

Expenses

The ESF tuition and college fee structure is set by the State University of New York Board of Trustees and generally covers the costs associated with instruction and the use of facilities and services at the College.

Tuition

The tuition schedule *per semester* and the fees listed below are **subject to change**.

	NYS Resident Students	Out-of-State Students
Undergraduate Matriculated		
Full-time	\$2,635.00	\$7,160.00
Part-time	\$220/credit hour	\$597/credit hour
Graduate Matriculated		
Full-time	\$4,435.00	\$7,580.00
Part-time	\$370/credit hour	\$632/credit hour
Maximum Total Tuition for 12 Credit Hours or More		
Undergraduate	\$2,635	\$7,160
Graduate	\$4,435	\$7,160

Residency

For purposes of tuition, “residence” refers to the principal or permanent home to which the student returns. Students who believe they qualify as New York residents may apply for a change in residency after they are accepted by ESF. Application forms are available in the Office of Business Affairs.

Fees

Application

Students who apply for admission to an undergraduate program at any State University of New York campus are charged a non-refundable application fee of \$50. For more information about the fee, and guidelines for exemptions, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at SUNY-ESF.

Students who apply for admission to a graduate program at ESF are charged a non-refundable application fee of \$60.

College Fee

The College fee is \$12.50 per semester for full-time students and 85 cents per credit hour for part-time students. For tuition purposes, students are considered full-time when they are enrolled in 12 credit hours or more.

Student Activities

Each full-time undergraduate student is charged \$147 per year (\$73.50 per semester) to cover the cost of student activities at the College and part-time matriculated students are charged \$6.15 per credit hour.

Full-time graduate students are charged an activity fee of \$50 in the fall only. Part-time matriculated graduate students are charged \$10 per semester. Full-time graduate students who enter ESF in the spring semester are charged a \$10 student activities fee.

Students also pay an annual fee to Syracuse University to cover university-sponsored activities and services that are available to ESF students, but not duplicated at the College. These fees are \$36 for full-time undergraduate students and \$15 for full-time graduate students and are charged in the fall only.

Part-time matriculated undergraduate students are charged \$19.10 per year and part-time matriculated graduate students are charged \$10 per year at fall registration only.

Syracuse University does not charge an activities fee for non-matriculated undergraduate or graduate students.

Intercollegiate Athletics Fee

All full-time undergraduate students enrolled at the Syracuse campus are charged \$30 per semester to partially offset the costs of the College’s intercollegiate athletics program. Part-time matriculated undergraduates are charged the prorated fee of \$2.50 per credit hour.

Orientation Program

New students will be charged a fee to cover the cost of a college orientation program. The fee is \$60 for undergraduates and \$25 for graduates. This is a voluntary activity and students who choose not to attend may request a refund.

Student Support Services

All full-time students are charged \$203.50 per semester to partially offset the cost of academic and other support services provided by Syracuse University, while part-time students are charged \$17.60 per credit hour.

Final Year

Undergraduate students pay a commencement fee of \$60 that is required at the beginning of the semester in which a student is expected to obtain a degree.

All undergraduates are also charged \$30 for a school yearbook in the fall semester and a \$10 senior gift charge the semester they are expected to graduate.

Graduate students incur additional costs for the binding and archiving of theses and dissertations. Fees for these services are determined in the semester of degree completion. Students will be charged a \$35 commencement activity fee upon matriculation.

Field Trip Fees

A transportation fee of \$40 is charged for each course that has a field trip component to cover costs of transporting students to off-campus sites.

Drop/Add Fee

A fee of \$20 is assessed for each drop and each add transaction after the drop or add deadlines. See the "Academic Calendar" for the dates.

International Student Health Insurance

ESF students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents are required by SUNY policies to maintain comprehensive health insurance with medical evacuation and repatriation coverage for themselves (and their dependents in the United States) for the duration of their ESF program of study. International students are automatically enrolled in the [SUNY Health Insurance Plan](#) (\$1089.75 for 2010-2011 academic year) unless proof of comparable health insurance is provided to the Bursar's Office within 30 days of the start of each semester.

Technology Fee

A fee of \$13.10 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$157 per semester is assessed to maintain and enhance the College's computer infrastructure and online services provided to students.

Official Transcript Fee

All students, including matriculated, non-matriculated, full time and part time, are assessed a fee of \$5 per semester. This guarantees students access to unlimited lifetime transcripts.

Terms of Payment

Undergraduate Deposit

New undergraduate students pay an advance payment deposit of up to \$400 after they are admitted to the College. Information on when the deposit is due, as well as refund guidelines, is sent to students at the time they are offered admission. The deposit is credited to the student's first semester tuition or housing charges. There is no advance payment deposit required for students accepted for graduate study.

Billing

Beginning with the fall 2011 semester, SUNY-ESF will no longer provide paper semester bills. All billing and payment information (including the Monthly Payment Plan) will be accessible through www.esf.edu/bursar/. The semester bills will be available on July 1 for the fall semester (pending final approval of annual tuition charges); December 1 for the spring semester and May 1 for the summer semester. Payment is due within 30 days from the first access date of the bill. The College will send the student an e-mail telling him or her to access his or her bill online. ESF will bill tuition and fees for all students and room charges for Centennial Hall for students who reside there. Students housed in Syracuse University residence halls will be billed by the University. All students who contract for a Syracuse University meal plan (including students housed in Centennial Hall) will be billed by the University.

