

Tuition and Fees

The following estimated tuition and fees schedule is effective for the 2025–26 academic year and is subject to change annually.

Tuition is applicable to all students, including those in approved off-campus programs such as Study Abroad and internships. Students enrolled in courses in excess of a normal full-time schedule will be assessed an additional tuition charge. For purposes of tuition billing and financial aid eligibility, full-time status is determined on a semester basis and consists of 12 to 18 credit hours per semester. Students carrying more than 18 credit hours will be charged for each credit over 18, unless they meet eligibility for the Special Honors and Rewards Program (SHARP). When repeating courses already attempted, students may be assessed a fee for those courses. Students are assessed tuition upon course registration each semester. Summer is considered a separate term. The semester credit hour rate is \$1,219 per credit.

Statement Regarding Tuition & Fees

Solely for avoidance of doubt, the tuition and fees students pay the university will not be discounted, irrespective of any changes in the manner or mode of learning or changes to any activities, events or programs (including revision, postponement or cancellation of same) at any time during the academic year; the manner or mode of learning could include on-ground learning, remote learning, or a combination of the two; it could include fewer classes or restructured classes; and it could include changes mid-semester (as just a few examples of possible changes). Please understand that the university, like other schools, is subject to multiple factors outside of its control, including effects stemming from the pandemic and applicable local, state and federal law and guidance related to the pandemic, which factors could significantly alter, limit or curtail our operations.

Tuition	Fee
Annual Tuition	\$43,872
New Student Fee*	\$459
Student Activity Fee	\$250
Uniform & Toolkit Fee (College of Food Innovation and Technology)**	\$416
Student Health Insurance	\$2840
Nursing (Accelerated 2nd Degree Bachelor of Science)	\$61,000 (May 2025 cohort)
Course Fees	
HOSP3085	\$800
Room	
Cedar North/Cedar South — Single/ Common Bath	\$12,500
Cedar North/Cedar South — Double/ Common Bath	\$9,500
Cedar North/Cedar South – Triple/ Common Bath	\$6,500
Meal Plans***	
Gold Meal Plan — \$150 flex dollars per semester (required for all new residential students)	\$5,564 (includes \$5,140 + \$424 NC meal tax)
Silver Meal Plan — 14 meals per week/\$200 flex dollars per semester	\$4,986 (includes \$4,606 + \$380 NC meal tax)
Blue Meal Plan — 10 meals per week/\$200 flex dollars per semester (minimum required for returning residential students)	\$4,198 (includes \$3,878 + \$320 NC meal tax)
Commuter Meal Plan — student will receive \$325 per semester in flex dollars (required for UG commuters starting fall 2025 and thereafter)	\$600

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The new student fee is charged the first semester of enrollment and is not applicable to international students.

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Students enrolled in the College of Food Innovation & Technology (CFIT) will be assessed a nonrefundable Uniform & Toolkit Fee during the first two semesters of enrollment. This fee ensures students in these programs begin their college careers with the same professional appearance and educational materials needed for a successful academic experience.

Meal plans, in addition to denoted meals, include predetermined flex dollars that may be redeemed for supplementary food items at a campus dining facility.

Wildcat Meals

Students may purchase blocks of meals through our Wildcat Meal plan. Wildcat Meals may be used at any time and as many times as the student wishes during the academic year. Meal blocks can be purchased at the student's campus dining facility.

All of the meals must be used before the end of the academic year in which they are purchased. The cost of the plan is nonrefundable.

50 meal block	\$475
25 meal block	\$275
10 meal block	\$120
Meal price paid at the door	
Breakfast Rate	\$10.25
Lunch/Dinner Rate	\$14.50
Wildcat Wednesday Rate	\$12
All meal blocks will incur an additional 8.25% meal tax.	

