



2025-26 Cost of Attendance/Budget BFA

Cost of Attendance (COA) or Budget

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There isn't a maximum SAI that determines eligibility for other financial aid programs. Instead, your SAI is used in the following equation to determine your financial need

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA/Budget)} \\ - \text{Student Aid Index (SAI)} \\ \hline = \text{Remaining Need (Remaining eligibility for funds)} \end{array}$$

BREAKDOWN OF THE 2025-26 STUDENT BUDGETS

ITEMS	FULL-TIME OFF CAMPUS	FULL-TIME ON CAMPUS	FULL-TIME W/PARENTS
Tuition ¹	\$39,376	\$39,376	\$39,376
Room & Board	\$22,752	\$20,343	\$11,835
Books & Supplies ²	\$2,324	\$2,324	\$2,324
Transportation	\$1,989	\$1,251	\$1,818
Other Educational Costs/ Miscellaneous	\$5,067	\$3,285	\$4,140
TOTAL	\$71,508	\$66,579	\$59,493

¹ - Based on fulltime enrollment: 12-18 units per term.

²- Estimate.

Laptop Allowance ³	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
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³- Laptop Allowance estimate for new students only.



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BREAKDOWN OF THE 2025-26 STUDENT BUDGETS

ITEMS	FULL-TIME OFF CAMPUS	1 SEMESTER
Tuition ¹	\$41,738	\$20,869
Room & Board	\$22,752	\$11,376
Books & Supplies ²	\$2,324	\$1,162
Transportation	\$1,989	\$995
Other Educational Costs/ Miscellaneous	\$5,067	\$2,534
TOTAL	\$73,870	\$36,936

¹- Based on full-time enrollment of 15 units a semester.

²- Estimate.



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MFA Game Design

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ITEMS	FULL-TIME OFF CAMPUS
Tuition ¹	\$45,456
Room & Board	\$22,752
Books & Supplies ²	\$2,324
Transportation	\$1,989
Other Educational Costs/ Miscellaneous	\$5,067
TOTAL	\$77,588

¹- Based on full-time enrollment of 15 units a semester.

²- Estimate.