

## COLLEGE COSTS (2016-17)

(Please visit our Web site at [www.central.edu](http://www.central.edu) or call us toll free at 877-462-3687 to receive a copy of our current tuition, room, board and fees.)

### Tuition, room, board, fees

Students entering fall semester 2016-17 will be charged tuition (based on a flat amount for 12-18 credits), room, board and fees. Students may choose the board plan that fits their needs.

The charges given in the table below are for 2016-17. Charges for 2017-18 will be determined in January 2017. For more information, call toll free 877-462-3687, and request a printed copy of Central's fees for 2016-17.

	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Total
Tuition (12-18 credits)	\$ 17,306.00	\$ 17,306.00	\$34,612.00
Board (20-meal plan)	2,544.00	2,544.00	5,088.00
Board (14-meal plan)	2,416.00	2,416.00	4,832.00
Room (normal occupancy)	2,446.00	2,446.00	4,892.00
Totals (20-meal plan)	\$ 22,296.00	\$ 22,296.00	\$44,592.00
(14-meal plan)	\$ 22,168.00	\$ 22,168.00	\$44,336.00

### Tuition

Tuition is \$17,306.00 for 12 semester hours and \$1442.17 per semester hour for those credits outside the 12-18 semester hours that constitute the normal academic load. For example, a part-time student who elects to carry 10 semester hours of credit will be charged \$14,421.70 for tuition (10 x \$1442.17). A full-time student who elects to carry 19 credits of non-tuition exempt credit (see overload policy below) will be charged \$18,748.17 (\$17,306.00 plus \$1442.17) for the extra semester hour of credit.

### Overload

Students who wish to register for more than 18 semester hours will need permission from the registrar's office unless they are enrolled in one or more of the following overload-exempt courses: group ensembles (MUSG courses), .5 credits study abroad pre-departure and re-entry courses (GENR-225), 1-2 credits Central teachers academy internships (EDUC-397), honors enrichment courses, senior honors thesis courses/projects, honors seminar (HONR-191), private music instruction (MUSL courses; instructional fee still applies).

### Room

The basic charge for all on-campus residence units is \$2,446 per semester. The general rule is two persons per room. An additional charge of \$224 per semester is assessed for a private room.

### Board

Two meal plans are offered: a 20-meal plan (no Sunday morning breakfast) and a 14-meal plan. The 2016-17 rate for the 20-meal plan is \$2,544 per semester; the 14-meal plan is \$2,416. A commuter meal plan is available for students living off campus. A commuter meal plan can be purchased for \$325 and includes 50 meals.

### Additional fees

Additional fees include:

Monthly payment plan fee	\$25
Monthly payment plan fee-paperless option	No Charge
Glassblowing I and II fee	\$120
Ceramics I and II fee	\$100
Science lab	\$100
Student teaching fee	\$100
Student teaching fee (special-permission off site)	\$500
Audit, general (above or below block per semester hour)	\$75
Outdoor Pursuits class (EXSC 342)	\$150
Athletic Training/Exercise Science Clinical Laboratory Fee	\$ 50

### Textbooks

The cost of text and reference books varies, depending on the courses taken. New, rentals, or e-books are available on Central's website. The average estimated cost is \$1253 for the 2016-17 academic year.

## Private/Group music lessons

Students who schedule a private or group music lesson will be charged the following music lesson fees.

1-credit private (weekly ½ hour private lesson):	\$240.00
1-credit class (weekly group lesson):	\$110.00
Organ Practice time/week	\$10.00

## Student insurance

Central College no longer requires students who are citizens of the United States to be covered by a health insurance plan; however, we know that medical bills due to illness and accident can be overwhelming. If you are in need of short term health insurance, go to <https://www.1stagency.com/shortterm.php> and review short term plans available. Students are responsible for selecting the appropriate short term plan and making payments directly to the appropriate carrier. Central College does not endorse plans listed.

## Off-campus programs

Central has study abroad programs in Austria, Spain, England, Wales, Ghana, and Mexico. Central also has programs in Chicago and Washington, D.C. The basic cost of study abroad programs includes tuition, fees, room, excursions and cultural events. Students provide their own transportation to and from the off-campus programs and other expenses. Please contact the controller's office for costs for the Washington, D.C. and Chicago programs. Costs for the 2016-2017 academic year are available by contacting the study abroad office.

Central funded scholarships and grants, federal and state gift aid and federal student loans for which the student is eligible will be available to Central students for a maximum of two semesters for Central's study abroad programs.

