

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2025.02/04
Approval of Tuition, Fees,
Room and Board Rates for
Academic Year 2025-2026**

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University has the authority to approve tuition, mandatory student fees, and room and board rates, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring appropriate funding for educational excellence, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University recognizes the important role that mandatory fee and housing and dining resources play in supporting student life for a holistic educational experience, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University is committed to promoting academic innovation and program enhancements while maintaining access to and affordability of its high-quality programs:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2026 student tuition, mandatory student fees, and room and board rates contained herein.

Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: _____

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
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Illinois State University is an institution of exceptional values and vision. By consciously adhering to the core values of the University’s strategic plan, *Excellence by Design: 2024-2029*, the institution is consistently recognized nationally for a multitude of academic rankings. Achieving a student retention rate that is among the highest in the nation at 81.4 percent and a graduation rate of 64.5 percent, it is understandable that the University is included in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2025 rankings of America’s best public national universities. In support of Illinois State’s strategic focus on ensuring strong enrollment and student success, the University is prudent about fiscal planning that considers student monetary investment, balanced with enhancing the University’s financial strength and stability. Illinois State University has a reputation for being a fiscally accessible institution of higher learning, evidenced by recognition by *Washington Monthly* who has included Illinois State University on their “Best Bang for the Buck” list in the Midwest. In fall 2024, Illinois State University enrolled the University’s largest and most diverse incoming class in school history, with 44 percent of the freshman class coming from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Setting tuition and fees is always a complex exercise, requiring the balancing of affordability for students and their families with maintaining high educational standards while also managing the increasing costs of campus operations. In January 2024, the Board approved tuition rates for fall 2024 (FY2025), which includes a differentiated rate for new undergraduate students in targeted programs: Mennonite College of Nursing, College of Business, College of Engineering, Cyber Security, and Computer Science. For fall 2025 (FY2026), there is no proposed increase in tuition or mandatory student fees. Proposed FY2026 tuition, mandatory student fees, and room and board rates are summarized below. Also included is information in support of specialized program pricing for two graduate programs. If approved, the overall cost to new undergraduate students in differentiated programs for tuition, mandatory fees, room and board, and student insurance will be \$29,942, an increase of \$578, or 2.0 percent when compared to FY2025. For all other new undergraduate students, the total cost will be \$28,132, an increase of \$578, or 2.1 percent when compared to FY2025.

Undergraduate Tuition

New In-State Students in 2025-26. As determined by a student’s selected major/program, Illinois State University requests authority to charge new, in-state undergraduate students the designated tuition rate per credit hour outlined in Table 1 below. This is the same rate that was charged new students in 2024-2025. Adhering to the State of Illinois “Truth-in-Tuition” statute, the student will pay the applicable rate per program through summer of 2029 upon first enrollment or selection of a major/program.

New Out-of-State Students in 2025-26. As determined by a student’s selected major/program, Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state undergraduate students the designated tuition rate per credit hour outline in Table 1 below. Rates represent a ratio of two times the in-state tuition rate. This rate per credit hour is the same rate charged out-of-state students in 2024-2025. As with in-state students, these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2029 upon first enrollment or selection of a major/program. Under the Enrollment Competitiveness Program approved by the Board at its February 17, 2012, meeting, selected entering high-achieving/talented out-of-state students or students residing in states contiguous to Illinois, and those residing in the state of Michigan, will continue to be eligible to pay the in-state tuition rate.

Table 1 shows the undergraduate tuition rates for general undergraduate programs as well as differentiated programs for the 2025-26 academic year (FY2026).

Table 1 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour Academic Year 2025-2026		
<u>Cohort</u>	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
New Undergraduates 1st Enrolled in Academic Year 2025-2026		
General Undergraduate	\$402.19	\$804.38
Differentiated Programs	\$462.52	\$925.04
New Undergraduates 1st Enrolled in Academic Year 2024-2025		
General Undergraduate	\$402.19	\$804.38
Differentiated Programs	\$462.52	\$925.04
All New Undergraduates 1st Enrolled in Academic Year 2023-2024	\$402.19	\$804.38
All New Undergraduates 1st Enrolled in Academic Year 2022-2023	\$394.69	\$789.38

Graduate Tuition

In-State Graduate Students in 2025-26. Illinois State University requests authority to charge in-state graduate students \$422.57 per credit hour outlined in Table 2 below. The State of Illinois “Truth-in-Tuition” statute does not apply to graduate tuition rates. For graduate students, there is no increase from the rate charged in FY2025.

