



Tuition & Mandatory Fees

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The Council staff used a collaborative process to develop its 2017-18 tuition and mandatory fee ceiling recommendation, which included sharing information and engaging in discussions with campus presidents and chief budget officers, Council members, student groups, and the Governor's office.

Based on feedback from multiple stakeholders there is a general sentiment that increases in resident undergraduate tuition and fees should be moderate in academic year 2017-18 to support a necessary balance between the ability of students and families to pay for college and resources required for postsecondary institutions to address inflationary cost increases, manage growth in employer paid retirement contributions, and support continuing progress toward attainment of HB1 and Strategic Agenda goals and objectives.

The following actions were adopted by the Council at its March 31, 2017 meeting:

- Resident undergraduate tuition and fee ceilings.
 - 3.0 percent at Western Kentucky University
 - 4.0 percent at the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University,
 - 5.0 percent at Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, and Murray State University.
 - 0 percent at University of Louisville, as previously approved by their Board of Trustees.
 - For KCTCS, ceiling for in-state students that equates to a maximum base rate increase of \$6.00 per credit hour.

For the purposes of calculating tuition and fee ceilings, an institution's base rate is defined as the current year annual tuition and mandatory fee charge for full-time resident undergraduate students, minus any special use fees, agency bond fees, or safety and security fees that were exempted from a Council rate ceiling during a previous tuition setting cycle.

- Graduate, Professional, & Online Courses – Approved public universities be allowed to submit to the Council for approval market competitive rates for graduate, professional, and online courses, as approved by their respective boards.

The Nonresident Student Tuition and Fee Policy approved in 2016 was not amended, and remained that institutions shall charge a tuition and fee rate to nonresident students sufficient enough to equal or exceed 100 percent of the direct instructional or student services cost per student.