

University Expenses

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GULL CARDS (IDENTIFICATION CARDS)

All students enrolling for the first time at the University must have a Gull Card (ID) made. Continuing students use the card they have as long as they are registered students—the card is reactivated each time students enroll for classes. The Gull Card is used by students to access their residence halls, meal plans, Blackwell Library and their declining balance account funds. Once a student places money in their declining balance account the Gull Card can be used to make purchases at the University Bookstore, Commons dining facility, food carts, Office of Publications, University Police, Copy Center, vending machines, laundry services and off-campus merchants who accept the Gull Card. A replacement fee of \$25 is charged for lost/stolen or damaged/worn cards. Students may obtain their Gull Card by visiting Commons Room 036, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For further information please call the Gull Card Office at 410-543-6053 or e-mail gullcard@salisbury.edu.

RESIDENCY DETERMINATION

Residency determination is made upon admission and/or enrollment. The complete “Policy on Student Residency Classification for Admission, Tuition and Charge Differential Purposes” is located in Appendix B.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

For tuition and fee purposes, a full-time undergraduate student is a student taking 12 or more credit hours each semester. Any student (regardless of classification or designation) taking 12 or more credit hours a semester is required to pay the full-time tuition and fees listed. A part-time student is a student taking 11 or fewer credit hours per semester for undergraduate or graduate credit. Any student (regardless of classification or designation) taking 11 or fewer

credit hours a semester is required to pay the part-time tuition and fees itemized.

Students taking courses for audit or pass/fail or courses without credit designation will receive assigned equivalency credit hours for tuition and fee purposes.

ROOM AND BOARD

Those students who have made residence hall reservations must claim their room no later than 5 p.m. on check-in day. Students who cannot meet this schedule must call the Office of Housing and Residence Life to request alternative check-in information.

EXPLANATION OF FEES

Full/part-time mandatory fees consist of the following:

▶ Athletics

Funds from this fee are assigned to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and are used in implementing a well-rounded athletics program at the University. Athletics fees offset expenses incurred in the purchase of consumable supplies for varsity sports, the transportation of athletics teams, payment for athletics officials and numerous other services.

▶ Facilities

Funds from this fee support major renovation and/or construction projects not funded by the State of Maryland.

▶ Guerrieri University Center

Funds from this fee support the Guerrieri University Center programs and operations.

▶ Intramural

Funds from this fee are used to implement a well-rounded intramural program at the University.

▶ Student Activities

Activity fund fees are used to help meet expenses in connection with various social functions, student publications, dramatic productions and the other duly authorized student activities which take place during the academic year.

▶ Technology

Technology fee funds are used to enhance the technology infrastructure for the student body.

▶ Motor Vehicle Registration

Students who operate motor vehicles on the University campus must register these vehicles with the Parking Services Office, located in the East Campus Complex, and pay a parking fee. Parking permits are non-transferable.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

► Books and Supplies

Books and classroom supplies may be purchased at the University bookstore, the Book Rack. Expenses will vary with the cost of books and other materials required for particular courses.

► Special Courses

Certain courses require enrolled students to pay additional fees for special services and/or materials. All special course fees will be assessed and collected through normal student accounts receivable procedures. **No fees should be paid directly to academic departments or individuals.**

PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

► Advance Payments

Candidates seeking admission to the University must pay a \$45 **nonrefundable** application fee when they submit the Admission Application. The application fee is not applied to any tuition or fees. After evaluation and review by the Admissions Office, the candidate is notified of status regarding admission. If accepted for admission, the student will receive (with the acceptance letter) a bill for an advance payment of \$200, payable immediately, to assure the student placement in the appropriate class at time of entry. The \$200 advance payment is nonrefundable but will be applied toward payment of the total tuition and fees which are due before the first day of classes. If the student fails to register, the \$200 advance deposit is forfeited at the close of the late registration period as set forth in the official University calendar.

Students offered housing must pay an advance room and board deposit of \$300 or greater to guarantee their room for the next academic year. This deposit will be applied to the total bill during the second semester of the year. The contract is for the entire academic year (two semesters).

Students may cancel room and board reservations by petitioning for release from their contract. The petitions must be in writing to the director of housing and must be postmarked by June 1 for the fall semester. For first-time students applying for the spring semester, the deposits are refundable if requested by December 1. The Housing/Residence Life Office will replace the petitioner with a student from the waiting list if possible. If not, the petitioner will forfeit the deposit, as well as incur a surcharge of \$300.

