

# 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, contact the college's financial aid office to 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" 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?"

## 2014-15 Full-Time Resident Undergraduate Student Cost

Institution	Tuition and Total Mandatory Fees	Average Room and Board <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Cost
Christopher Newport University	\$11,646	\$10,314	\$21,960
College of William and Mary <sup>2</sup>	\$17,656	\$10,344	\$28,000
George Mason University	\$10,382	\$9,432	\$19,814
James Madison University	\$9,662	\$9,196	\$18,858
Longwood University	\$11,580	\$9,256	\$20,836
Norfolk State University	\$7,552	\$8,624	\$16,176
Old Dominion University	\$9,250	\$9,268	\$18,518
Radford University	\$9,360	\$8,406	\$17,766
University of Mary Washington	\$10,252	\$9,430	\$19,682
University of Virginia	\$12,998	\$10,052	\$23,050
UVA-Wise	\$8,868	\$10,340	\$19,208
Virginia Commonwealth University <sup>3</sup>	\$12,398	\$9,318	\$21,716
Virginia Military Institute	\$15,518	\$8,372	\$23,890
Virginia State University	\$8,002	\$10,128	\$18,130
Virginia Tech	\$12,017	\$7,924	\$19,941
<b>2-Year Colleges</b>			
Richard Bland College <sup>4</sup>	\$5,058	\$8,680	\$13,738
VA Community College System <sup>(5,6)</sup>	\$4,080	N/A	\$4,080
Average for 4-Year Institutions <sup>7</sup>	\$10,931	\$9,360	\$20,298
Average for All Institutions <sup>7</sup>	\$10,182	\$9,318	\$18,958

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>The 2014-15 tuition and mandatory E&G fee for first-time freshmen and transfer students is \$12,564, an increase of 19.3%. Tuition for sophomore students remains at \$10,531, a 0% increase. The charge for junior and senior students is \$9,182, an increase of 2.8%. The college adopted 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.

<sup>3</sup>The tuition and mandatory E&G fees for resident undergraduates will increase by 4% in 2014-15. Resident undergraduates who entered VCU before fall 2013 are called "block schedule students" and will be charged a lump sum of \$8,583 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 fees will be \$10,356 if taking 30 credits for fall and spring semesters in 2014-15. Tuition for credit hour undergraduate students is calculated on a sliding per credit hour basis with a 50% discount for 15 and more credits per semester.

<sup>4</sup>RBC has made an adjustment in administering the mandatory Non-E&G fees. It also starts providing a mandatory basic meal plan of \$1,000 for residential students in 2014-15.

<sup>5</sup>Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (JSRCC), Tidewater Community College (TCC), Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC), Virginia Western Community College (VWCC), and Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) have tuition differentials in addition to the system-wide tuition. The differentials per academic year are as follows: NVCC-\$664.50; JSRCC-\$93; TCC-\$30; TNCC-\$30; VWCC-\$30, and PVCC-\$30.

<sup>6</sup>Other mandatory fees vary by college, ranging from \$59.40 to \$820.50 per academic year, and are not included in this summary. Average Room and Board is not applicable because VCCS does not have this charge.

<sup>7</sup>Increases for tuition and mandatory E&G fees and total are weighted to account for variable increases at CWM and VCU.



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