



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW IS THE COST OF TUITION CHANGING?

Tuition at Concordia University Texas has been reduced by about 40% to \$23,500 for the 2024-25 academic year. This new tuition covers all required fees, and textbooks will be offered at no additional cost to students, offering clarity and affordability. Scholarships and financial aid options are available to support students. Note that nursing fees and other experiential class fees are not included.

WHY IS CONCORDIA TEXAS LOWERING ITS TUITION?

Concordia Texas is changing tuition to prioritize transparency and accessibility in education. We believe simplifying the tuition structure, including all fees and offering textbooks at no additional cost, is important to ensure that every student understands their educational expenses. We aim to make college education more accessible and transparent, removing financial barriers to higher learning for all who seek it.

DOES THIS MEAN STUDENTS WILL PAY LESS NEXT YEAR?

While changes to the FAFSA® for the 2024-2025 academic year may make it possible for some students to be eligible for more financial aid, it's important to note that this doesn't guarantee that tuition will be lower. The adjustments in our tuition structure are primarily aimed at providing greater transparency and clarity in educational expenses, making it easier for students and families to understand the full cost of education.

The total amount a student pays can vary based on individual financial aid eligibility and circumstances. Our goal remains to ensure that education is transparent and accessible for all.

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED PRICE AND THE ACTUAL COST TO ATTEND?

Our simplified tuition structure at Concordia University Texas aims to make understanding the Cost of Attendance (COA) easier for students and families. While the published price represents what you expect to see on your tuition bill, our new approach includes all required fees in the total tuition cost combined with offering free textbooks, providing a more comprehensive and transparent view of the expenses associated with attending college.

This means that with our simplified tuition, you won't have to separately account for various additional fees. Instead, the total tuition cost covers not only the base tuition but also fees and the University will offer textbooks at no additional cost, making it simpler to estimate your personal budget and understand your financial aid eligibility. The COA, which helps with personal budgeting purposes and financial aid assessment, becomes more accurate and straightforward with our inclusive tuition structure.

Our simplified tuition approach not only promotes transparency but also enhances the clarity of the Cost of Attendance, ensuring that you have a more accurate picture of the total costs associated with your college education.

WAS CONCORDIA TEXAS OVERCHARGING STUDENTS BEFORE?

No, Concordia Texas did not overcharge students before. Our new tuition structure is primarily about improving transparency and helping students and families understand the cost of a degree from Concordia Texas—reflecting our commitment to ensuring that the cost of a degree at Concordia Texas is both transparent and manageable for all who seek it.

WILL RETURNING STUDENTS PAY THE SAME TUITION AS NEW STUDENTS?

Yes, returning students will have the same published tuition as new students. To get a better understanding of how this may affect your out-of-pocket expenses, we recommend speaking to your Concordia Texas Student Financial Planner. They can provide personalized guidance and information based on your specific situation.

ARE COSTS FOR FOOD AND HOUSING ALSO BEING LOWERED?

No, the costs for food and housing are not being lowered at this time. However, it's important to note that Concordia Texas is committed to providing these essential services at the lowest possible cost to students, ensuring that they remain as affordable as possible.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER HIDDEN FEES OR COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF TUITION?

While we've taken steps to simplify our tuition structure by including most fees and costs in the total tuition amount, it's important to be aware that there may be some exceptions. For instance, there could be course fees for experiential courses that are not mandatory for graduation, such as travel courses. Additionally, our nursing program includes an additional program fee, and student-athletes have an insurance fee.

These are the exceptions to the inclusive tuition, but we strive to be transparent about any additional fees to ensure students clearly understand their educational expenses.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT?

The changes will take effect in the Fall of 2024 for the 2024-2025 academic year.

WHAT WILL THE TOTAL COST BE FOR THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR?

For the 2024-2025 school year, the total tuition at Concordia University Texas will be \$23,500. However, it's important to note that individual financial aid and scholarship awards will play a significant role in determining what each student pays. These factors are personalized to each student's unique financial circumstances and academic achievements, and they can greatly impact the final cost of education for each student. Concordia University Texas is committed to working with students to make their education as affordable as possible.

IS CONCORDIA TEXAS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN STATE SCHOOLS?

No, Concordia Texas may not have a lower published tuition compared to state schools (public universities). However, we encourage you to consider the total Cost of Attendance (COA) and additional fees when making your comparison. While state schools may have a lower published tuition, they may also have additional fees that can add to the overall cost and fewer scholarship opportunities.

At Concordia Texas, we are committed to providing a caring community and personalized service to our students. Our admission counselors can help students by offering out-of-pocket cost comparisons. If students bring in their financial aid award letters, our Admissions team will work with them to make a direct comparison of the out-of-pocket costs at Concordia Texas

versus other institutions. This personalized support can be invaluable in helping students make informed decisions about their education and ensuring that they have a clear understanding of the financial aspects of attending Concordia Texas.