Out-of-State Graduate Students in 2025-26. Illinois State University requests authority to charge out-of-state graduate students \$877.72 per credit hour outlined in Table 2 below. For graduate students, there is no increase from the rate charged in FY2025.

Table 2 shows the proposed Graduate Tuition rates for the 2025-2026 academic year (FY2026) as well as historical rates for Graduate Tuition per credit hour.

Table 2 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Graduate Tuition Per Credit Hour Academic Year 2025-2026		
	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
Graduate Rate Academic Year 2025-2026	\$422.57	\$877.72
Graduate Rate Academic Year 2024-2025	\$422.57	\$877.72
Graduate Rate Academic Year 2023-2024	\$422.57	\$877.72
Graduate Rate Academic Year 2022-2023	\$414.69	\$861.35

Graduate Specialized Program Pricing

Illinois State University requests authority to charge a market-demand pricing rate for certain specialized

graduate- level programs indicated below. The dollar amount charged per credit hour is the same for In-State or Out-of-State graduate students and includes tuition and fees. This pricing is based on specialized instructional and delivery costs of administering the programs and sustained by industry-supported market-based pricing for such high demand career programs.

Table 3 shows the previously approved program pricing per credit hour for the Online Master’s of Actuarial Science and Corporate Masters of Business Administration. There is no change proposed for FY2026.

Table 3 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Graduate Specialized Program Pricing Academic Year 2025-2026	
<u>Program</u>	<u>Rate per Credit Hour (Tuition and Fees)</u>
Online Masters of Actuarial Science	\$ 1,500.00
Corporate Masters of Business Administration	\$ 625.00

Mandatory Student Fees

Mandatory Student Fees are assessed to all students for all enrolled hours on a per credit hour basis whether undergraduate or graduate status. Each fee is assessed for a specific operational service and/or program. These services/programs include student activities, Bone Student Center, health & wellness, athletic facilities and services, recreational facilities and services, campus enhancements to academic facilities, instructional technology support, grant-in-aid and student-to-student grants.

Per previous agreement by the Board of Trustees, effective with fall 2017, mandatory student fees do not have locked cohort rates, as does tuition. For the 2025-2026 academic year (FY2026), Illinois State University requests authority to charge mandatory fees of \$117.21 per credit hour to undergraduate and graduate students. There is no increase over FY2025 mandatory student fee rates.

Outreach Fee

Illinois State University also requests authority to set the outreach fee at \$117.21 per credit hour for the 2025-26 academic year. The outreach fee is traditionally charged to students in specifically designated contracted, non-campus, or additional campus locations. The fee is also assessed to students receiving all instruction remotely. This accommodates costs associated with the varied methods of delivering off-campus instruction, including online. There is no increase over the rate charged in FY2025.

Table 4 shows mandatory student fee rates beginning with academic year 2022-23 and the proposed rate for academic year 2025-2026.

Table 4 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Mandatory Student Fees Per Credit Hour Academic Year 2025-2026		
	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
Mandatory Student Fee Rate for All Students Academic Year 2025-2026	\$117.21	\$117.21
Mandatory Student Fee Rate for All Students Academic Year 2024-2025	\$117.21	\$117.21
Mandatory Student Fee Rate for All Students Academic Year 2023-2024	\$113.11	\$113.11
Mandatory Student Fee Rate for All Students Academic Year 2022-2023	\$111.01	\$111.01

Room and Board

Housing

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, University Housing will increase 5 percent over academic year 2024-2025 rates. Services will continue to be funded to meet operational costs, provide funds for debt service and fulfill repair and replacement reserve requirements. Housing continues to be impacted operationally due to operational expense increases including but not limited to utilities, facility maintenance and repairs, property insurance, university overhead and scholarships. In addition, personnel costs have increased due to minimum wage.