► Payments to the University

Student tuition and fees for pre-registered students are due and payable to the University prior to the beginning of each semester on or before the date shown on the bill. For students initially enrolling during open enrollment, payment for the term is due no later than the last day of drop/add. Similarly, pre-registered students who paid their initial bill but make changes during open enrollment that cause additional charges to their student account have until the end of drop/add to pay those additional charges. Students who do not observe the payment due date for any academic term will be charged periodic late fees. Students not attending should access their GullNet student account and drop all classes in which they are enrolled. **Non-payment of and/or non-response to a bill does not constitute a withdrawal from the University.**

Payment may be made, using ACH transfer or credit card, through the student's GullNet account at

www.salisbury.edu/gullnet. Credit cards accepted for payment of the semester bill are MasterCard, Discover and American Express. A 2.4 percent convenience fee is assessed for any credit card payment for tuition and fees. There is no fee for ACH transfer. Checks and money orders made payable to Salisbury University may be used when paying by mail. The mailing address for payments is Salisbury University, P.O. Box 2195, Salisbury, MD 21802-2195. Cash, checks and money orders are also accepted at the Cashiers Office, Holloway Hall Room 219, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Salisbury University has partnered with Sallie Mae to give students the option of spreading their semester payments over a longer period of time by enrolling in a payment plan. To do so, visit www.tuitionpay.com.

► Tax Relief Act of 1997

Two new post-secondary education tax credits have been included as a part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997: the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit (effective January 1, 1998) and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit (effective July 1, 1998). These laws may allow a tax credit for some higher education expenses. To ascertain whether or not a student qualifies for this benefit, it may be advisable for the student and/or parent to consult a tax professional; the University cannot provide students and/or parents with tax advice.

► Returned Checks

Article 27, Section 142 of the Annotated Code of Maryland states that anyone who obtains money, etc., by bad check is subject to prosecution. All checks returned to Salisbury University by the bank as "unpaid" (this includes checks on which payment has been stopped) must be paid within seven days of the University's notification to the student. If restitution has not been made within the allotted time, the maker of the check may be subject to prosecution. A returned check fee is charged by the University (in addition to the face value of each check) to cover the costs of handling returned checks.

Should it become necessary to remand a debt to the Central Collection Unit of the State of Maryland, a collection fee of 17 percent or greater will be imposed and added to the principal balance. **The University reserves the right to deny services to any student who has an account in arrears. This may include, but not be limited to, denial of registration and transcript privileges.**

► Eligibility for Refunds

To be eligible for any type of refund, a withdrawing student must do the following:

1. Access their GullNet account and drop all classes in which they are enrolled.
2. Submit a completed withdrawal form to the Office of the Registrar.
3. Notify the Office of Housing and Residence Life (if a resident student) of room cancellation.
4. Turn in the student ID card to the Identification Office.

No refund will be processed unless the student complies with the withdrawal procedures stated above.

Refunds are based on the date on which the withdrawal form is filed with the registrar. Failure to file the official notification will result in a forfeit of all right to refund. No withdrawals will be backdated. Students whose housing contracts and meal plans are terminated for disciplinary reasons are not eligible for refunds. Students dismissed by the University for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to any tuition or fee refunds.

The cost of repairs and/or replacement of any University property damaged by the student will be deducted from any refunds due the student. Damaged property will be inspected by the Physical Plant Office and a determination will be made of repair or replacement costs prior to any refund. Students also will be liable for common area damage assessed by the Office of Housing and Residence Life at the end of each semester.

► Refund Policy

Refunds are made based on the following criteria, except for aid recipients who fall under the Return of Title IV Funds Policy guidelines which may be found in the Financial Aid Information section of this catalog (this policy information refers to the regular fall and spring academic terms; contact the Cashiers Office regarding winter and spring term information):

1. Students who withdraw from the University by the end of the official drop/add period for each session receive a refund of all tuition, fees, room and board except the \$200 acceptance fee for new students, the \$300 advance room deposit, a \$300 breach of housing contract fee, the per meal rate for meals eaten prior to a board plan's being dropped, and a \$50 administrative fee.
2. Those who withdraw from the end of the official drop/add period through the end of the second week of classes receive a refund of 80 percent of tuition, room and board. No fees shall be refunded.
3. Students who withdraw during the third week of classes receive a refund of 60 percent of tuition, room and board. No fees shall be refunded.
4. Students who withdraw during the fourth week of classes receive a refund of 40 percent of tuition, room and board. No fees shall be refunded.
5. Students who withdraw during the fifth week of classes receive a refund of 20 percent of tuition, room and board. No fees shall be refunded.
6. Students who withdraw after the end of the fifth week of classes receive no refund of tuition, room or board.

Individuals who change their schedules from full-time to part-time status during the official drop/add period of the University will be entitled to credit based on the difference between the full-time tuition and fee charge and the part-time per credit hour tuition and fee charge.

The University refund policy is effective for students who withdraw from all courses and for those who drop courses by the end of the official drop/add period. It is not effective for students who withdraw from a portion of their scheduled courses during the schedule adjustment period. It also does not apply to the self-supporting terms (winter and summer). Questions regarding refunds should be directed to the Cashiers Office. Appeals for exceptions to this policy must be in writing to the Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Holloway Hall Room 228, Salisbury University, P.O. Box 2195, Salisbury, MD 21802-2195.