

Understanding the Financial Obligations of Studying Overseas

Wright State University non-resident tuition is one of the lowest in the state of Ohio among accredited institutions because we are a state operated not-for-profit school. The cost of living in Dayton Ohio is also very reasonable at 14% lower than the national average. The College of Business is one of only 182 institutions world-wide that have achieved accreditation by AACSB International in *both* business and accounting. Our accreditation, combined with reasonable tuition rates and a low cost of living makes Wright State University, Raj Soin College of Business the natural choice.

None the less, moving to a foreign country to pursue the dream of an education is an undertaking that requires good preparation, both personally and financially. International students need to fully understand the financial burden of an education in the USA. Though we have made every effort to be accurate (2015), the list below is incomplete, and the amounts listed are for informational purposes only. Actual costs will vary.

Travel related costs

Chinese passport	unknown
SEVIS fee	Appx \$200 one-time fee
F1 Student visa fee	Appx \$160 one-time fee
Airfare from China to Dayton, OH	\$600-\$800 one way \$900-\$1,400 return

Academic related costs

WSU application fee	\$30 one-time fee
WSU application to graduate fee	\$35 one-time fee
WSU graduation regalia	\$45 one-time purchase
Writing placement test fee	\$25
Non-resident tuition published rate (changes annually)	\$8,549/semester (full time)
International Student Fee	\$98/semester
Legal Services Fee	\$11/semester
Annual health insurance (changes annually)	\$1,645/year
Gap Health Insurance	Varies depending on number days
Textbooks (varies)	\$450-\$700/semester
Supplies (laptop/pens/paper/etc)	Depends on student

Cost of living and related expenses

Short term housing until permanent housing found	\$50-\$150/night depending on preference
Permanent Housing:	
On campus housing	\$750-\$1,300 month. Utilities, furniture, internet included. Single occupancy. 1 academic year contract signed.
Off campus housing	\$450-\$1,500/month depending on accommodations. May not include utilities, furniture, internet, etc. 1 year contract signed.
Food and supplies	\$200-\$500/month depending on student preference.

Utilities

Cell phone and service provider	\$40-\$150/month depending on student preference. Annual contract may be required.
Internet	\$25-\$80/month depending on bandwidth. Contract may be required.
Electricity	\$25-\$80/month depending on usage.
Gas	\$25-\$80/month depending on usage.
Water	\$25-\$60/month depending on usage
Garbage	\$10-30/month depending on service.
<i>Depending on type of accommodation selected, student may be charged for one or more of the above services.</i>	

Transportation related costs

Note: students who live on campus may not need transportation. Students who live off campus need to confirm the availability of public transportation.

Public transportation	\$55/month
Private car:	
Second hand car	\$4,500-\$10,000 depending on student preference
Parking pass	\$140/year
Vehicle Insurance (mandatory)	\$30-\$150/month depending on student, driving habits, and type of car.
License plates/registration	\$35 and up/year
Driver's license exam and ID	\$25 one-time fee
<i>Vehicle costs do not include fuel, repair, or maintenance.</i>	

Other expenses

Entertainment	Depends on student
Seasonal clothing	Depends on student
Travel and sightseeing	Depends on student
Emergency medical expenses	Unknown

In addition to semesterly, annual, and one-time academic costs, the WSU University Center for International Education suggests a minimum budget of \$1,100/month for basic cost of living (housing/food/utilities). Actual costs may be higher depending on student's life-style.