

2026-2027 Cost of Attendance Budgets for Drake University

Introduction

This document outlines the standard Cost of Attendance (COA) budgets for the degree programs offered at Drake University. The COA estimates a student's educationally-related expenses, and is the starting point for calculating a student's financial need. It also functions as a limit on the total financial aid (including loans) a student may receive. The COA is an estimate--actual student expenses can vary significantly, especially for indirect (non-billed) expenses, such as transportation or personal expenses. Students can view their assigned COA in Financial Aid Self-Service.

COA Budget Categories & Notes of Explanation

[I. Bachelor Degree Programs \(In-Person\) - Page 2](#)

These budgets are based on enrollment in both the fall and spring semesters. Due to Drake's Tuition Guarantee, tuition and fees for *full-time* undergraduate students will vary based on the year a student enrolled at Drake University (exception: Accelerated BSN). Budgets are provided for students enrolled full-time (12-18 credits) or in 9, 6, or 3 credits per semester.

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These budgets are based on enrollment in both the fall and spring semesters. Budgets are provided for students enrolled in 12, 9, 6 or 3 credits per semester.

[III. John D. Bright College \(Associate Degree\) - Page 4](#)

These budgets are based on the curricular structure of Bright College. In the first year, students are enrolled in the fall and spring semesters. In the second year, students enroll in the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Students are full-time (12-18 credits) in the fall and spring semesters, and half-time (6 credits) in the summer.

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These programs have different default enrollment assumptions, depending on the year of the program. Each budget identifies the period of time on which the budget is based (ex. Summer/Fall/Spring or Fall/Spring). Full-time (12-18 credits/semester) budgets are provided for Pharmacy (PharmD), Occupational Therapy (OTD), and Athletic Training (AT). Half-time budgets (6 credits/semester) are provided for the Masters of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) program and the Pharmacy program for years 1/2.

[V. Law School and other graduate-level programs - Page 6](#)

Law budgets are provided based on full-time enrollment (10+ credits/semester) and half-time enrollment (6 credits/semester) in both the fall and spring semesters. Graduate budgets are based on half-time enrollment (6 credits/semester), and budgets are provided for both fall/spring and summer/fall/spring enrollment scenarios. Graduate budgets include all graduate-level degree programs not listed separately, and the tuition amount is an estimated amount based on the median graduate tuition rate. Actual tuition rates for each graduate/professional program are outlined at www.drake.edu/accounts/tuitionfees. "Compressed" budgets are also provided for students whose coursework spans 8 or fewer weeks each semester.

Budgets for Campus Housing

The default allowance used for *Campus* housing is based on the residence hall rate for double, triple or quad occupancy. Students who elect for a single room (or a double room as a single) can request an adjustment to their housing allowance. The cost for all residence hall options can be viewed at www.drake.edu/finaid/tuition. Only Drake students are permitted to live in campus housing. Accordingly, a budget reflecting the cost of campus housing for students with dependents is not provided.

Cost of Attendance Budget Appeals

Students may appeal for adjustments to their COA budget. Examples for why an appeal may be necessary might include requesting allowances for: a personal computer purchase, study-abroad expenses, disability-related educational expenses, dependent care expenses that occur while a student is enrolled, or reasonable educationally-related expenses a student has incurred that exceed the budgeted amount. More information about how to submit a COA budget appeal can be found at the link below.

<https://www.drake.edu/finaid/forms/appeals>

Bachelor's Degree Programs (In-Person)

Entrance Year	2026-2027 Cohort			2025-2026 Cohort			2024-2025 Cohort			2023-24 Cohort		
	<i>Housing Type</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>
Tuition	52,988	52,988	52,988	51,444	51,444	51,444	51,444	51,444	51,444	49,466	49,466	49,466
Fees	780	780	780	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610
Course Ready*	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534
Housing	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400
Food	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160
Loan Fees	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275
TOTAL	71,493	69,013	65,665	69,779	67,299	63,951	69,779	67,299	63,951	67,801	65,321	61,973

Entrance Year	2022-23 Cohort			2021-22 Cohort			2020-21 Cohort			2019-20 Cohort		
	<i>Housing Type</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>
Tuition	47,564	47,564	47,564	45,734	45,734	45,734	44,188	44,188	44,188	42,694	42,694	42,694
Fees	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610
Course Ready*	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534
Housing	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400
Food	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160
Loan Fees	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275
TOTAL	65,899	63,419	60,071	64,069	61,589	58,241	62,523	60,043	56,695	61,029	58,549	55,201

