



Why Block Tuition?

- It's the right thing to do. It helps students reduce the cost of their degree, minimize debt upon graduation and enter the marketplace sooner. These concerns are not only ACU's; they are major issues throughout all of U.S. higher education.
- It allows students/parents to compare college costs more clearly, as most other schools already use a block tuition model.
- The economic climate demands a better solution. We needed a pricing model to reward those who complete their education on schedule, and to encourage others to reduce the time spent earning a degree.

When does the academic year begin and end for the annual block plan?

- The academic year for the annual block plan begins in the fall and continues through the following spring and summer.

Does a student need to be enrolled full time in both the fall and spring semesters to fully benefit from the annual block tuition model?

- Yes. To earn up to the 36 allowed credits in the academic year (fall, spring, summer), a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credits) in the fall and spring semesters.

Why pay for 144 hours (36 hours per year for 4 years) when I only need 128 to graduate?

- Though this plan allows students the flexibility to take extra classes at no additional cost, students do not have to exceed their 128 required credits to earn a bachelor's degree. They can simply earn their degree sooner.

What happens if I am a full-time student in the fall but not full time in the spring?

- A student who begins taking classes in the fall semester must be enrolled full time in both the fall and spring semesters to utilize the full 36 credit hours over the academic year. A student who is enrolled full time in the fall will pay half the annual block (\$16,010) for the fall and can take up to 18 credits in that semester. They will then be charged the per-credit-hour rate (\$1,334 per credit hour, including required fees) if they enroll on a part-time basis in the spring and/or summer semesters.

Is it the credit hours attempted or earned that is used to determine the 36 total credit hours for the year?

- All attempted hours are used toward the total 36 credits. Classes that are dropped or withdrawn from after the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester are included.

What is the cost of the annual block tuition plan and how will it be billed?

- A full-time student will be charged \$32,020 in 2016-17 for the full academic year, and the opportunity to take up to 36 hours for one price. This amount will be billed in two equal installments in the fall and spring semesters. Families who enroll in a Wildcat Pay Plan can spread out their tuition in up to 12 payments (one six-month payment plan per semester).



What will the hourly tuition rate be in 2016-17 for students who are not in the block tuition plan?

- Students who are not in the annual block tuition plan will pay \$1,334 per credit hour. This rate includes both the cost of tuition and required fees. If a student on the annual block plan takes more than 36 hours, additional credit hours are at a reduced rate of \$550, which includes required fees.

How much will I pay if I begin taking classes in a spring semester?

- Students will pay half the annual block (\$16,010 for 2016-17). Spring entry provides the opportunity for a student to take up to 18 credits in the spring and summer semesters.

What fees are not included in Block Tuition and may still appear separately on my bill?

- Fees that may still appear include the automobile registration fee, Student Activity Fee, New Student Orientation Fee, and fees related to specific courses in which you may enroll (exercise science activity classes such as skiing and canoe camping, band fee, travel class fee, JMC course fee, etc.).