



Finance and Business Services Student Account Billing and Financial Aid

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 Frequently Asked Questions

We are planning for a modified calendar which will prioritize the health and safety of the entire BU community, maximize the use of our classrooms for instruction while following social distancing guidelines, provide a comprehensive student experience, and allow us flexibility should there be a resurgence of COVID outbreaks during the coming year. We anticipate that our Fall 2020 semester will begin under GREEN status, and we will continue to adhere to health and safety guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as directives from the Governor’s Office and the Pennsylvania State System Office of the Chancellor.

The academic calendar for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters will consist of two condensed sessions and one that runs the entire semester as follows:

| Session | Session Dates |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Fall I | August 17 – November 24 |
| Fall II | August 17 - October 6 |
| Fall III | October 7 – November 24 |
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| Spring I | February 1 – May 13 |
| Spring II | February 1 – March 23 |
| Spring II | March 24 – May 13 |

** Classes will be held on Labor Day, September 7 for both Fall I and II sessions*

Q. How will I be billed for Fall 2020 when I am enrolled in multiple sessions?

A. Billing statements for each semester will be created and posted to your MyHusky account on a monthly basis. Students enrolled in multiple sessions will have multiple charges on their account for each session’s enrollment but one billing statement will be created for the entire semester. For example: if you are enrolled in 8 credits for Fall I and 6 credits for Fall II, you will see two tuition charges, two tuition technology fee charges, two academic enhancement fee charges, etc. on your Account Activity but it will be summarized on the billing statement.

Q. Does the full-time billing rate for tuition/fees still apply when enrolled in multiple sessions?

A. Yes. The full-time tuition rate applies when an undergraduate student is enrolled in 12-18 credits for the semester. As long as you are enrolled in 12-18 credits over the course of the semester, regardless of the number of credits that fall in each session, you will be billed at the full-time rate. For example: if you are an undergraduate in-state student enrolled in 8 credits for Fall I and 6 credits for Fall II (total of 14 credits for the semester), you will be billed the undergraduate in-state full-time tuition rate of \$3,858.



Undergraduate tuition and fee rates for 2020-2021 are as follows:

| Fee Category | Part-Time | Full-Time | Part-Time | Full-Time |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | PA Res | PA Res | Non Res | Non Res |
| | Per Credit | Per Semester | Per Credit | Per Semester |
| Tuition - Traditional | \$ 322.00 | \$ 3,858.00 | \$ 805.00 | \$ 9,645.00 |
| Tuition - International Double Degree Program | N/A | N/A | \$ 482.00 | \$ 5,787.00 |
| Tuition - Distance Education | \$ 322.00 | \$ 3,858.00 | \$ 328.00 | \$ 3,935.00 |
| Academic Enhancement Fee | \$ 34.25 | \$ 409.75 | \$ 34.25 | \$ 409.75 |
| Community Activity Fee | \$ 13.50 | \$ 161.75 | \$ 13.50 | \$ 161.75 |
| Health Services/Wellness Fee | \$ 14.75 | \$ 131.25 | \$ 14.75 | \$ 131.25 |
| Recreation Fee | \$ 7.75 | \$ 91.00 | \$ 7.75 | \$ 91.00 |
| Registration Transcript Fee | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Student Success Fee | \$ 26.75 | \$ 320.00 | \$ 26.75 | \$ 320.00 |
| Student Union Operation Fee | \$ 16.25 | \$ 193.00 | \$ 16.25 | \$ 193.00 |
| Technology Tuition Fee | \$ 20.00 | \$ 239.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 364.00 |
| Transportation Fee | \$ 70.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 70.00 |

There is no full-time tuition rate for graduate students. All graduate students are billed at a per-credit rate.

All fees are capped for undergraduate students enrolled full-time and graduate students enrolled in a certain number of credits. Please visit <https://bloomu.edu/fees> for details.

Q. Will tuition and fees be discounted for courses that are being delivered in a hybrid manner or online due to COVID-19 social distancing limitations?

A. No. Regardless of the delivery modality, the University is committed to providing high-quality full educational and student services. This means that tuition, in-state or out-of-state as appropriate, and the technology tuition, academic enhancement, student success, and registration/transcript fees will continue to be charged at the rate approved by the Council of Trustees in March 2020. It is important to note that tuition nor these fees are being increased for the 2020-21 academic year.

Tuition and the aforementioned fees are non-refundable even if the COVID-19 status assigned by the Governor changes to YELLOW or RED.

Q. What about other fees, such as community activities, health services/wellness, recreation, transportation and student union operation fees?

A. The University is committed to continuing to provide a high-quality student experience outside the classroom and will, therefore, charge these fees in the traditional manner, as approved by the Council of Trustees in March 2020. It is important to note that none of these fees are being increased for the 2020-21 academic year.

We have the ability to offer a COVID-19 compliant high-quality experience that mirrors the services/opportunities that were available pre-COVID-19. Delivery will be accomplished through a hybrid of traditional in-person and online services. A valuable experience will continue to be available and provided in exchange for the fees charged.



The aforementioned fees will be refundable, to the extent not used, should the University be forced to close due to a change to RED status.

Q. Will the clinical (nursing BSN program) and science lab fees that were approved to be implemented in Fall 2020 still be charged?

A. Yes. Both fees will still be charged. Because clinicals are allowed to operate under status (GREEN, YELLOW, or RED) assigned by the Governor, the clinical fee will continue to be charged at the amount approved by the Council of Trustees in March 2020, \$500/semester.

