

**"Truth in Tuition" (30 Credit Hours Per Academic Year)**

**Fees**

In general, there are three basic forms of students fees: mandatory fees are paid by all students enrolled at the institution every year and included in this report; course fees are paid only by students enrolled in the specific course and not included in this report; and usage fees charged for the provision of a given service (i.e. application fee, transcript fee, etc) and not included in this report. For further information on fees, please refer to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education Fee Policy, Section VI, Part C.

**Tuition differentials**

Typically tuition differentials can be categorized into different categories. 1) Differentials based on academic program are the concept that certain majors are more expensive than others (i.e. engineering majors cost more to educate than history majors); 2) Differentials by academic standing are the concept that upper division courses are more expensive to conduct than lower division courses due to smaller enrollment size and/or more specialized instruction.

Some institutions do not utilize tuition differentials while others utilize type 1, type 2, or both types of differentials.

**Truth in Tuition**

Some institutions of higher education have adopted varying types of "Truth in Tuition" reporting. This involves the inclusion of fees or tuition surcharges into the tuition amount. The institutions shown below used this approach and the data reported reflect the changes in reporting.

**Colorado School of Mines**

For FY2008-09 Colorado School of Mines received permission to end a tuition surcharge and instead roll it into the base tuition rate as a form of "Truth in Tuition." As a result the FY2006-07 and FY2007-08 tuition rates were adjusted to show the historical change for comparison.

Institution	FY 2000-01	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04	FY 2004-05	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>										
Resident Tuition - Original	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,940	\$ 5,246	\$ 5,700	\$ 6,336	\$ 7,248	\$ 7,852	\$ 8,764	\$ 9,810	\$ 10,590
Resident Tuition - Revised	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,940	\$ 5,246	\$ 5,700	\$ 6,336	\$ 7,248	\$ 8,047	\$ 8,959	\$ 9,810	\$ 10,590
Tuition - Surcharge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ -	\$ -
Mandatory Fees - Original	\$ 662	\$ 681	\$ 681	\$ 733	\$ 746	\$ 896	\$ 983	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,429	\$ 1,654
Mandatory Fees - Revised	\$ 662	\$ 681	\$ 681	\$ 733	\$ 746	\$ 896	\$ 983	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,429	\$ 1,654

**Mesa State College**

For FY2006-07 Mesa State College received permission to roll a majority of mandatory fees into the base tuition rate as a form of "Truth in Tuition." As a result other years' tuition and fee reporting was adjusted to show the same change as a frame of comparison.

Institution	FY 2000-01	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04	FY 2004-05	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
<b>Mesa State College</b>										
Resident Tuition - Original	\$ 2,179	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,767	\$ 1,855	\$ 2,063	\$ 2,359	\$ 3,442	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,692
Resident Tuition - Revised	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,161	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,356	\$ 2,359	\$ 3,442	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,692	\$ 4,692
Mandatory Fees - Original	\$ 562	\$ 600	\$ 606	\$ 660	\$ 661	\$ 721	\$ 108	\$ 262	\$ 414	\$ 704
Mandatory Fees - Revised	\$ 123	\$ 126	\$ 133	\$ 159	\$ 160	\$ 104	\$ 108	\$ 262	\$ 414	\$ 704

**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

Prior to FY2007-08, UCCS operated with a type 1 and type 2 tuition differential system where freshmen and sophomores were charged a "base" tuition rate and juniors and seniors in specified programs were charged a higher differential. Beginning in FY2007-08 UCCS began implementing a new tuition structure that had a linear cohort as the affected group. The result is a tuition structure that utilizes three distinct sets of tuition policy. As a result of differential proliferation and changes in UCCS tuition policy, the historical reporting becomes increasingly difficult. (N/A denotes a year in which a stated differential either did not yet exist or ceased to exist.)

Institution	FY 2005-06 Resident Tuition	FY 2006-07 Resident Tuition	FY 2007-08 Resident Tuition	FY 2008-09 Resident Tuition	FY 2009-10 Resident Tuition
<b>University of Colorado - Colorado Springs</b>					
Lower Division	\$ 3,966	\$ 4,066	N/A	N/A	N/A
Upper Division Liberal Arts & Sciences	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,264	N/A	N/A	N/A
Upper Division Business & Engineering	\$ 4,398	\$ 4,508	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nursing	\$ 6,098	\$ 6,250	N/A	N/A	N/A
Continuing Freshman & Sophomores	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,676	\$ 4,910
Continuing Junior/Senior in LAS or SPA	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,562	\$ 4,904	\$ 5,150
Continuing Junior/Senior in COB or EAS	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,824	\$ 5,186	\$ 5,446
Continuing Junior/Senior in Beth El	N/A	N/A	\$ 6,688	\$ 7,190	\$ 7,550
Linear Freshman & Sophomore	N/A	N/A	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,580	\$ 5,850
Linear Junior/Senior in LAS or SPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 6,300
Linear Junior/Senior in COB or EAS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 7,200
Linear Junior/Senior in Beth El	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,400
Certificate in Education	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,264	\$ 4,562	\$ 4,904	N/A

**Tuition increases and changes in academic standing**

Some institutions utilize a tuition differential where underclassmen and upperclassmen are differentiated. In some situations it is possible that when students transition from sophomore to junior standing they could face larger than anticipated annual tuition increases due to changing differential classification. However this type of transition analysis has not been historically conducted by the Department. Such annual changes should be considered on the "5 Year History of Resident Undergraduate Tuition Differentials" chart.