

# Block Tuition FAQs

## What is block tuition?

Effective Fall 2023, MACU is moving to a block tuition model. Under block tuition, students taking 12-18 credit hours will pay a fixed tuition rate of \$16,200.

Students taking less than 12 credit hours will pay \$540 per credit hour. Students taking more than 18 credit hours per semester will pay the block tuition rate plus \$540 per credit hour for the hours above 18 credit hours.

## Why is MACU moving to block tuition?

The block tuition rate at MACU is part of an overall effort to enhance student success and create an easier and more affordable path to graduation. For those students taking full advantage of the plan, it helps students shorten the length of time it takes to earn a bachelor's degree. This also streamlines the financial planning process by simplifying the cost of a MACU degree.

Block tuition is one part of a broader student success strategy. Many universities across the nation have implemented a block tuition format. Block tuition provides a financial incentive to graduate in four or fewer years and, when used to full advantage, results in a reduced cost of attendance. Graduating in four years also saves on other educational expenses and increases students' earning potential by allowing them to enter the workforce sooner.

## How will block tuition affect financial aid for a student?

A student's financial aid package adjusts when students add or drop classes under the current per credit hour tuition model. With block tuition, students who add/drop classes, but maintain at least 12 credit hours, will not see a change in their financial aid award.

Students who enroll part-time (less than 12 credit hours) already receive modified aid awards compared to students attending full-time due to lower tuition costs and financial aid requirements. These students will see no change in their financial aid awards.

After accepting their initial financial aid award, students who add or drop classes may see changes in their financial aid package. Changes in tuition costs based on the number of credit hours enrolled will impact some students. The exact change will depend on each student's specific financial aid package. However, the block tuition model will minimize how many students will be affected by changes to their financial aid package because of add/drop.

## What are the benefits of a student taking 15 credit hours or more per semester?

To graduate within four years, undergraduate students typically need to take 15 credit hours per semester. In addition to saving time and money, research shows that students who take 15 credit hours per semester have higher academic performance, higher retention rates, and increased graduation rates. This can also open the door for students to take other classes that interest them as well as adding in a concentration/ minor. From start to finish, students will pay for 120 credit hours even though some of the majors are actually more than that. This is a great way to save some money.

## What if a student is not sure they can manage more than 12 credit hours but wants to take full advantage of the block tuition setup?

MACU wants all students to be successful and recognizes that a student's ability to manage their academic workload is dependent on a variety of personal circumstances. These include things such as learning style, financial and work commitments, and family dynamics. MACU has academic support specialists, academic advisors, financial counselors, and others across campus who can help guide students in making smart decisions regarding academic load given the student's personal circumstances.

Students are encouraged to contact the Learning Center or an academic advisor for specific guidance and direction in classes. Students have access to many free services within the Learning Center such as tutoring, study skill assistance, academic success plans, supplemental instruction, etc. If students are willing to put in the work, MACU can help them be successful in many aspects of life.

## I still have questions. Who should I contact?

If you have any questions about block tuition, please contact the Finance and Financial Aid offices ([financialaid@macuniversity.edu](mailto:financialaid@macuniversity.edu) or [studentaccounts@macuniversity.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@macuniversity.edu)).