## Refund policy for official withdrawal from college

Students are required to officially withdraw from Central College if they wish to receive a refund of institutional charges and avoid having failing grades posted to their academic record. Students should contact the registrar's office to begin the withdrawal process. Students studying on a Central College study abroad program should consult the appropriate program handbook for withdrawal and refund policy information.

Students studying on the Pella, Chicago or Washington D.C. campuses who officially withdraw prior to completing 60 percent of the semester will receive a refund of institutional charges for tuition, room, board and fees based on the percentage of the semester that has not been completed. Financial aid will be returned to the federal, state and Central programs based on the same percentage. Federal sources of financial aid will be returned to the programs from which the student received aid during the payment period in the following order: Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, PLUS Loans, Pell Grants, Academic Competitiveness Grant, National Smart Grants, and SEOG Grants. Outside scholarships will remain on the student account unless it creates an over-award situation or the donor specifically requests a refund. All work study earned will be paid to the student. Students who withdraw during the semester will be charged an additional \$100 administrative fee.

After the 60 percent point in the semester, no refund will be granted, nor will financial aid be reduced. The portion of the semester completed is based on calendar days from the first day of the semester through the last scheduled day of finals, including weekends and mid-semester breaks of less than five days. For example – if the student completes 20 percent of the term, the student would only be charged for 20 percent of the tuition, room, board and fees and would only receive 20 percent of the financial aid other than outside scholarships and work study.

Students studying on a Central College study abroad program will have their federal and state financial aid refunded based on the percentage of the term that has not been completed as stated above. Students should consult the appropriate program handbook concerning the policy for a refund of charges.

## Refund policy for unofficial withdrawal from college

Students are responsible for officially withdrawing from Central if they choose to leave or stop attending. Students who do not officially withdraw due to illness, accident, grievous personal loss or other circumstances beyond the student's control will have their institutional charges and financial aid adjusted in accordance with the refund policy stated above. The associate dean of academic affairs will determine the date that most accurately reflects when the student ceased academic attendance due to circumstances beyond their control.

A refund of institutional charges will not be granted to other students who make a choice to stop attending without officially withdrawing from college. Additionally, if the student received Federal Title IV financial aid funds, Central College is required by law to comply with the federal programs Return of Title IV Funds Policy. Central is required to review any student who fails all courses as a possible unofficial withdrawal. If we cannot document that the student was in attendance at class through the 60 percent point in the semester, the student's federal financial aid will be returned to the appropriate programs based on the midpoint of the payment (enrollment) period. This means that 50 percent of the student's federal financial aid must be returned to the federal programs in the order stated above. Students will very likely have a balance due on their student account resulting from financial aid refunds without a corresponding refund of institutional charges. Students will have a period of 14 calendar days after the unofficial withdrawal determination is made to appeal and document their attendance in class after the 60 percent point in the term. If the appeal is granted, none of the aid will be refunded.

### **Refund policy for suspension and dismissal**

Students who are suspended or dismissed must vacate their rooms within 24 hours. No tuition, room, board or fees will be refunded. If a dismissed student received federal Title IV financial aid and is dismissed prior to completing 60 percent of the semester, the federal aid programs will be refunded in accordance with federal policies and based on the percentage of the semester not completed.

### **Registration and housing deposit**

For returning students who wish to reserve courses for the following academic year and live on campus, his/her student account must be paid in full, with an additional \$25 nonrefundable deposit for course reservations and \$200 nonrefundable deposit for housing. The credits are applied against the student's account.

### **Payment of accounts**

Student accounts are payable on the published due date each semester. Satisfactory arrangements must be made with the controller's office if full payment cannot be made on the payment date. Students will not be admitted to class unless accounts are paid in full or they have made satisfactory payment arrangements. Interest will be assessed against unpaid balances. Students who have not completed verification by the end of the drop and add period each semester will be charged interest on any unpaid balances.

Transcripts will be withheld until all accounts with the college are settled.

### **SAFE accounts**

Central students may make deposits into a SAFE account any time. The college will pay an interest rate and automatically make transfers to cover tuition costs on registration day. Contact the controller's office for additional information.

### **Monthly payment plans**

A monthly payment plan is available to Central College students. An annual fee of \$25 is required for the paper option. There is no charge for the paperless option. For more information on the paperless option and an application, contact the controller's office.

### **Liability waiver**

The college does not carry insurance on personal property of faculty members, staff, students or other workers while on campus and is not responsible for the loss or damage of such property.