union, by phone 507-389-1866 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY), by e-mail at campushub@mnsu.edu or by browsing online at campushub@mnsu.edu.

Need-Based Programs. Some programs are available only to those students with financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process. Need-based programs administered by Minnesota State

Mankato are listed below.

Scholarships

Charles and Eldora Alliss Educational Foundation Scholarships
MN GI Bill Scholarship

Grants

Federal Pell Grants, Minnesota State Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Post-Secondary Child Care Grant, Federal TEACH Grants

Loan Programs

Federal Stafford Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized), Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Need-Based Employment

Federal Work-Study, State Work-Study

How to Apply. Students must be accepted for admission and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To receive priority consideration for all funds the FAFSA must be received by the Federal Processor on or before **March 15**. To facilitate receipt of financial aid funds in time for payment at the first fall semester disbursement date the FAFSA must be received by the Federal Processor on or before **July 1**. Applications received after July 1 will be processed as time permits.

Accurate completion of the FAFSA requires the prior year's federal income tax information; therefore, early completion of tax forms, followed by prompt completion of the FAFSA, is recommended. Use of estimated tax data is acceptable for the initial FAFSA submission if necessary to meet priority consideration deadlines; subsequent corrections to the income data is expected upon completion of federal income tax filing.

Students receive email award notices outlining eligibility and awarded funds upon the processing of their FAFSA data and to request any required follow-up documentation. Students financial award information is also accessible by logging in with Student Tech ID and PIN to the university's secure e-services website at www.mnsu.edu/eservices.

Non-Need Based Programs. There are a number of student loan programs available to those who do not demonstrate a financial need. To be eligible for such funding, a valid FAFSA record must be on file with the university.

The Office of Admissions coordinates a variety of academic scholarships and talent grant programs for new entering first year students and transfer students. For information, contact the Office of Admissions, 507-389-1822.

A number of scholarships are awarded to students regardless of their major for participation in athletics and music programs. Students interested in athletic financial aid should contact the coach of their sport. Those interested in scholarships for music activities should contact the Department of Music, 202 Earley Center for Performing Arts, 507-389-2118.

Many scholarships are available to students majoring in a specific discipline once they have been formally admitted to a College or program. Students interested in College and departmental scholarships should contact the chairperson or scholarship coordinator of their academic department.

Part-Time Employment. In addition to the Federal and State Work-Study Programs administered through financial aid, the University offers other on-campus employment opportunities in the form of Student Help positions. Students who are currently enrolled for six or more credits are eligible to apply for these positions, with no requirements to demonstrate financial need. Because placement in Student Help positions is not guaranteed, students interested in these jobs will go through selection methods similar to those involved in any job application process. The Career Development Center provides information on many on-campus and off-campus job openings through an online service called Mavjobs.com.

Other Financial Aid. Other forms of financial aid are available to students who qualify for specific programs, such as Rehabilitation Services and Veterans' Benefits. Further information on these programs is available online at www.mnsu.edu/campushub or with the appropriate government office.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards. To be eligible for financial assistance, students must meet these federal and state mandated criteria: The minimum cumulative grade point average required is 2.0 (3.0 for graduate students). Students must maintain a 67% cumulative course completion rate (completion rate is defined as the number of credits earned compared to the number of credits attempted). The maximum time frame a student has to complete his/her degree cannot exceed 150% of the published program length. Additional information is provided on the Campus Hub website at <http://www.mnsu.edu/campushub/other/saps/index.html>.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE

111 Carkoski Commons
507-389-1011
Fax: 507-389-2687
E-mail: reslife@mnsu.edu
Website: www.mnsu.edu/reslife

The Department of Residential Life oversees all on-campus residence hall housing and dining activities. Contact this office for further information concerning on-campus housing and dining or to acquire contract forms.

Students can select their own living situations from a variety of options. While there is no on-campus live-in requirement, first-year and transfer students are highly encouraged to live on campus to help with their adjustment to Minnesota State Mankato. New students will find living in residence halls a great opportunity: GPAs are higher and students who live on-campus are more likely to graduate. About 2,700 students are able to take advantage of on-campus living. It gives them an opportunity to meet other new students and get involved in social and academic support activities; they don't have to worry about cleaning, making meals, electricity, cable or heat bills and can concentrate on school; and best of all, they live right on the campus.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE COMMUNITIES

Students desiring the convenience of living on campus may live in either Crawford, McElroy, Preska and Julia A. Sears communities or in the Stadium Heights Residence Community Apartments.

