



Ohio State Tuition Guarantee – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the Ohio State Tuition Guarantee?

A. The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee will make it easier for Ohio residents to plan for a four-year education by freezing in-state tuition, mandatory fees, housing and dining rates for four years.

New first-year undergraduate students from Ohio will be enrolled under the guarantee as they enter Ohio State. For these students, rates for the below will be set based on their cohort and then frozen for four years:

- In-state tuition and mandatory fees, Columbus campus
- In-state tuition and mandatory fees, regional campuses and Agricultural Technical Institute
- Campus housing
- Campus dining

Q. Do I qualify to participate?

A. Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, the [Ohio State Tuition Guarantee](#) will apply to Ohio residents who are incoming first-year undergraduate students at each of Ohio State's campuses.

After autumn semester 2017, Ohio resident students who transfer to Ohio State would also join the guarantee program if they began their college career as a first-year student at another institution in autumn 2017 or later.

The program does not apply to non-degree-seeking students, exchange students, or students participating in College Credit Plus, Advanced High School or other pre-enrollment or postsecondary option programs.

Q. How long does the guarantee last?

A. The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee holds in-state tuition, mandatory fees, housing and dining rates flat for four academic years. The specific four-year rates are set for each entering class of new first-year students.



Exceptions may be made to extend the guarantee for students in academic programs that require more than 121 credit hours and generally require more than four years to complete. In addition, exceptions may be made in certain situations that would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, such as military service, medical emergencies and family emergencies.

For more information about filing an appeal, contact registrar@osu.edu.

Q. What fees are included in the Ohio State Tuition Guarantee?

A. The guarantee includes in-state tuition, mandatory fees and housing and dining. Tuition and mandatory fees include the instructional and general fees on all campuses and the student activity, recreation, COTA and student union fees on the Columbus campus.

Q. What happens if I do not graduate in four years?

A. Unless an exception applies, students who do not complete in four years would revert to the least-expensive guaranteed rate (the rate that rising fourth-year students would be paying).

That continues each year, moving to the next cohort's guaranteed rate.

Students may appeal to extend the length of their guarantee if they are in a program that requires more than 121 credit hours and generally requires more than four years to complete, or in cases such as military service, a medical emergency or a family emergency.

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Q. What if I enroll in a program that takes longer than four years?

A. The tuition guarantee will be extended for students in programs that require more than 121 credit hours and generally take more than four years to complete. Students may appeal to extend the length of their guarantee in these cases.

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Q. What if I enroll starting in spring or summer?

A. Students who enroll in spring semester would be charged the current academic year's tuition guarantee rate for the next four years.

Students who started in summer 2017 will be part of the guarantee that applies to students who began in fall 2017. Starting in summer 2018, students who enroll for summer term will pay the current academic year's guarantee rate for the summer and then would pay with the 2018-2019 academic year's guarantee rate for the next four years.



Q. What if I change to Columbus campus from an Ohio State regional campus?

A. Students who change from an Ohio State regional campus would pay the Columbus campus guaranteed rate that corresponds to their four-year cohort. For instance, students who change campuses in their second year would pay the same rate paid by second-year students at the Columbus campus.

Q. What if I transfer to Ohio State from another college or university?

A. Students who became new first-year college students in autumn semester 2017 or later will join the guarantee in effect for students who started at Ohio State at the same time.

For example, a student who transfers to Ohio State in autumn 2018 after one year at another college or university would be considered in their second year of the guarantee that began in autumn 2017.

Students who began at another college before autumn 2017 will not be part of the Ohio State Tuition Guarantee. In those cases, the rates in place for continuing Ohio State students will be in effect.

Q. What if I am an out-of-state or international student?

A. The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee sets rates for Ohio resident students. The guarantee does not apply to the non-resident or international surcharges paid by students who live outside Ohio, nor does it apply to housing and dining rates paid by non-resident students.

Q. If I leave school and come back, what happens?

A. The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee in most cases lasts four years. Students who leave and re-enroll during their initial four-year time period would pay the guaranteed rate for the remainder of the initial four-year term.

Unless an exception applies, students who do not complete during that initial four-year period would revert to the least-expensive guaranteed rate (the rate that rising fourth-year students would be paying). That continues each year, moving to the next cohort's guaranteed rate.

Students may appeal to extend the length of their guarantee if they are in a program that requires more than 121 credit hours and generally takes more than four years to complete, or in cases such as military service, medical emergency and family emergency. For information about filing an appeal, contact registrar@osu.edu.

Q. Does this impact financial aid?

A. It depends on each student's individual circumstances. Check the My Financial Aid task at buckeyelink.osu.edu to see if your financial aid package was adjusted.



Q. My program culminates in both a BS and MS, which are awarded simultaneously. How will the four- year guarantee impact me?

A. The guarantee applies to in-state undergraduate tuition, mandatory fees, room and board. Based on your academic progress and completion of program requirements, you will transition from an undergraduate student status to graduate student status as determined by the academic advisers within your program. For most BS/MS combined programs, this transition occurs in year four of the program. This transition allows your coursework to begin applying to the MS portion of your degree. As you transition to graduate student status, you will be charged graduate student tuition and fees, and your participation in the tuition guarantee program will end.

Q. I participated in College Credit Plus at another institution prior to attending Ohio State. Am I considered a new first year student or a transfer student?

A. Federal and state education policies consider students “new first year students” when they first enroll in a college or university after receiving a high school diploma. Therefore students who earned credit through College Credit Plus (or similar programs) while in high school are considered new first year students and are included in the corresponding tuition guarantee cohort.

Q. I arranged with Undergraduate Admissions during my senior year of high school to take a Gap Year before enrolling at Ohio State. Which tuition guarantee applies to me?

A. Students who begin their enrollment after the 2017-18 academic year will be included in the guarantee that began one year prior to when they started at Ohio State. You may appeal to have your guarantee extended so you would have access to four full years of enrollment at the tuition guarantee rates.

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Q. I am enrolled in more than one major. Does that make me eligible for an extension of the four-year guarantee?

A. No. Extensions to the four-year tuition guarantee are granted only for students who are in an academic program that requires more than 121 credit hours and generally requires more than four years to complete, or in certain situations that would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, such as military service, medical emergencies and family emergencies.



Q. I began at Ohio State classified as a non-resident for tuition purposes. If I become an Ohio resident after my first year, what happens?

A. If you become an Ohio resident for tuition purposes ([see rules](#)) during your time at Ohio State, you would be covered by the Ohio State Tuition Guarantee from that point forward and would no longer pay the non-resident or international surcharge.

Q. I changed majors and was not able to complete my program in four years even though my final major required 121 hours. Am I eligible for an extension of the four-year guarantee?

A. No. Extensions to the four-year tuition guarantee are granted only for students who are in an academic program that requires more than 121 credit hours and generally requires more than four years to complete, or in certain situations that would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, such as military service, medical emergencies and family emergencies.