OTHER FEES AND EXPENSES

Applied Information Technology (AIT Courses)

AIT rates differ from university rates. For details see the Bursar website, www.towson.edu/bursar.

Bursar Fees

A $150 late fee is assessed to any student who does not pay in full or establish an official payment plan with the university by the bill payment deadline found on their eBill or at www.towson.edu/bursar. Payment of a student’s term bill secures their class schedule for a term; otherwise, cancellation of class schedule may occur.

A $100 new student orientation fee is assessed to undergraduate freshman and transfer students enrolling for the first time. This fee covers the costs associated with orientation, including preparation, materials, publications, catered meals and parking. The fee also covers Welcome to Towson. The mandatory, one-time fee is assessed regardless of enrollment or Orientation attendance and is nonrefundable. Excluded from this charge are students who will exclusively attend the Towson University North Eastern Campus or any other Satellite location apart from the main campus.

A $10 Archived Records Research Fee will be assessed when financial detail involving archived records is requested.

A $50 penalty fee is assessed when a check or eCheck/ACH payment for fees, fines or services is returned unpaid by the bank for any reason. Failure to reimburse the university for an uncollectable check or eCheck/ACH may result in class schedules being cancelled.

A $25 late collection fee will be assessed should an account become delinquent and deemed uncollectable, thus requiring referral to the Central Collection Unit of the state of Maryland. This fee is in addition to the collection fee assessed by the Central Collection Unit of the state of Maryland. See Payment of Fees (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/financial-information/expenses/payment-fees).

A $25 reissue check fee will be assessed to process a stop payment for a check the Bursar’s Office has to reissue.

Graduate Charges

The following policies apply to graduate students taking a mix of undergraduate and graduate courses and TU seniors taking a graduate course (with special permission):

- If a graduate student takes a mix of graduate and undergraduate courses and the undergraduate unit load is fewer than 12 units, the individual is to be billed per unit in each category, plus part-time university fees.
- If the undergraduate unit load is 12 or more units, the flat undergraduate tuition rate and full-time university fees are billed, with the graduate units billed at the per unit graduate tuition rate.

The following policy applies to graduate students taking all undergraduate courses: If the unit load of undergraduate courses is 12 units or more, the individual is to be billed the flat undergraduate tuition and the flat full-time university fees.

Health Insurance Plan for U.S. Citizens

Towson sponsors a voluntary health insurance plan designed especially for our students. This plan meets all requirements of the Affordable Care Act at a very reasonable price, for students who are not covered by their parents’ plan or another plan. All students on intercollegiate athletic teams, as well as health professions students (nursing, occupational therapy and physician assistant programs), are required to have health insurance. However, we strongly recommend that all students have health insurance to avoid the expense of large, unexpected medical bills. The school-sponsored plan is an excellent value that should be considered by any student needing insurance. It provides primary care services through the university’s Dowell Health Center, as well as coverage for prescription medications, hospitalization, emergency care, diagnostic tests, and referrals to a large network of participating specialists. Billing statements will not reflect the cost of the insurance. Enrollment is handled directly through the insurance company and can be done online (see the Student Health Insurance link on the Dowell Health Center website). Undergraduates must be taking at least 9 units to be eligible for this plan. Should a student withdraw from the university after 31 days or more of active class attendance, coverage will remain intact for the policy year. Any questions regarding coverage should be directed to the Dowell Health Center, 410-704-3703. See Health Insurance under Health Services, Student Life and Campus Services or visit the Health Center website, www.towson.edu/healthcenter. (http://www.towson.edu/healthcenter)

Health Insurance Policy Mandatory for International Students

All international students on F, J or any other non-employment-related visa status are required to have health insurance that meets the university’s minimum standards. These students are automatically enrolled in the university-sponsored health insurance plan. The insurance charge will be reflected on your financial account. Although this insurance is mandatory, students with their own insurance who want an exemption (waiver) from the school plan must submit an online waiver application as soon as they arrive at Towson, which verifies that their insurance coverage meets the university’s minimum standards. Applications for a waiver must be completed online by the waiver deadline of the student’s first term at Towson and each fall term thereafter. Waiver deadlines are September 15 for fall term, February 15 for spring term and June 15 for summer term. For information about school-sponsored insurance, Towson’s mandatory insurance policy for international students, or the waiver process, visit our website at www.towson.edu/healthcenter and click on International Students. For assistance with insurance enrollment or the waiver process, schedule an appointment with our Insurance Coordinator. This can be done online through the secure patient web portal (http://mydowellhealth.towson.edu).

