

## **SUMMER 2016 Cost of Attendance Rationale**

Students may attend school during the summer sessions. If students attend, a separate COA is required for that period of enrollment based on the amount of weeks the student is attending class. The summer school COA is a deviation of the preceding academic year COA. Bellarmine is a “trailer school” and treats summer as an extension or the ending of the award year. Bellarmine also combines all summer mini-sessions a student takes into one session for COA purposes. The combined mini-sessions create one summer term for awarding. All “per week” allowances will be multiplied by the number of weeks the student is enrolled for summer to determine that part of the summer COA. All “credit hour” allowances will be multiplied by the number of credits the student is taking to determine that part of the COA.

### **Tuition**

Undergraduate tuition is \$850/credit hour. Undergraduate students are packaged based upon the number of hours taken in the summer semester.

Accel BSN students who begin in May 2016 will also be charged \$850/credit hour. Students typically take 20 hours in the summer. The Adult Studies Program is based on \$435 per credit hour. Accounting Certificate students will be charged \$580 per credit hour. The RN-BSN program offered at the hospitals or online is based on \$420 per credit hour. Accelerated Medical Laboratory Science students are charged \$580 per credit hour. Accelerated Respiratory Therapy students are charged \$630 per credit hour.

Bellarmino University offers several programs in the field of Education. The Accel MAT program students are charged a flat tuition amount per semester. Accel MAT students that began Fall 2012 to Summer 2015 are charged \$4,370. Accel MAT students that began Fall 2015 and later are charged \$4,500. MA in Education and Ed.S. students are charged \$360 per credit hour. PhD in Education students are charged \$750 per credit hour.

Physical Therapy students are charged a flat tuition amount per semester for their cohort. Undergraduate Physical Therapy students that begin in Summer 2016 are charged \$18,925. Graduate Physical Therapy students that begin in Summer 2016 are charged \$800/credit hour. Students in this cohort normally take 11 hours in this first semester. Graduate Physical Therapy students that begin in Summer 2015 are charged \$12,200. Physical Therapy students that began in Summer 2014 are charged \$11,850.

Students in the Master of Taxation and Master of Analytics programs are charged \$1,000 per credit hour.

MBA students are charged different rates depending upon their program. Executive MBA students that began in Spring 2016 or later are charged \$880 per credit hour. Weekend MBA students that began Fall 2014 through Summer 2015 are charged \$2,190/class. Weekend MBA students that began Fall 2015 and later are charged \$2,250/class. Weekend MBA students that are in the dual Accounting/CPA and MBA degree are charged \$2,250/class. Weeknight MBA students who began the program Fall 2011 through Summer 2012 are charged \$1,890 for class. Students who began the program Fall

2012 through Summer 2013 are charged \$2,075 per class. Students who began the program Fall 2013 through Summer 2014 are charged \$2,135 per class. Students who began the program Fall 2014 through Summer 2015 are charged \$2,190 per class. Students who began the program Fall 2015 and later are charged \$2,250 per class. The cost of the Summer MBA trip tuition for Weeknight MBA students and for Weekend MBA students starting Fall 2012 and later is an additional \$2,000.

Tuition for Spirituality is \$270/credit hour. Tuition for MSN-Education, MSN-Administration, Master of Health Science and Master of Communication students is based on the per credit hour rate of \$680. Tuition for the MSN-Baptist East student is based on the per credit hour rate of \$580. Tuition for the MSN – FNP and the DNP program is based on \$805 per credit hour.

### **Fees**

Undergraduate students charged at the per credit hour rate have a fee total of \$55/course for comprehensive fees. Some graduate students charged at the per credit hour rate (Communication, MSN, Master of Health Sciences, Spirituality, Taxation, MAIT, DNP, EdS, MA in Education, PhD in Education only) have a fee total of \$45/course for comprehensive fees. Accel BSN students are charged \$540 in course fees. Year One Physical Therapy undergraduate students are charged a \$750/semester for a comprehensive fee, along with \$80 for professional fees. Year One Physical Therapy graduate students are charged \$80 for professional fees. Year Two Physical Therapy students are charged \$225 in comprehensive fees, \$215 in course fees and \$80 for professional fees. Year Three Physical Therapy students are charged \$90 in comprehensive fees along with \$210 in course fees and \$80 in professional fees. Other miscellaneous course fees charged to students are added to this component of the Cost of Attendance.

### **Room**

All students are allotted \$198 per week for housing expenses. The room calculation is multiplied by the number of weeks the student is enrolled for the summer semester. This cost is comparable to the allotted Living Expense Budget for independent Kentucky students at the low budget rate as published by the College Board.

### **Board**

Undergraduate and graduate students are allotted \$118 per week for food. The board calculation is multiplied by the number of weeks the student is enrolled for the summer semester. This cost is based on an average cost of Bellarmine's board plan, and is comparable to the allotted Living Expense Budget for independent Kentucky students at the low budget rate as published by the College Board.

### **Books**

Students will be allotted \$33/credit hour for books. This information is based upon a study conducted by the Office of Financial Aid in the spring 2015 semester to determine

average book costs. Executive MBA do not pay textbook costs, because it is built into the cost of tuition.

### **Transportation**

Students are allowed \$14/week per class to travel to campus. This figure is based on the budget used for 2015-2016, which allowed \$14/week per class for students for transportation costs. These amounts are based upon the College Board's Living Expense Budget provided for 2015-2016. The rate is based upon the low budget category for the state of Kentucky.

### **Personal**

Personal expenses are to include clothing, hygiene items, insurance, and other miscellaneous costs associated with attending Bellarmine University. Students are allowed \$23 per week per class for the summer semester. These amounts are based upon the College Board's Living Expense Budget provided for 2015-2016. The rate is based upon the low budget category for the state of Kentucky.

### **Loan Fees**

If a student participates in the Direct loan program, an average fee of \$62 is added to the COA. This fee is based upon an average Stafford Loan from borrowers in the Summer 2015 semester.

If a student and parent participate in the PLUS Loan Program, an average fee of \$293 per semester is added to the COA. This fee is based upon an average PLUS Loan from borrowers in the Summer 2015 semester.

If a student participates in the Graduate PLUS Loan Program, an average fee of \$505 in the summer is added to the COA. This fee is based upon an average Graduate PLUS Loan from borrowers in the Summer 2015 semester.

### **Child Care**

Bellarmino will add child care costs incurred while attending class or studying to the cost of attendance upon request. Students should provide documentation of expenses incurred.

### **Disability-Related Expenses**

Students who have disability-related expenses may present those expenses to the Office of Financial Aid for inclusion in the COA.