Housing Type	Accelerated BSN (Fall/Spring)			Accelerated BSN (summer 2025)		
	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>
Tuition	28,800	28,800	28,800	12,000	12,000	12,000
Fees	2,166	2,166	2,166	858	858	858
Books/Supplies	267	267	267	0	0	0
Housing	7366	7308	5400	2340	2030	1,500
Food	6150	3600	2160	1000	1000	600
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	344	380	380
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	600	600	600
Loan Fees	275	275	275	138	138	138
Licensure Costs	0	0	0	343	343	343
TOTAL	48,424	45,944	42,596	17,623	17,349	16,419

Enroll Status	Three Quarter-Time (9 credits)			Half-Time (6 credits)			Less Than Half-Time (3 credits)		
	<i>Housing Type</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>
Tuition	27,720	27,720	27,720	18,480	18,480	18,480	9,240	9,240	9,240
Fees	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
Course Ready*	324	324	324	216	216	216	108	108	108
Housing	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	0	0	0
Food	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	0	0	0
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	0	0	0
Loan Fees	275	275	275	275	275	275	0	0	0
TOTAL	45,625	43,145	39,797	36,277	33,797	30,449	10,978	11,106	11,106

* Drake's Course Ready program automatically provides all required books and course materials for every class in which a student is enrolled. Students may opt out.

Online Bachelor's Degree Programs (School of Journalism and Mass Communication only)

Enroll Status	Full-Time (12 credits)			Three-Quarter Time (9 Credits)			Half-Time (6 credits)			Less Than Half-Time (3 credits)		
	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Commuter</i>	<i>W/ Parent</i>
Tuition	15,600	15,600	15,600	11,700	11,700	11,700	7,800	7,800	7,800	3,900	3,900	3,900
Fees	660	660	660	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290
Books/Supplies	534	534	534	324	324	324	216	216	216	108	108	108
Housing	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	7366	7308	5400	0	0	0
Food	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	6150	3600	2160	0	0	0
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,240	1,368	1,368
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,160	0	0	0
Loan Fees	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	0	0	0
TOTAL	33,985	31,505	28,157	29,505	27,025	23,677	25,497	23,017	19,669	5,538	5,666	5,666

John D Bright College (Associate's Degree)

Year in Program	New Yr 1 (Fall, J-term, Spring)			Year 2 (Summer, Fall, J-term, Spring)		
	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Comm</i>	<i>w/ Par</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Comm</i>	<i>w/ Par</i>
Tuition	19,034	19,034	19,034	610	20,340	20,340
Basic Fees	610	610	610	690	690	690
Books/Supplies	150	150	150	150	150	150
Housing	8,794	7,308	5,400	10,198	8,526	6,300
Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	6,750	4,200	2,520
Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	1,447	1,596	1,596
Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	2,520	2,520	2,520
Loan Fees	87	87	87	87	87	87
TOTAL	38,225	34,317	30,969	22,452	38,109	34,203

Graduate & Professional Programs in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

F U L L	Program/Type	PharmD Year 1/2 (Fall/Spring)			PharmD Year 3 (Fall/Spring)			PharmD Year 4 (12 months)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	44,976	44,976	44,976	44,976	44,976	44,976	50,598	50,598	50,598
	Fees	610	610	610	610	610	610	200	200	200
	Books/Supplies	600	600	600	1,000	1,000	1,000	20	20	20
	Housing	7,366	7,308	5,400	7,366	10,791	5,400	10,642	14,388	7,200
	Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	6,150	3,600	2,160	7,350	4,800	2,880
	Transportation	1,240	1,368	1,368	2,050	2,682	2,682	2,733	3,576	3,576
	Personal	2,160	2,160	2,160	3,402	3,402	3,402	4,536	4,536	4,536
	Loan Fees	275	275	275	632	632	632	813	813	813
Licensure Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	825	825	825	
TOTAL	63,377	60,897	57,549	66,186	67,693	60,862	77,717	79,756	70,648	

