

## 2009-10 Expenses (beginning Fall 2009)

### SEMESTER FLAT RATE

(12 to 20 credit hours)*	Wyoming Resident	Nonresident**	WUE***
Tuition	\$ 816.00	\$ 2,448.00	\$ 1,224.00
Fixed Fees	135.00	135.00	135.00
Academic Computing Fee	100.00	100.00	100.00
Instructional Fee	21.00	21.00	21.00
Accident Insurance (mandatory)	38.00 (\$53 SP/SUM)	38.00 (\$53 SP/SUM)	38.00 (\$53 SP/SUM)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b> (\$1,125 SP/SUM)	<b>\$ 2,742.00</b> (\$2,757 SP/SUM)	<b>\$ 1,518.00</b> (\$1,533 SP/SUM)
Course Fees	vary	vary	vary
Books / Supplies estimate	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

### PER CREDIT HOUR RATE

	Wyoming Resident	Nonresident**	WUE***
Tuition	\$ 68.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 102.00
Fixed Fees	11.25	11.25	11.25
Academic Computing Fee	8.00	8.00	8.00
Instructional Fee	1.75	1.75	1.75
<b>Subtotal per credit hour</b>	<b>\$ 89.00</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>	<b>\$ 123.00</b>
Course Fees	vary	vary	vary
Off Campus Facility / Equipment Fee	varies	varies	varies
Books / Supplies	vary	vary	vary
Internet / ITV courses	\$10 per credit hour		
Out-of-District Fee	\$5 per credit hour		
Equine Stabling Fee	\$1,080 per horse/per semester		

\* Students taking 20.5 or more credit hours pay the flat rate plus additional tuition at the per credit rate.

\*\* Nonresident students whose parent(s) graduated from Northwest or any other Wyoming community college may qualify for resident tuition rates (see page 7 for residency classifications).

\*\*\* See WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange Tuition Scholarship) on page 8.

### ON-CAMPUS HOUSING RATES

RESIDENCE HALLS	Semester	Annual
Standard Double Room	\$ 865	\$ 1,730
Small Single Room (Lewis & Clark Hall)	990	1,980
Super Single Room	1,190	2,380
Simpson Hall Single Room	1,290	2,580

A \$100 (\$200 for Simpson Hall) room reservation / damage deposit and \$25 processing fee are due upon reservation. Residence hall costs include telephone, hall activities, parking, all utilities, and Internet access.

### APARTMENTS

Rates range from \$275 – \$1,170 per month.

A \$200 – \$300 apartment reservation / damage deposit due upon reservation.

### MEAL PLANS

	Semester	Annual
Traditional 19 Meal Plan	\$ 1,093	\$ 2,186
Flex 15 Meal Plan	\$ 1,093	\$ 2,186
Traditional 10 Meal Plan	\$ 892	\$ 1,784
Flex 6 Meal Plan	\$ 892	\$ 1,784
Traditional 5 Meal Plan	\$ 680	\$ 1,360

All costs are subject to change without notice.

## Costs

Student costs at all Wyoming public institutions continue to be some of the lowest in the nation. The basic cost of attending Northwest consists of tuition, fixed and other fees, books, and room and board. Additional costs students may incur are course fees, travel, child care, and miscellaneous/personal expenses. Get more information online at [northwestcollege.edu/expenses](http://northwestcollege.edu/expenses).

### TUITION

Tuition is paid on a per-credit-hour basis up to 12 credit hours. Students enrolled in 12 to 20 credit hours pay a flat rate. Students enrolled in 20.5 or more credit hours pay the flat rate plus additional tuition for each credit above 20.

*NOTE: Some out-of-state students may utilize the WUE program. See page 8.*

### FEES

**Fixed Fees:** Fixed Fees are \$11.25 per credit hour up to a maximum of 12 credits and include charges for student activities, athletics, building usage, publications, bonds, health services, fitness center, and other general student services.

**Academic Computing Fee:** The Academic Computing Fee supports instructional computer technology. Students pay \$8 per credit hour up to a maximum of 12 credits. Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours pay a flat fee of \$100 per semester.

**Instructional Fee:** Students pay an Instructional Fee of \$1.75 per credit hour up to a maximum of 12 credits. Revenue collected from this fee helps support instructional supply budgets.

**Course Fees:** Some courses have fees that range from \$10 – \$250. In general, programs of study with a substantial number of laboratory courses, such as equine studies, photography, nursing, welding, and art have higher overall course costs. Laboratory science classes, private music lessons, and some physical education courses also have course fees. Course fees are listed with each class in the *Semester Class Schedule*.

