



## Undergraduate Programs – International Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### 1. What is included in the maximum tuition amount in my offer letter?

The maximum tuition amount only includes the per course tuition costs for *standard program requirements* that you will be assessed, for the *standard program length* of the program you have been offered admission.

**Standard program requirements** means taking the base requirements for the program once, so the cost of taking extra courses or repeating courses you have withdrawn from or failed will be charged tuition costs above the maximum tuition amount provided.

Some courses within a program may require a prerequisite that must be completed prior to registration in a course. This may increase the number of courses required to complete the program. ULeithbridge recognizes previous education therefore, awarded transfer credit or course waivers may shorten the number of courses required to complete the program.

**Standard program length** means the length of time to complete the program with a full course load each academic year. ULeithbridge offers programs that require a set number of courses to complete the program. Based on a standard course load of 30 credits hours (10 three-credit courses) per academic year, the table below indicates the standard length required to complete a program:

40-Course Program	50-Course Program	20-Course Program	25-Course Program	10-Course Program
4 years	5 years	2 years	2.5 years	1 to 1.5 years

If students decide to extend their program length by reducing their course load in an academic year or retaking courses, the tuition maximum is not guaranteed for the subsequent years.

### 2. My program is only a 4 year program, why are there more years included in the maximum tuition table? How do I calculate the maximum tuition cost for my program?

Because the University of Lethbridge has standard rates for most undergraduate programs, we have summarized our rates each year for programs of different lengths and durations into a table that is relevant for the majority of our students. To calculate the maximum tuition cost for your 4 year program, simply find the academic year you will be starting your program in – this is year 1, and add it to the next 3 years totals to it, to calculate your program maximum tuition. The same can be done for the other standard lengths identified in the table above.

### 3. What other costs can I expect to be charged on top of the maximum tuition amounts?

To understand the full financial costs, students are encouraged to review the [Fee Schedules](#) to identify the cost of mandatory non-instructional fees charged each semester (such as student union fees, Health and Dental, sport and recreation facility fees, and UPASS bus pass to name a few), food, housing, books and supplies, and choice add-on (such as field trips, or renting a locker).

### 4. How is my tuition calculated?

Undergraduate tuition is assessed per course based on the courses you have registered in. For more information, please view [Fee Schedules](#).



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### 5. Where can I find out my tuition and fees?

You can find your tuition fees assessed by signing into the “Bridge” and navigating through the menus: Bridge/Student/Registration and select “Registration Fee Assessment”. This report only shows tuition and fees by term. It is useful to view this report before the first day of classes to understand what your tuition and related fees will be.

On the first day of classes, these tuition and related fees are added to your student account, along with any other service costs you registered for (such as housing or meal plans). The student account will also show all payments you’ve made and the net balance of your account. To view this account summary by term, navigate on our website to Bridge/Student/Student Account and select “Account Summary by Term”.

### 6. What happens if I don’t finish my program in the standard duration?

If you have outstanding program requirements to complete after the standard duration of your program, you will be required to pay for the remaining courses, individually, at the current rate in the academic year the courses are completed.

### 7. What happens to my tuition if I fail or withdraw a course?

If you withdraw from a course before the Extended Drop deadline, you will receive a credit on your student account for the full cost of the course. You will be charged the full cost of the course if you withdraw after the Extended Drop deadline.

Regarding the tuition guarantee, tuition for courses repeated in subsequent semesters will be assessed at the fee rate for the term the course was repeated. Repeating courses may extend the length of your program. Therefore, you will be required to pay for the remaining courses, individually, at the current rate in the academic year the courses are completed.

### 8. What happens to my tuition cost if I take courses in the Summer term?

If you choose to take your 30 credits among the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters your annual tuition charge will be split among them, charged per course when taken. If you decide to exceed the standard program length of 30 credits in an academic year, the annual maximum tuition guarantee will not apply for the additional credits taken.

### 9. What happens to the cost of my program and guaranteed maximum tuition if I change programs?

Changing your program may result in a change in the time required to complete the new program and the original tuition guarantee will no longer be valid. Please refer to your new Program Planning Guide and the published [Fee Schedules](#).

### 10. How do transfer credits and course waivers impact my tuition and guaranteed tuition maximum?

Transfer credits and course waivers will reduce the number of credits you require to complete your program. As a result, you will have fewer courses to register in, and will not receive a tuition charge for them. The tuition maximum is still guaranteed, however the cost of the program will be lower with the requirement for fewer courses.



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### **11. When is my tuition payment due?**

Your tuition payment is due June 1st for summer term May to August, October 1st for Fall term September to December, and February 1st for spring term January to April.