Late Payment Fee

A late payment fee ranging from \$30 to \$50 will be charged each time a monthly statement is issued. The maximum will not exceed four late payment fees.

Insufficient Funds

Individuals will be assessed a charge of \$20 for checks returned unpaid due to insufficient funds.

Refunds

A student who is given permission to cancel registration is liable for payment of tuition in accordance with the following schedule:

Liability During Semester

- 1st week: 0%
- 2nd week: 30%
- 3rd week: 50%

- 4th week: 70%
- 5th week: 100%

In order to receive a refund of amounts paid over the liability, individuals must apply within one year after the end of the semester for which the tuition was paid. The first day that classes are offered, as scheduled by the College, shall be considered the first day of the semester, and the first week of classes for purposes of refunds shall be deemed to have ended when seven calendar days, including the first day of scheduled classes, have elapsed.

There is no tuition or fee liability for a student who withdraws to enter military service prior to the end of a semester for those courses for which the student does not receive academic credit.

A student who is dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons prior to the end of a semester is liable for all tuition and fees due for that semester.

A student who cancels registration at a unit of the State University of New York and within the same semester registers at another unit of the state system is entitled to full credit for tuition and fees paid for that semester.

In situations where a student must withdraw from the College under circumstances in which the denial of a refund would create serious hardship, the College president or the vice president for administration can waive the normal refund schedule. Such action can be taken if the student has completed no more than one-half of the semester and will not receive academic credit for the semester. A written request for relief from the provisions of the refund schedule, including the reasons for the student's withdrawal, must be submitted to the College president or the vice president for administration.

Other Costs

Room Costs

Centennial Hall is a 452-bed residence hall owned and operated by the ESF College Foundation to provide student housing for undergraduate students enrolled at SUNY-ESF. All full-time students entering the College as freshmen are assigned housing in Centennial Hall and must reside there for their first year, unless they qualify for a commuter housing waiver (as determined by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions).

New students entering the College as undergraduate transfer students may also apply for student housing through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Housing will be provided on a space available basis, and transfer students may be offered housing in Centennial Hall or in a Syracuse University residence hall, depending upon availability.

Students continuing their enrollment as sophomores, juniors, or seniors at ESF may apply for housing in Centennial Hall by contacting the Centennial Hall Management Office.

For the 2011-12 academic year, the room charges (per student) in Centennial Hall are:

- 2 student/1bedroom/1bathroom (new students): \$3,689 per semester
- 2 student/2bedroom/1bathroom suite: \$4,071 per semester
- 4 student/4 bedroom/2bathroom apartment: \$852 per month (12-month leases required)

Entering transfer students housed on the Syracuse University campus are normally assigned housing in the South Campus Skyhalls residence hall complex. Room charges (per person) for a double room in the Skyhalls for 2011-12 totals \$3,535 per semester (including required communications fee). Continuing ESF upperclassmen may qualify for additional residence hall or apartment housing options at Syracuse University and should contact the Office of Housing, Meal Plan and I.D. Card Services at 315-443-2721 to request additional information about costs and availability.

Students housed in Centennial Hall will receive a bill from the ESF Bursar's Office for their charges. Students housed at Syracuse University will receive a bill from the University for their housing charges.

Board (Meal Plan) Costs

All meal plans for ESF students are provided through Syracuse University. Students with a meal plan are able to eat in any of six dining halls at SU. The Sadler Dining Hall is located very close to Centennial Hall and the ESF Campus.

Freshmen-year students living in Centennial Hall are required to contract with SU Dining Services for a 14-, 19-, or 21-meals-per-week plan. The most popular choice is the 14-meal plan, which costs \$3,120 per semester for the 2011-12 academic year. Students living in two-bedroom suites in Centennial Hall are required to contract for a minimum of seven meals per week (\$2,230 per semester for 2011-12) but may contract for a larger plan. Students living in Centennial Hall apartments (with kitchens) are not required to have a meal plan.

Additional information about meal plans and costs is available from the SU Office of Housing, Meal Plan and I.D. Card Services at <http://housingmealplans.syr.edu/>. Students contracting for meal plans will receive a bill directly from Syracuse University.

Program Expenses

The cost of books and supplies is approximately \$1,200 per year. Additional costs for personal expenses, clothing and transportation vary greatly from student to student, but are estimated to range from \$900 to \$1,600 per year.

Several programs at ESF include additional costs. Students majoring in forest resources management attend a seven-week Summer Session in Field Forestry at the Wanakena campus between the sophomore and junior years. Environmental and forest biology majors attend the summer field experience at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station at the end of their junior year.

The Summer Session in Field Forestry costs approximately \$1,820, while the program at Cranberry Lake costs \$465 a week, plus travel and personal expenses.

Field trips for landscape architecture students range between \$300 and \$400. In addition, students enrolled in landscape architecture are required to spend one semester off campus. This is a self-designed and student-budgeted program. Costs do not necessarily exceed those of a semester on campus, but additional costs are often incurred depending upon the location chosen. These additional costs are the responsibility of the student and are not covered by financial aid.

Additional course fees for labs provided by Syracuse University will be billed separately by SU. They are typically \$20/semester for chemistry labs and \$40/semester for physics labs.

The Ranger School Expenses

Please see the [Ranger School](#) page for detailed expenses for The Ranger School at the Wanakena campus.