

2023-2024 Proposed Increase in Graduate Tuition

The current graduate tuition rates for full-time students at Western Carolina University are \$4,435 per academic year for NC residents and \$14,842 per academic year for non-NC residents (please see table on the opposite side of this handout).

We propose a 3% increase in graduate tuition, raising resident tuition \$133 to \$4,568 per academic year and raising non-resident tuition \$445 to \$15,287 per academic year.

Total graduate enrollment in Spring 2022 was 1,690 students with 86.6% (1,464) of those students being NC residents.

Total graduate enrollment in Fall 2022 was 1,679 students with 85.9% (1,442) of those students being NC residents.

The 3% increase would result in approximately \$162,360 (resident) + \$82,881 (non-resident) = \$245,241 more tuition revenue for additional program expenses described below.

Our 225 graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants have not had any pay raise in eight years and the current 8.3% annualized inflation rate as of August 2022 is making a severe cut in assistantship value. Our graduate assistants are currently paid as low as \$13.28/hour for 20 hours/week of work. An increase in graduate tuition revenue would enable us to increase the pool of funds for graduate assistantships.

**The University of North Carolina
Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time Graduate Students
2022-23**

	<u>Tuition</u>		<u>General Fees</u>					<u>Total General Fees</u>	<u>Debt Service Fee</u>	<u>Total Fees*</u>	<u>Total Resident Tuition & Fees</u>	<u>Total Nonresident Tuition & Fees</u>
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Health Services</u>	<u>Student Activities</u>	<u>Educational and Tech.</u>	<u>Campus Security</u>					
NC State University	9,095.00	28,301.00	232.00	445.00	707.97	439.28	60.00	1,884.25	499.00	2,383.25	11,478.25	30,684.25
UNC-Chapel Hill	10,552.00	28,844.00	279.00	410.15	372.18	442.30	60.00	1,563.63	146.85	1,710.48	12,262.48	30,554.48
East Carolina University	4,749.00	17,898.00	773.00	319.00	702.00	403.00	60.00	2,257.00	445.00	2,702.00	7,451.00	20,600.00
NC A & T State University	4,745.00	17,545.00	870.00	370.00	714.25	469.06	60.00	2,483.31	588.00	3,071.31	7,816.31	20,616.31
UNC Charlotte	4,337.00	18,482.00	824.00	335.00	650.00	622.00	60.00	2,491.00	720.00	3,211.00	7,548.00	21,693.00
UNC Greensboro	5,219.00	18,937.00	780.00	372.00	577.00	461.00	60.00	2,250.00	707.00	2,957.00	8,176.00	21,894.00
UNC Wilmington	4,719.00	19,104.00	774.55	246.07	698.95	534.94	60.00	2,314.51	376.00	2,690.51	7,409.51	21,794.51
Appalachian State University	4,839.00	19,849.00	783.00	335.00	659.00	576.00	60.00	2,413.00	634.00	3,047.00	7,886.00	22,896.00
Fayetteville State University	3,437.97	14,503.38	833.00	287.00	565.00	382.00	60.00	2,127.00	335.00	2,462.00	5,899.97	16,965.38
NC Central University	4,740.00	18,048.00	862.00	312.66	426.80	428.15	60.00	2,089.61	570.00	2,659.61	7,399.61	20,707.61
UNC Pembroke	4,280.00	17,339.00	801.52	215.49	677.84	533.91	60.00	2,288.76	206.00	2,494.76	6,774.76	19,833.76
Western Carolina University	4,435.00	14,842.00	868.00	350.00	632.00	544.00	60.00	2,454.00	523.00	2,977.00	7,412.00	17,819.00
Winston-Salem State University	3,872.00	14,406.61	780.00	340.00	545.70	416.46	60.00	2,142.16	423.00	2,565.16	6,437.16	16,971.77
UNC Asheville	4,914.00	21,236.00	880.00	403.00	815.00	540.00	60.00	2,698.00	394.00	3,092.00	8,006.00	24,328.00
Elizabeth City State University	3,375.43	16,437.13	899.00	333.00	738.00	326.00	60.00	2,356.00	–	2,356.00	5,731.43	18,793.13
UNC School of the Arts	9,196.00	23,899.00	N/A	882.00	748.00	754.00	60.00	2,444.00	–	2,444.00	11,640.00	26,343.00

* In addition to the fees above, the Board also authorized a \$1 ASG fee which is not included in the total fees amount.

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