HOW WILL THE TUITION IMPACT MY EXPERIENCE?

The new tuition structure at Concordia Texas is designed to simplify financial planning for college. While this change may impact how you budget for your education, you can expect to experience the same high-quality education and caring learning community that Concordia Texas has always been known for. Our commitment to providing excellent academic experiences and a supportive environment remains unchanged. The goal of the new tuition structure is to make your journey towards that education more transparent and accessible, ensuring that you can focus on your studies and personal growth with confidence.

HOW DOES THE TUITION REDUCTION IMPACT SUMMER SCHOOL COSTS?

The new tuition structure for the regular academic year does not change the summer semester tuition, which already features a reduced per credit hour rate.

I WANT TO ENROLL AS A NEW FULL-TIME STUDENT IN JANUARY 2024. SHOULD I DELAY MY ENROLLMENT TO THE FALL WHEN TUITION WILL BE LOWER?

We are actively working to ensure that the tuition change is fair and equitable for all students, both new and current. If you are ready and eligible to start your studies in January 2024, there's no need to delay your enrollment until the fall when tuition will be lower. We encourage you to speak with an admission counselor to learn more about how you can afford college now. They can provide valuable insights and information tailored to your specific situation, helping you make an informed decision about your education.

I WANT TO ENROLL AS A PART-TIME STUDENT IN THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR. HOW DOES THE TUITION DECREASE AFFECT ME?

If you plan to enroll as a part-time student in the 2024-25 academic year, the tuition decrease will not apply to your tuition cost. Your cost will be \$1135 per credit hour.

It's important to note that, as a part-time student, you may be limited in the amount of federal and institutional funding you qualify for. This means that while the per credit hour rate may be lower, the total cost of your part-time enrollment will depend on the number of credit hours you take and your financial aid eligibility. We recommend discussing your situation with an admissions counselor if you're an incoming student or a student financial planner if you're a current student.

HOW MANY CREDIT HOURS CAN I TAKE WITH THIS NEW TUITION MODEL?

Under our new tuition model, you have the flexibility to take an unlimited number of credit hours. On average, students typically enroll in 12-18 credit hours per semester. However, it's important to note that students who want to take more than 18 credit hours must receive academic approval to do so. These students will not be required to pay extra. This provides you with the opportunity to tailor your academic load to your individual goals and needs without incurring additional tuition costs for credit hours beyond 18. We encourage you to work closely with academic advisors to plan your course load effectively and take full advantage of this flexibility.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT TUITION AND OTHER COSTS?

For questions about tuition and other costs, incoming freshman and transfer students should contact the Office of Admissions or reach out to your assigned Admissions Counselor. Current students seeking assistance in this regard should

get in touch with Student Central to schedule an appointment with a student financial planner who can provide personalized guidance on tuition and financial matters.

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FINANCIAL AID FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL CONCORDIA TEXAS STILL OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

Yes, Concordia Texas will continue to offer scholarships and financial aid. It's important to note that under the new tuition model, the overall amounts for institutional aid (or scholarships) may be smaller. However, federal and state financial aid programs, which are based on a family's individual financial situation, are not affected by the new tuition structure. These programs will continue to provide support tailored to each student's unique financial circumstances. Our commitment is to ensure that education remains accessible, and we work to combine both institutional and government-based financial aid to support students effectively in pursuing their academic goals.

IS CONCORDIA TEXAS ADJUSTING THE WAY IT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

While Concordia Texas is changing how it awards institutional scholarships, students should continue to complete the FAFSA® for federal and state financial aid programs. For more information about applying for institutional scholarships, incoming students should contact their assigned Admissions Counselor. Current students should contact Student Central for more information.

WILL THE CHANGE IN TUITION IMPACT OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS OR FEDERAL OR STATE GRANT FUNDS?

The tuition change should not impact outside scholarships or federal or state grant funds. However, eligibility for these funds is determined individually based on your financial circumstances and other qualifying factors by the scholarship granting agency or organization.

Federal and state grants are determined through the FAFSA, scheduled to open in December for the 2024-2025 academic year. We will share more information as it is available.

AS A RETURNING STUDENT, WILL I RECEIVE LESS FINANCIAL AID?

Your aid amount as a returning student depends on your FAFSA® and your family's unique financial situation. The new tuition structure does not impact your eligibility for financial aid or the amount you receive. Financial aid awards are determined based on individual circumstances, and the change in tuition structure does not alter this process.

AS A RETURNING STUDENT, WILL I STILL RECEIVE MY SCHOLARSHIP(S)?

All returning students should schedule a meeting with a Student Financial Planner in Student Central to understand how the simplified tuition structure might affect their personal financial aid packets.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT MY FINANCIAL AID LETTER?

For questions about your financial aid letter, incoming students should contact their assigned Admissions Counselor, and current students should contact Student Central. These offices can assist you with any inquiries or concerns regarding your financial aid package.