The science lab course fee will still be charged but has been reduced from \$45/science lab course to \$22.50/science lab course for the 2020-21 academic year given that, under the modified academic calendar, students will spend less time in the labs consuming lab supplies and materials.

Q. How will I be charged for on-campus housing?

A. On-campus housing will be charged based upon student selection even if accommodations need to be made for social distancing. For example: In cases where a student selected a double, air-conditioned room but is placed in a single room in an upper campus apartment, the student will be charged the traditional double room, air-conditioned rate.

Q. What will I be charged for on-campus housing and/or my meal plan if I am enrolled in one of the sessions but not the entire semester/term?

A. All on-campus housing and board (meal plan) rates will be adjusted for the duration students utilize the services. Any adjusted rates will be in accordance with Board of Governors refund guidelines with the approved semester rates in place from the beginning of on-campus move in through the end of finals week.

Q. There are no on-campus housing charges listed on my bill. What should I do?

A. Contact the Residence Life Office at 570-389-4089 or 1-800-287-7543.

Q. There is no meal plan listed on my bill. What should I do?

A. On-campus, off-campus and commuter students wishing to obtain a meal plan need to go through the ApplyOnline and MyHousing processes found at https://housingweb.buad.bloomu.edu/THDSS/security/login_student_local.cfm in order to select their meal plan. Meal plans added will take several hours to activate, so please plan accordingly.

Q. Will on-campus housing and meal plan fees be refunded if the University is forced to close during the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semester due to a change to RED status?

A. Yes. On-campus housing and meal plan fees will be refundable, to the extent not used, should the University be forced to close due to a change to RED status.

Students residing in off-campus housing, including CGA (Honeysuckle) and Foundation (Advanced Student Housing) owned student housing, should check with their landlords regarding rent refund policies regarding University closure due to a change to RED status.

Q. I still have some general student account billing questions. Where can I find answers?

A. <https://intranet.bloomu.edu/fees/billquestions> or call the Bursar Office at 570-389-4013.

**Q. What are the Drop/Add dates for the Fall 2020 term?**

A. Since Bloomsburg offers three sessions in the fall term, there are drop/add dates for each session:

| Session | Session Dates | Drop/Add Deadline |
|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| Fall I | 8/17 – 11/24 | Monday, August 24 |
| Fall II | 8/17 – 10/6 | Thursday, August 20 |
| Fall III | 10/7 – 11/24 | Saturday, October 10 |

Spring 2021 Drop/Add dates will be published closer to the start of the Spring semester.

Q. What is the last day to withdraw from a course in Fall 2020?

A. Below are the deadlines to withdraw from a course in each session:

| Session | Session Dates | Last Day to Withdraw from a Course |
|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Fall I | 8/17 – 11/24 | Friday, November 20 |
| Fall II | 8/17 – 10/6 | Friday, October 2 |
| Fall III | 10/7 – 11/24 | Friday, November 20 |

Spring 2021 course withdrawal dates will be published closer to the start of the Spring semester.

Q. Will my financial aid disbursement date change?

A. It depends. As long as you are enrolled at least ½ time (6 credits undergraduate/5 credits graduate) Pell Grant, PA State Grant and Direct Loans will be disbursed according to the following disbursement dates. For individual questions, please reach out to buaid@bloomu.edu.

| Semester | Disbursement Date | Financial Aid to be Disbursed |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fall | August 27, 2020 | Loans and Pell |
| | October 15, 2020 | PA State Grant |
| Spring | February 11, 2021 | Loans and Pell |
| | April 1, 2021 | PA State Grant |

Q. How will my financial aid be disbursed if I am eligible for the PA State Grant?

A. An estimated PA State Grant payment will be posted to eligible student accounts on August 27, 2020 and February 11, 2021 (actual disbursement will not occur until October 15, 2020 and April 4, 2021). Any remaining undisbursed financial aid for which the student is eligible (PELL, Direct Loans, BU Scholarships) will also be disbursed on these dates. After refunds have been processed for eligible students, the estimated PA State Grant payment will be reversed creating a balance due. This balance due will be relieved when the actual PA State Grant disbursements are processed; October 15, 2020 for the fall semester and April 4, 2021 for the spring semester. Students must complete their financial aid and verification documentation, if required before financial aid will be disbursed.

Q. Will I be assessed a late fee and/or hold if the PA State Grant is the only amount owed on MyHusky?

A. No, you will not be assessed a late fee and/or hold if the PA State Grant is the only amount owed on MyHusky.



Q. What financial aid will be refunded to me if I am eligible when financial aid is disbursed?

A. Bloomsburg University will be issuing refunds for all overpayments of financial aid on student accounts related to the Pell Grant, Direct Loans, BU Scholarships, and PA State Grant awards on/about Monday, August 31, 2020 for fall 2020 and Monday, February 15, 2021 for spring 2021.

Q. When will my financial aid be processed if I am eligible for alternative (private) loans?

A. Alternative (private) loans are processed as the paperwork is received and refunds are processed on our next disbursement date. We disburse financial aid every Wednesday during the semester.

Q. With the suspension of fall sports, am I still eligible for my athletic scholarship if I am a fall sport athlete?

A. You may still be eligible. Contact your coach or athletic administration for details.

Q. What happens if I withdraw from one or more courses?

A. Your financial aid may be reduced or cancelled depending on the timing of the withdrawal. Please contact us at buaid@bloomu.edu to discuss your individual circumstances.