T I M E	Program/Type	OTD Year 1 (Fall/Spring)			OTD Year 2 (Summer/Fall/Spring)			OTD Year 3 (Summer/Fall/Spring)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	40,904	40,904	40,904	61,356	61,356	61,356	61,356	61,356	61,356
	Fees	450	450	450	450	450	450	280	280	280
	Books/Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	100	100	100
	Housing	7,366	10,791	5,400	9,742	13,189	6,600	10,246	14,388	7,200
	Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	6,950	4,400	2,640	7,350	4,800	2,880
	Transportation	2,050	2,682	2,682	2,506	3,278	3,278	2,733	3,576	3,576
	Personal	3,402	3,402	3,402	4,158	4,158	4,158	4,536	4,536	4,536
	Loan Fees	1,302	1,302	1,302	2,213	2,213	2,213	2,213	2,213	2,213
Licensure Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	515	515	515	
TOTAL	62,624	64,131	57,300	88,375	90,044	81,695	89,329	91,764	82,656	

H A L F T I M E	Program/Type	MSCP Year 1 (Fall/Spring)			MSCP Year 2 (Summer/Fall/Spring)			PharmD Year 1/2 (Fall/Spring)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	7,380	7,380	7,380	11,070	11,070	11,070	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Fees	290	290	290	370	370	370	390	390	390
	Books/Supplies	650	650	650	975	975	975	300	300	300
	Housing	7,366	10,791	5,400	10,642	14,388	7,200	7,366	7,308	5,400
	Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	7,350	4,800	2,880	6,150	3,600	2,160
	Transportation	2,050	2,682	2,682	2,733	3,576	3,576	1,240	1,368	1,368
	Personal	3,402	3,402	3,402	4,536	4,536	4,536	2,160	2,160	2,160
	Loan Fees	270	270	270	270	270	270	275	275	275
Licensure Costs	0	0	0	825	825	825	0	0	0	
TOTAL	27,558	29,065	22,234	38,771	40,810	31,702	29,881	27,401	24,053	

Law and Other Graduate Programs

FULLTIME	Program/Type	Law Years 1 & 2 (Fall/Spring)			Law Year 3 (Fall/Spring)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	52,448	52,448	52,448	52,448	52,448	52,448
	Fees	520	520	520	520	520	520
	Books/Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Housing	7,366	10,791	5,400	7,366	10,791	5,400
	Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	6,150	3,600	2,160
	Transportation	2,050	2,682	2,682	2,050	2,682	2,682
	Personal	3,402	3,402	3,402	3,402	3,402	3,402
	Loan Fees	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144
Licensure Costs	0	0	0	4,199	4,199	4,199	
TOTAL	75,080	76,587	69,756	79,279	80,786	73,955	

HALLFUTURE	Program/Type	Grad (Fall/Spring)			Grad (Sum/Fall/Spring)			Law Years 1 & 2 (Fall/Spring)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	8,568	8,568	8,568	12,852	12,852	12,852	21,708	21,708	21,708
	Fees	390	390	390	470	470	470	390	390	390
	Books/Supplies	650	650	650	975	975	975	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Housing	7,366	10,791	5,400	10,642	14,388	7,200	7,366	10,791	5,400
	Food	6,150	3,600	2,160	7,350	4,800	2,880	6,150	3,600	2,160
	Transportation	2,050	2,682	2,682	2,733	3,576	3,576	2,050	2,682	2,682
	Personal	3,402	3,402	3,402	4,536	4,536	4,536	3,402	3,402	3,402
	Loan Fees	270	270	270	270	270	270	1,144	1,144	1,144
TOTAL	28,846	30,353	23,522	39,828	41,867	32,759	43,210	44,717	37,886	

COMPREHENSIVE	Program/Type	Grad (Fall/Spring)			Grad (Sum/Fall/Spring)		
	Housing Type	Campus	Comm	w/ Par	Campus	Comm	w/ Par
	Tuition	8,568	8,568	8,568	12,852	12,852	12,852
	Fees	390	390	390	470	470	470
	Books/Supplies	650	650	650	975	975	975
	Housing	7,366	4,796	2,400	10,642	7,194	3,600
	Food	6,150	1,600	960	7,350	2,400	1,440
	Transportation	911	1,192	1,192	1,367	1,788	1,788
	Personal	1,512	1,512	1,512	2,268	2,268	2,268
	Loan Fees	270	270	270	270	270	270
TOTAL	25,817	18,978	15,942	36,194	28,217	23,663	