## ALTERNATIVE CREDIT CHARGES

Transcripted Tech Prep Program credits.....\$5/credit  
 Transcripted CLEP credits .....\$5/credit  
 Proof of Certification .....\$5/credit  
 Self-Acquired Competency .....\$35/credit

### Credit by Examination

Transcripted Advanced Placement Exams .....  
 .....\$5/credit  
 Challenge Exams.....\$25/credit

### Individualized Instruction

Cooperative Education.....tuition & fees/credit  
 Internship.....tuition & fees/credit  
 Independent Study.....tuition & fees/credit

## OTHER CHARGES

Application fees: International ..... \$50  
 COMPASS Test..... \$10  
 COMPASS Test, Re-take ..... \$3/test  
 Equine Stabling Charge \$1,080 per horse/semester  
 Graduation Fee..... \$20  
 Identification Card Replacement..... \$5  
 International Orientation ..... \$100  
 Internet / ITV Courses.....\$10/credit  
 Kick-Off Weekend Orientation Fee..... \$30  
 Out-of-District Fee.....\$5/credit

*Costs are subject to change without notice.*

## STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE

Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours are required to participate in a Student Injury Insurance Plan. This policy is secondary to other health policies. Students pay \$91/year. Part-time students taking 6-11.5 credit hours are eligible to enroll on a voluntary basis. A Family Health Plan is also possible. Plan features include:

- up to \$10,000 maximum for each covered injury,
- no deductible,
- intercollegiate sports injury coverage,
- 24/7 access to nurse advice and health information,
- global emergency medical assistance, and
- \$1,000 accidental death benefit.

Get more information online at [ubcsr.com](http://ubcsr.com).

International students are required to purchase additional health insurance (\$24–71/month depending upon age) or prove they already have personal insurance.

## Payment Policy

### METHODS OF PAYMENT

Northwest College accepts cash, checks, money orders; VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards. Pay in the Business Office or by mail, telephone or online at *MyNWC*. [northwestcollege.edu](http://northwestcollege.edu).

### TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

Students may pay tuition and fees any time after registering for classes. **The deadline for payment in full of all charges** (tuition, fees, room, rent, meals) **is the first day of the semester.**

Bills are mailed to students on a regular basis. However it isn't necessary to wait for a bill to pay. View a statement of your account at any time online at *MyNWC*. [northwestcollege.edu](http://northwestcollege.edu). You may also contact the Business Office for balances or other account questions.

Any student with an unpaid balance and not on a payment plan is subject to withdrawal from all classes 30 days after the semester begins. If withdrawn for non-payment, the student remains responsible for the entire balance owed, with interest charged monthly at a rate of 1 percent (12 percent annual rate).

Unpaid accounts are sent to a collection agency for withdrawn students who still have a balance 30 days after withdrawal.

Students residing on campus who have been withdrawn from classes are checked out of their rooms or apartments and their meal plans are discontinued.

Registration in classes and transmission of transcripts are services provided to students who have paid Northwest College in full.

Students who register for classes but decide not to attend must notify the Registrar in writing or via e-mail ([registrar@northwestcollege.edu](mailto:registrar@northwestcollege.edu)) within the first 10 percent of the semester to avoid tuition and fee charges. See the refund policy below or the *Semester Class Schedule* for specific dates and amounts of refunds.

## Refund Policy

Refunds are made by check every Friday. Please be sure the Registrar has your correct address.

Students who preregister for classes but decide not to attend must notify the Registrar in writing or via e-mail (*registrar@northwestcollege.edu*) during the first 10 percent of the semester to avoid tuition and fees charges. The effective date of withdrawal is the date notification is received by the Registrar.

### REFUND SCHEDULE

Students who officially withdraw before 10 percent of the semester has elapsed receive a full refund of tuition and fees. Thereafter, students who withdraw from school or drop classes receive refunds based on the following schedule. Exact dates are in the *Semester Class Schedule*.

#### First 10 percent of Semester

- 100 percent refund of tuition and fees
- 90 percent refund of residence hall charges
- Meal plans and apartment rent are prorated based upon checkout date

#### First 11-25 percent of Semester

- 50 percent refund of tuition (fees not refundable)
- No refunds of residence hall charges or meal plans, or apartment rent

#### After 25 percent of Semester

- No refund of tuition, fees, residence hall charges, meal plans, or apartment rent

Students who receive Federal Financial Aid are subject to *The Return to Federal Title IV Funds Policy*. See page 12.

**Dropping Courses.\*** Students with 11.5 or fewer credit hours who decrease their credit hours by dropping a course receive a refund of tuition and course fees based upon the above schedules.

*\*Notify the Registrar in writing of your intention to drop a course or withdraw. The drop or withdrawal date is the date written notice is received by the Registrar.*

Students who decrease their credit hours **but retain 12 or more** receive a refund of course fees based upon the above schedules.

Refunds for classes meeting less than a full semester have a prorated refund period.

### CREDIT BALANCES

Credit balances on any Northwest College account may be used to satisfy any outstanding amount due on any other NWC account. Credit balances under \$5 are absorbed.

## Golden Age

Park County residents 60 years of age or older qualify to have tuition waived for up to six credit hours per semester. Fees are not waived. Participants must enroll in credit classes. Audited, noncredit and workforce development classes do not qualify. To obtain a Golden Age tuition waiver, contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

Golden Age cards are also available. The cards admit holders to most college social, cultural and athletic events without charge, and to the Johnson Fitness Center and selected events at reduced rates. To obtain a Golden Age card, contact the Enrollment Services Office.

