Tuition and Fee Forum

Academic Affairs

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Graduate Tuition Proposal

Historical Context

- FSU increased graduate rates for the 2026-2027 academic year for the first time since the 2017-2018 academic year
- In 2022, the UNC Board of Governors modified how graduate programs were funded.
- Prior to 2022, graduate student credit hours were funded at 2 - 4x that of undergraduate credit hours, leading to adequate funding for graduate programs.
- From 2022 onward, most graduate programs are funded as if they were undergraduate programs, even though graduate programs are more expensive.

Graduate Tuition Across UNC Universities

2026-27 annual tuition for regular full-time graduate students. Fees excluded.

Resident graduate tuition: (FSU: 2nd)

Rank / University	Tuition
1. Elizabeth City State	$3,375
2. Fayetteville State	**$3,688**
3. Winston-Salem State	$3,949
4. UNC Pembroke	$4,280
5. Western Carolina	$4,568
6. NC Central	$4,882
7. UNC Asheville	$4,914
8. East Carolina	$4,987
9. UNC Charlotte	$5,324
10. NC A&T	$5,454
11. Appalachian State	$5,525
12. UNC Greensboro	$5,536
13. UNC Wilmington	$5,763
14. UNC School of the Arts	$10,296
15. NC State	$10,537
16. UNC–Chapel Hill	$10,764

Nonresident graduate tuition: (FSU: 3rd)

Rank / University	Tuition
1. Winston-Salem State	$14,695
2. Western Carolina	$15,287
3. Fayetteville State	**$15,403**
4. Elizabeth City State	$16,437
5. UNC Pembroke	$17,339
6. NC Central	$18,589
7. NC A&T	$18,638
8. East Carolina	$18,793
9. UNC Asheville	$21,236
10. UNC Greensboro	$21,313
11. UNC Charlotte	$22,688
12. Appalachian State	$23,238
13. UNC Wilmington	$23,325
14. UNC School of the Arts	$24,999
15. UNC–Chapel Hill	$29,421
16. NC State	$32,474

Proposed Graduate Tuition Increases

Graduate Resident tuition will increase by **$152**

$3,688 to $3,840 (still 2nd lowest in UNC System)

Graduate Nonresident tuition will increase by **$647**

$15,403 to $16,050 (still 3rd lowest in UNC System)

This will allow the University to properly fund our graduate-level programs, address inflationary cost pressures, fund faculty and staff retention, academic support, and student services.

School of Nursing | Tuition and Fee Requests

FNP Resident Increase: **$500**

13.6% over current tuition

FNP nonresident increase: **$1,000**

6.5% over current tuition

Respiratory Therapy Fee: **$200**

New program fee

MS Nursing (FNP) | Differential Tuition

Current Resident Tuition: $3,688
2026-2027 approved rate

Proposed Fee: **$4,188**
2027-2028 *+$500 | +13.6%*

Current nonresident tuition: $15,403
2026-2027 approved rate

Proposed nonresident tuition: $16,403
2027-2028 ***+$1,000 | +6.5%***

Respiratory Therapy | Proposed Program Fee

Current Fee: $0

2026-2027

Proposed Fee: **$200**

2027-2028

QUESTIONS