

# Is The Price Right?

As a prospective college student, you will need to consider many factors when deciding whether an institution is a good fit for you. Quality of academic programs, size, location, and price all play a role in your selection. The chart below is intended to give you a basis for comparison when considering price. It tells you the actual tuition and fees that the Virginia public institutions are charging this year, including the cost of living in a dorm on campus, which some colleges require of freshmen students.

Remember, the estimated cost below is the price you would pay, as an in-state student attending a Virginia public school. It reports the total cost before subtracting scholarship, grant or work-study awards. After receiving your award letter, feel free to contact the college's financial aid office and make sure you fully understand what your total cost of attendance will be and how much you and/or your family will be expected to contribute. Please note that the "Total Cost" below does not include personal expenses, books, supplies, transportation, etc. Remember to consider these expenses as well.

In the end, you should always ask yourself, "Is the price right for me and my family?"

## 2015-16 Full-Time Resident Undergraduate Student Cost

Institution	Tuition and Total Mandatory Fees	Average Room and Board <sup>1</sup>	Total Cost
Christopher Newport University	\$12,526	\$10,614	\$23,140
College of William and Mary <sup>4</sup>	\$19,372	\$10,978	\$30,350
George Mason University	\$10,952	\$9,810	\$20,762
James Madison University	\$10,066	\$9,396	\$19,462
Longwood University	\$11,910	\$9,558	\$21,468
Norfolk State University	\$8,366	\$8,970	\$17,336
Old Dominion University	\$9,768	\$9,446	\$19,214
Radford University	\$9,809	\$8,677	\$18,486
University of Mary Washington	\$11,070	\$9,694	\$20,764
University of Virginia <sup>2</sup>	\$14,468	\$10,401	\$24,869
UVA-Wise	\$9,220	\$10,256	\$19,476
Virginia Commonwealth University <sup>3</sup>	\$12,772	\$9,586	\$22,358
Virginia Military Institute	\$16,536	\$8,666	\$25,202
Virginia State University	\$8,226	\$10,252	\$18,478
Virginia Tech	\$12,485	\$8,226	\$20,711
<b>2-Year Colleges</b>			
Richard Bland College	\$5,493	\$9,060	\$14,553
VA Community College System <sup>5,6</sup>	\$4,275	N/A	\$4,275
<b>Average for 4-year Institutions<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>\$11,592</b>	<b>\$9,635</b>	<b>\$21,228</b>
<b>Average for All Institutions<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>\$10,803</b>	<b>\$9,599</b>	<b>\$19,838</b>



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## Notes:

- (1) Charges listed here represent the weighted average double occupancy room charge and the maximum weekly meal plan offered, not necessarily the plan used by most students.
- (2) The 2015-16 tuition and mandatory E&G fees charge for freshman is \$12,347, an increase of 12.9%. Tuition for other students is \$11,347, an increase of 3.8%. UVA implements a new financial plan that in-state freshman is charged with additional \$1,000 tuition in FY2016.
- (3) The tuition and mandatory E&G fees for resident undergraduates will be increased by 3% in 2015-16. Resident undergraduates who entered VCU before fall 2013 are called “block schedule students” and will be charged a lump sum of \$8,898 for tuition and mandatory E&G fees. Resident undergraduates who entered VCU in fall 2013 or later are charged by credit hour and referred as “credit hour undergraduates”. Their tuition and mandatory E&G will be \$10,719 if taking 30 credits for fall and spring semesters in 2015-16. Tuition for credit hour undergraduate students is calculated on a sliding per credit hour basis with a 50% discount for credits 15 and over per semester.
- (4) The 2015-16 tuition and mandatory E&G fees for first-time freshmen and transfer students is \$14,114, an increase of 12.3%. Tuition for sophomore and junior students remains at \$12,564 and \$10,564 respectively. The tuition for senior students is \$9,400, an increase of 2.4%. The college adopted a guaranteed tuition for incoming in-state undergraduate students in 2013-14. The tuition charged in their freshman year is frozen for all four years of their undergraduate attendance.
- (5) Northern Virginia (NVCC), J. Sargent Reynolds (JSRCC), Tidewater (TCC), Thomas Nelson (TNCC), Virginia Western (VWCC), Piedmont Virginia (PVCC), Germana (GCC) and Lord Fairfax (LFCC) have tuition differentials in addition to the system wide tuition. The differentials per academic year are as follows: NVCC-\$724.50; JSRR-\$123; TCC-\$60; TNCC-\$60; VWCC-\$60, PVCC-\$30, GCC-\$30, and LFCC-\$30.
- (6) Other mandatory fees vary by college, ranging from \$60 to \$835.50 per academic year, and are not included in this summary. N/A in Average Room and Board is because VCCS does not have this charge.
- (7) Increases for tuition and mandatory E&G fees and total are weighted to account for variable increases at CWM, UVA and VCU.