Deposits and Other Fees*

Deposits

The \$300 deposit for U.S. citizens or \$500 for international applicants is payable upon acceptance to the university and is credited toward the student's tuition. The university observes the May 1 deposit deadline and encourages students to research all schools prior to placing a deposit. Deposits received after May 1 will be accepted on the basis of space availability. The student's account must be cleared by Student Financial Services by the payment deadline to receive a room assignment. To best ensure consideration for on-campus housing, it is important to meet all deadlines throughout the enrollment process.

Deposits are nonrefundable with the exception of international applicants who have their visa denied and who request a deposit refund within two months of the visa denial.

The university may revoke any student's acceptance or subsequent enrollment at any time if any information provided by the student is false, misleading or incomplete, or if the university learns of any past or present misconduct by the student that, in the university's sole judgment, would affect the student's ability to represent and uphold the standards of the university.

New Student Fee

This nonrefundable fee, which is uniformly charged, is required of all new students for orientation, testing and semester start activities. It is charged to students who start during the fall or spring semester.

Student Activity Fee

The student activity fee provides funds for student clubs, organizations and departments that serve to provide a rich and varied co-curricular experience. This fund is managed by the Student Government Association and used to support programs and services such as comedy shows, concerts, lectures, movies, special events, travel, and club and organization appropriations. Activities may vary by campus.

Medical Health Coverage While Enrolled

All undergraduate students, both domestic and international, all international graduate students, and any graduate student required to be enrolled under programmatic requirements (e.g., students enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program, Physical Therapy Program, Occupational Therapy Program,

Addiction Counseling or Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's degree programs, etc.), registered and attending Johnson & Wales University and taking credit hours (excluding full-time Johnson & Wales University employees) are eligible and enrolled in the plan on a hard waiver basis. Whether a student is "registered" and "attending" shall be determined exclusively by Johnson & Wales University.

University policy requires students to have health insurance. If a student has coverage through another means (i.e., parent's health insurance or an employer program), the student may submit a waiver form to opt out of the university student health insurance plan. All alternate insurance plans must be accepted and fully comprehensive for all of the student's needs in the U.S. and the state in which the student attends class (or, for Rhode Island campus students, for Connecticut and Massachusetts, and for North Carolina campus students, for South Carolina). To be considered comparable, a plan must: (1) be filed and approved in the U.S. and compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and (2) provide comprehensive benefits, including non-emergency benefits in the geographical area surrounding the school. Generally, only U.S. employer sponsored plans, U.S. health insurance marketplace plans, or embassy sponsored plans are considered comparable. Not all U.S. health plans provide comparable coverage, and many out-of-state HMO, EPO, and Medicaid plans will not provide comprehensive non-emergency benefits in the geographical area surrounding the school. If a student attends the Providence campus and has an HMO or EPO plan from a state other than Massachusetts or Connecticut or if a student attends the Charlotte campus and has an HMO or EPO plan from a state other than South Carolina and does not have an away-from-home rider extending coverage to Rhode Island (for those attending the Providence campus) or North Carolina (for those attending the Charlotte campus), that student cannot waive. Students can opt out of the university plan by submitting the online waiver form to demonstrate evidence of coverage. Waiver forms will be reviewed, and if the plan does not meet the requirements, students will be notified that their waiver form is not accepted and will be required to provide evidence of a compliant plan or be enrolled in the student health insurance plan. A new waiver form must be submitted each academic year. Students who are required to have health insurance and do not waive the Johnson & Wales University plan will be charged for it. The online waiver form and details of the plan, including the full brochure and benefit flyer, can be found on the University Health Plans website.

*For a complete listing of all JWU fees, refer to the applicable campus catalog Tuition and Fees page.

Cost of Attendance

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the estimated total amount it will cost a student to attend JWU each year. The COA includes tuition and fees; on-campus housing (or a housing and food allowance for off-campus students); and allowances for books and supplies, transportation, personal expenses and federal loan fees. If applicable, the COA may also include dependent care, disability expenses, cost of a personal computer, or fees for an applicable eligible study-abroad program.