## Financial Aid

Northwest believes students who wish to pursue educational goals should not be denied access to a college education. Through scholarships, federal aid, and other programs, NWC attempts to assist students in covering education-related expenses.

## Scholarships

About 84 percent of Northwest's student body received a scholarship in 2007. The average scholarship amount was \$1,296. Northwest's comprehensive scholarship program features an online application process which opens in September each year. Degree-seeking students are encouraged to apply early.

### SPECIFIC NWC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Trapper Scholarship Program
- Academic Scholarship
- Activity-Talent Scholarship
- Athletic Scholarship
- Math & Science, Technology, Engineering Reinforcement (MASTER) Scholarship
- Daniels Fund Opportunity Scholarship Program

### HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Wyoming's Hathaway scholarship program provides merit and need-based scholarships for Wyoming students attending Northwest.

### WUE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

See page 8 for details about the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program.

Get more information about NWC, WUE, and Hathaway scholarships and eligibility requirements at the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office or online at *northwestcollege.edu/scholarships*.

## Federal Aid

Federal aid programs at NWC include three categories:

- **grants** – need-based aid students don't have to repay, such as Federal Pell, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity (FSEOG), Academic Competitiveness (ACG), and Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAPP),
- **loans** – where students and/or parents borrow low-interest funds through the Federal Family Education Loan Program such as the Stafford or Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and
- **employment** – on-campus work through the Federal Work Study program (pays at least the federal minimum wage) for degree-seeking students enrolled in six or more credits.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants for federal aid must be NWC degree-seeking students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet additional requirements. While there is no absolute deadline, students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after January 1 to ensure funds are available when classes start. NWC's priority application deadline is April 1. Complete the FAFSA application online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Get more information about federal aid resources, eligibility requirements, and application procedures at the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office or online at [northwestcollege.edu/financialaid](http://northwestcollege.edu/financialaid). More information about financial aid policies and student consumer information is available online at [northwestcollege.edu/fapolicy](http://northwestcollege.edu/fapolicy). NWC's Federal School Code is 003931.

## STANDARDS OF PROGRESS FOR ALL FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

In compliance with federal regulations, NWC has a *Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy* that must be met by students who receive funding from any of the federal financial aid programs. The policy is available:

- online at [northwestcollege.edu/financial-aid/policy](http://northwestcollege.edu/financial-aid/policy),
- with award letters, and
- at the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

## RETURN OF FUNDS POLICY

*The Return to Federal Title IV Funds Policy* overrides the *Northwest College Refund Policy* in cases where students have been awarded federal funds. If a student applies for and receives a federal aid award but...

- does not register for class,
- registers but does not attend, or
- withdraws, drops out, or otherwise cancels his/her registration on or before the first day of classes, then

all federal aid offered to the student for that semester will be cancelled.

Students who withdraw, drop out, or are expelled or administratively withdrawn after the first day of classes are subject to *The Return to Federal Title IV Funds Policy*. They may be required to repay a portion or all of the funding they received.

*The Return to Federal Title IV Funds Policy* includes more details about unearned funds, calculation of refunds, and other requirements for federal aid programs. The policy is available:

- online at [northwestcollege.edu/financial-aid/policy](http://northwestcollege.edu/financial-aid/policy), or
- at the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

## Other Financial Aid

### EMPLOYMENT

**The Student Employment Program** at Northwest College is large. Degree-seeking students enrolled in six or more credit hours are eligible to apply for on-campus jobs which pay at least the federal minimum wage. Get more information online at [northwestcollege.edu/financialaid/types](http://northwestcollege.edu/financialaid/types).

**The Work-Based Learning Office** helps students find temporary, part-time, and full-time employment while attending college. Get more information online at [northwestcollege.edu/wbl](http://northwestcollege.edu/wbl).

**The Powell Workforce Center** of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services is located on campus and offers:

- job listings; get more information online at [wyomingatwork.com](http://wyomingatwork.com),
- resume writing, interviewing, and other job search skills training,
- access to the WIA Adult Training Programs which may cover college expenses for new students completing an Associate of Applied Science degree or certificate in two years,
- help with unemployment benefit services, and
- labor market information.

### VETERANS' BENEFITS

Veterans are encouraged to apply for G.I. Bill education benefits 60 days prior to

enrollment to ensure funds are available when classes start (apply online at [vba.va.gov](http://vba.va.gov), or get an application from the NWC Registrar).

Continuing veterans must contact the Registrar upon registration to ensure timely certification. The state of Wyoming also provides a variety of education benefits for veterans and members of the National Guard. Get more information at the Registrar's Office, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, or online at [northwestcollege.edu/financialaid](http://northwestcollege.edu/financialaid).

## STATE OF WYOMING ASSISTANCE

The state of Wyoming provides a variety of education benefits to the following:

- U.S. military veterans and their spouses and dependents,
- National Guard members and their spouses and dependents,
- surviving spouses/dependents of EMTs, peace officers and firefighters, and
- nursing students.