Dining

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, student dining costs will increase 5 percent over academic year 2024-2025. With the proposed increase, the department of Event Management, Dining, and Hospitality, which includes student dining, will continue to be funded to meet operational costs, provide funds for debt service, and fulfill repair and replacement reserve requirements. Dining continues to be impacted operationally due to operational expense increases including but not limited to utilities, facility maintenance and repairs, property insurance, university overhead and scholarships. In addition, personnel costs have increased due to minimum wage and staff contracts.

Table 5 shows the cumulative increases that both Housing and Dining have faced since FY 2017:

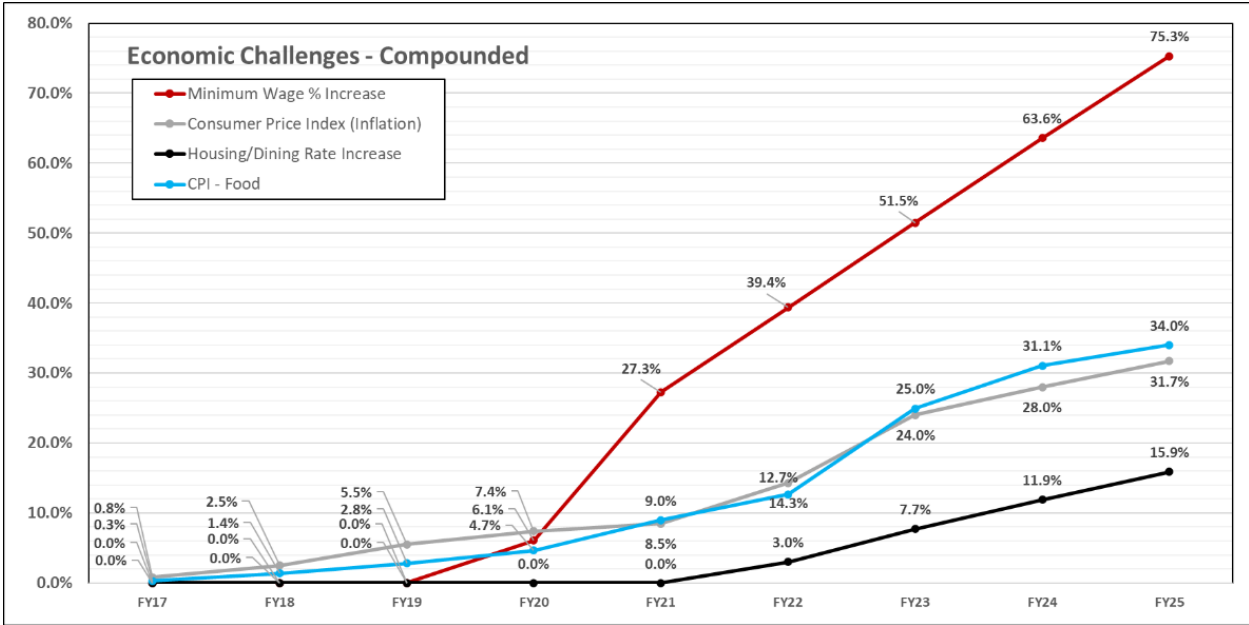


Table 6 shows proposed FY2026 rates for on-campus housing options.

<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Semester Rate</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Multiple	\$ 3,243	5%
Single	\$ 4,316	5%
Multiple Room in Suite	\$ 4,381	5%
Single Room in Suite	\$ 5,028	5%
Super Single Room in Suite	\$ 5,547	5%
<u>Cardinal Court Apartments</u> <u>(Bedrooms x Bathrooms)</u>		
2x2 or 2x2 (double)	\$ 4,973	5%
3x2 or 4x2 (single)	\$ 5,232	5%
4x4 (single)	\$ 5,543	5%
2x2 (Single)	\$ 6,956	5%

Table 8 shows proposed FY2026 rates for meal plans.

<u>Residential Plan Level</u>	<u>Total Cost per Semester</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
7 day unlimited	\$ 2,747	5%
5 day unlimited	\$ 2,612	5%
19 meals per week	\$ 2,806	5%
14 meals per week	\$ 2,651	5%