Residence Hall Living. The residence life program at Minnesota State Mankato is designed to provide a variety of opportunities and experiences that enhance and support students' academic experiences. There are a number of room choices available, including double rooms, suites, semi-suites, and apartments. All Minnesota State Mankato residence halls are smoke free. Residence hall staff are carefully selected and extensively trained to meet the needs of residents, and a large number of educational and personal development activities are planned by the staff and student governments throughout the year. There are also many social and recreational programs offered.

Furnishings and Services. Most rooms are equipped with single lofted beds, mattresses, blinds, drawers, closets, desks, cable service and internet service. Most rooms also have a sink. Bedding and telephones are not provided. Most students live in double rooms with only one roommate, although some, single rooms, suites and semi-suites are available. Apartments are furnished and include a full-size unlofted bed.

Resident Meal Plans. Many dining options are available to students. Each plan has two components; a meal plan and a flex dollar plan. Meal plans determine the number of meals available for either the week or the semester. A flex plan is like a prepaid debit account that can be used at any of the campus dining facilities. Meal plans available include the Maverick Anytime, Maverick 14, and Maverick 160, plans. Each plan contains flex dollars which allows you to purchase anything you like at any time at any campus dining outlet.

Costs. Residence hall costs vary according to the type of room, meal plan and length of semester.

As a guide, the cost of a basic double room with the Maverick Any Time meal plan and \$200 flex dollars per semester for 2012-2013 is anticipated to be between

\$6,600.00 and \$7,900, depending upon the room type and meal plan chosen.

Please contact the Department of Residential Life for more information on the cost of available room and meal options.

All rates are set each spring for the following academic year. The rates are subject to change by the MnSCU board or the state legislature at any time.

Housing Reservations. Admission to the University does not include a housing reservation nor does a receipt for room deposit indicate admission to the University. Room assignments are made in the order in which reservations are received.

Application Procedure. Students who have applied for admission to Minnesota State Mankato will receive a housing application form from the Office of Admissions along with the letter of official acceptance to the University. To reserve housing on campus students should complete the housing application and return it along with a \$250 prepayment to the Department of Residential Life. Admitted students may also apply on-line.

NOTE: Students with disabilities who have specific housing needs should identify their particular need on the application agreement.

Currently enrolled or previously enrolled students should contact the Department of Residential Life for housing application materials and information about availability.

Policies and Regulations. All applicable policies and regulations are published in the Residence Hall Student Guide. A copy is given to each student who moves into the residence halls.

Semester Break/Summer Occupancy. Students who need to stay on campus during academic year vacations may stay in their own rooms during the breaks. Students should be aware, however, that they are responsible for their own meals during these times. Additional charges apply to remain on campus for winter break and summer session.

A residence hall on campus is always open for students attending summer school. Specific information about summer housing is available beginning in the spring of each year. Current resident students may have to move to another location for summer housing.

Residence Hall Fee Payment. Residence hall payments are due upon receipt of the billing invoice. Payments can be made on an installment basis and/or by credit card. A hold is placed on the academic records of any student with past-due obligations to the University.

Off Campus Housing. For the Minnesota State Mankato students who do not live in the residence halls there are numerous off-campus housing opportunities available in the Mankato area, much of it very near to campus.

Student Activities, 173 Centennial Student Union, 507-389-6076 or www.csu.mnsu.edu/activities/housing, can provide a listing of nearby apartment complexes, representing more than 1,500 living units, with information on amount of rent, deposit and length of lease. There is also a database of other rental options in the surrounding area, including houses, rooms, and more apartments for rent accessed by calling or visiting Student Activities in person. Monthly rental fees generally run \$490 - \$680 for a one-bedroom unit, \$615-885 for a two-bedroom unit, and \$815 - \$2000 for a three- to five-bedroom unit. In addition to providing information on housing vacancies, staff can answer a variety of questions on off-campus living, or refer students to other sources on campus and in the community.