Housing and Dining Fees

Students interested in living in university housing must make a $350 non-refundable housing deposit by the established procedures and meet all deadlines. Failure to pay all room and meal plan charges may result in forfeiture of residence hall space. Note: Students living in Millennium Hall, Paca House or Tubman House have a separate application, deposit and payment process with Capstone Management.

Depending upon the room and meal plan selected, students living on campus pay approximately $6,092 per term for room and meal plan. For those students who enter university housing after the beginning of a
term, the charge will be prorated for the remainder of the term. (For exact rates, contact Housing and Residence Life, or visit www.towson.edu/housing for more information.)

Choosing a Dining Plan

Students can choose from a variety of flexible dining plans. Resident students can choose from one of our “Flex” weekly plans, offering anywhere from 10 to unlimited meals per week. A meal week consists of 19 meal periods: three meals served Monday through Friday, and brunch and dinner served on Saturday and Sunday. Most resident students select the 14-meal-per-week plan, as it provides enough meals to eat at least two times per day for seven days a week. Dining plans also come with dining points which can be used for a-la-cart purchases at all on-campus dining locations. There are over a dozen dining venues on campus including all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities, a-la-carte locations such as Chick-fil-a, and convenience stores. Menu options range from traditional favorites to vegetarian, kosher and halal cuisine. Students living at Millennium, Paca, Tubman, Towson Run Apartments, or in nearby apartments, as well as commuter students, are not required to have a dining plan. However, these students may choose to purchase any of our dining plans, including one of the very popular Block Meal Plans. Please visit www.towson.edu/dining for more information.

Millennium Hall, and Paca and Tubman Houses

These student housing facilities are privately operated and rents are not included as part of the university’s term billing statement. Rents for Millennium Hall, Paca House and Tubman House are to be paid to Capstone Management.

Nursing Education Fees

Testing Fee

Students accepted to and enrolled in the Nursing major are charged a fee ranging between $150.00 - $154.00 per term to cover the costs of Educational Testing Examinations, which are administered at the end of each term. The fees will be attached to clinical courses at the junior level and clinical courses at the senior level. If a clinical course is repeated, the student will be charged an additional fee ranging between $150.00 - $154.00.

Simulation Learning Fee

Students accepted to and enrolled in the Nursing major are charged a one-time fee of $204.99 to cover the costs of the Simulation Learning System, which includes course materials required throughout the program.

Fees are non-refundable after the change of schedule period. Please note the Testing Fee and Simulation Learning Fee do not apply to the RN-to-BS completion students.

Parking Fees

All students are required to register their vehicles with the university in order to obtain a virtual parking permit. Parking permits are required 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 6 a.m.–3 p.m. on Friday. Spaces will be available for those with a valid parking permit. However, during peak times in the day, spaces may only be available in Overflow areas, which are located in designated areas at the Towson Center and the West Village Garage. Resident freshmen (less than 30 earned units) are only eligible to purchase a West Village Resident parking permit. Resident commuters and non-degree students are only eligible to purchase an Overflow permit. Further information about parking policies is available on the Parking and Transportation website.

Virtual parking permits must be purchased online at www.towson.edu/parking. Campus maps and other parking-related information are also available at this website. As the parking permits are now virtual, there is no hangtag to be mailed or picked up. Virtual parking permits are linked to the vehicle registered to each customer’s parking account, so please be certain to enter your license plate information correctly when ordering your permit online. You may only register a vehicle that is registered to you or a family member at the same address. You may not register another student’s or Faculty/Staff member’s vehicle. Student parking permits for the 2017-2018 academic year go on sale in May 2017 and will be available throughout the year. For permit fees, questions, or additional information about the Virtual Permit System, visit www.towson.edu/parking.

PDS/STUDENT TEACHING/CLINICAL PRACTICUM FEES

Students enrolled in PDS internship or a clinical practicum are charged a fee. Students must confer with their department chair or with the director of the CPP office in the College of Education to determine the exact fee. These courses are designated PRC, STT and CIN.

Private Applied Music Lesson Fees

Students enrolled in private applied composition lessons, Jazz/Commercial composition lessons, private applied instrumental music lessons, private applied vocal music lessons, or private applied conducting lessons are charged a fee of $120 or $300 per unit, depending upon the music degree requirements and course registration.

Study Abroad Fees

A fee of $300 for the fall and spring terms, $150 for short-term programs is assessed for study abroad.

Textbooks

Students are expected to obtain required Course Materials. The average cost for Course Materials ranges from $250-$450 per term. Books and other supplies may be purchased or rented at the University Store, located in the University Union, first floor. Course Materials may also be purchased online by visiting www.towson.edu/store. Course material price matching, On-line price comparison and textbook advances are available to all students.