

AUWCL

M.L.S. COST OF ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2026

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the maximum amount of financial aid permitted from all sources during the given academic term. Tuition and books are adjusted based on enrollment in the term.

Cost of attendance is increased for unsubsidized loan borrowers by an additional \$70 and Graduate PLUS loan* borrowers by an additional \$525 to help offset federal loan fees incurred at disbursement. The additional loan fee allocation is an average amount for all AUWCL loan borrowers.

Enrollment in three credit hours per term is required for receipt of federal financial aid. Student loans are prorated for less than full-time attendance.

While the COA cannot be increased to meet non-educational obligations, documented extraordinary expenses and/or special needs may be considered per federal regulations. The COA can be increased for a one-time computer purchase and/or AU medical insurance.

Enrollment in three credit hours per term is required for receipt of federal financial aid. Recipients of financial aid must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, including maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and successful completion of at least 67% of attempted coursework.

Living expense refunds, if applicable, are typically available beginning in the first week of classes. Financial aid cannot disburse early to cover expenses.

AUWCL reserves the right to modify or change the contents of the student budget without notice.

*Graduate PLUS loans are not available to new borrowers or students not meeting legacy criteria after July 1, 2026.

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COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR 6 CREDITS (PER TERM)

Tuition	\$15,480*	*Financial Aid is prorated to actual credit hours at \$2,580 per credit (x 6 credits). Billable expense.
Housing	\$4,704**	
Food	\$1,872	**For students borrowing living expenses, housing allowance is based on median monthly gross residential rent.
Personal	\$480	
Transportation	\$312	
Books	\$550	***Average federal loan fees will be added to the cost of attendance according to the type of loan the student is borrowing.
Total	\$23,468***	

COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR 3 CREDITS (PER TERM)

Tuition	\$7,740*	*Financial Aid is prorated to actual credit hours at \$2,580 per credit (x 3 credits). Billable expense.
Housing	\$4,704**	
Food	\$1,872	**For students borrowing living expenses, housing allowance is based on median monthly gross residential rent.
Personal	\$480	
Transportation	\$312	
Books	\$275	***Average federal loan fees will be added to the cost of attendance according to the type of loan the student is borrowing.
Total	\$15,453***	

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Please complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online at studentaid.gov/fafsa.

Below are some helpful tips:

- An FSA ID is required to log in. If you need to create one, please visit fsaid.ed.gov.
- Enter our school code in the FAFSA – **001434**. Please note: the Washington College of Law uses the same school code as American University.
- For students attending the October 2026, Spring 2027 or Summer 2027 terms, you must submit the **2026-2027 FAFSA**.
- For admitted and registered students (minimum 3 credits required), once the AUWCL Financial Aid Office has received the FAFSA, award notices are emailed within the month before the start of each term. Requests for additional documentation may delay processing.
- Financial aid is prorated for student attending less than full-time (6 credits).