

Dear Delaware Law Student,

The Financial Aid Office has included this handout as an informational piece to help you with the financial aid process and understand your online award letter for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition is charged on a per credit basis depending on your registered program:

JD Students – Regular and Extended Division	\$1,850/cr
LLM & Doctor of Juridical Science	\$1,850/cr
Master of Jurisprudence & Graduate Certificate	\$1,389/cr

Fees:

JD Student Bar Activity Fee	\$60 per semester
MJ, LLM Technology Fee	\$35 per semester
LLM Student Activity Fee	\$50 per semester

Your financial aid is processed with an ***estimated tuition*** based on your program, year and division.

<u>Program & Year</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Fall 2023 1 st Yr JD Regular Division	31 credits	57,350.00
2 nd Yr JD Regular Division	30 credits	55,500.00
3 rd Yr JD Regular Division	28 credits	51,800.00
Fall 2023 1 st Yr JD Extended Division	23 credits	42,550.00
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Yr JD Extended Division	22 credits	40,700.00
LLM & Doctor of Juridical Science		
Regular Division – Full Time	24 credits	44,400.00
Extended Division-Part Time	12 credits	22,200.00
Master of Jurisprudence	12 credits	16,668.00

Your actual tuition may be more or less than our estimate depending on the number of credits you are registered for. Additional credits added throughout the semester will be billed accordingly. Classes dropped after the posted drop/add period will be charged full price. Tuition and fees are billed to your account each semester. You will receive an email from the Bursar’s Office when your electronic bill is ready for viewing in MyWidener, Widener University’s online student portal.

Tuition and fees are combined with estimated living expenses to create a student’s cost of attendance. A cost of attendance is also referred to as a budget. A student's financial aid in an academic year may not exceed the cost of attendance. Financial aid includes merit-based aid, loans, outside scholarships, and grants. Additional information on how your cost of attendance was calculated is located at <http://delawarelaw.widener.edu/coa>

Students will receive an email directing them to their online award offer letter to see what scholarships, grants and/or loans have been offered to assist in funding your legal education. Students borrowing a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan should be aware that the Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan is charged a 1.057% origination fee at disbursement.

Do not include Federal Work Study when trying to determine your estimated tuition balance as the amount is not credited to your account. It is paid directly to you in the form of a bi-weekly paycheck based on the number of hours you work and is limited to the amount on your award letter.

How to determine your Delaware Law tuition balance after awarded financial aid:

	<u>Semester Example:</u>
Estimated Tuition and Fees (credits registered x per credit charge+fees)	\$29,660 (16 credits x \$1850 + \$60fees)
- less scholarships/grants awarded	-\$10,000
<u>-less loans awarded (be sure to subtract the fees)</u>	<u>-10,142 (\$10,250 x 1.057%)</u>
Estimated tuition balance	\$9,518 balance due

For information on the payment plans available from the Bursar's Office please visit their website:

<http://delawarelaw.widener.edu/Bursar>

Graduate Students looking for a loan program to help finance their tuition balance and/or to borrow money for living expenses should consider the Federal GradPLUS loan program. The GradPLUS loan has a fixed interest rate and charges a 4.228% origination fee at disbursement.

How to determine your GradPLUS loan eligibility:

	<u>Academic Year Example:</u>
Budget (located on student award letter)	\$81,484 (23/24 1 st Yr JD RD Off-campus budget)
- less scholarships/grants awarded	-\$20,000
<u>- less loans awarded</u>	<u>-\$20,500</u>
GradPLUS loan eligibility	\$40,984 GradPLUS Loan eligibility

Students can apply for the GradPLUS loan online at <https://studentaid.gov>. The GradPLUS process consists of **two steps**, (1) Applying for the loan; (2) signing a GradPLUS MPN. Once you access <https://studentaid.gov> select "Loans & Grants" then select "PLUS Loans: GradPLUS and Parent PLUS" You must be logged into studentaid.gov to apply for the loan. If you are a first time borrower or were not approved on your own credit for a previous GradPLUS loan, you will need to go complete a MPN for the GradPLUS loan. On the same page, select "Master Promissory Note (MPN) and follow instructions.

Excess Funds

Students who expect to receive financial aid in excess of their required tuition, fees and housing charges will receive a refund for the credit created on their account after all required charges have been paid. Refunds are paid via direct deposit. Direct deposit can be set up using the MyWidener web portal . Search "Direct Deposit" and select "Bank Info for Refund" and "Launch Task". These funds are generally available 10-14 business days after the funds have been applied to your account. Federal funds cannot be disbursed prior to the start of the semester.