

FAQs Undergraduate Nonresident Tuition Guarantee

What is the guarantee?

Students are automatically placed in a tuition guarantee group based on their first term enrolled at CU Boulder as a degree- or licensure-seeking nonresident on-campus student. The tuition guarantee group covers both new freshmen and transfers and is not affected by class standing at entry. "On-campus" excludes students on study abroad and students taking only continuing education courses (also called extended studies courses).

Nonresident undergraduate students do not need to take any action to participate in the tuition guarantee program.

Who qualifies for the guarantee?

Nonresident undergraduate students seeking a degree or licensure who enrolled on or after Fall 2005. Class standing at entry is irrelevant; it can be freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, 5th year senior, or undergraduate certificate student in Education.

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Graduate level tuition, Continuing Education tuition, and study abroad tuition are not covered by the guarantee.

What is included in the guarantee?

The program covers tuition. (A flat rate is charged for 1-18 credit hours for fall and spring. Summer tuition is charged per credit hour.)

What costs are not included in the guarantee?

The undergraduate nonresident tuition guarantee does not include mandatory fees, course and program fees unique to your course of study or other fees such as health insurance, room and board, parking permits, residential academic programs (RAP), and other optional fees.

How does the program work?

Each tuition guarantee group will have a guaranteed tuition rate table for four calendar years. The following table outlines groups of the undergraduate nonresident tuition guarantee program through 2016 entry.

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus nonresident undergraduate	Tuition guarantee group and rate table	Rate table effective	
		From	Through
Spring 2006 or earlier	A	Fall 2005	Summer 2009
Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007	B	Fall 2006	Summer 2010
Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008	C	Fall 2007	Summer 2011
Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009	D	Fall 2008	Summer 2012
Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010	E	Fall 2009	Summer 2013
Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011	F	Fall 2010	Summer 2014
Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012	G	Fall 2011	Summer 2015
Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013	H	Fall 2012	Summer 2016
Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014	I	Fall 2013	Summer 2017
Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015	J	Fall 2014	Summer 2018
Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016	K	Fall 2015	Summer 2019
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	Fall 2019	Summer 2023
Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021	P	Fall 2020	Summer 2024

The Board of Regents reserves the right to change tuition rates at any time.

Students entering in summer will be charged for that summer term according to the immediately prior rate table, then move to the rate table associated with their tuition group for fall and subsequent terms. E.g., students entering Summer 2012 will pay Table G charges in Summer '12, then move to Table H through Summer 2016.

What if I transfer to a school or college within CU Boulder that has a different tuition rate (for example, from Arts and Sciences to Business)?

Students will pay the rate for the new school or college listed in the tuition rate table for their guarantee group. What if it takes longer than four years to graduate?

What if it takes longer than four years to graduate or what if I leave CU Boulder during the four-year period and return later?

Students remain in the same tuition guarantee group until the end of the summer term of their fourth year (see table above for term dates). When the tuition rate table associated with any given group expires, students in that group who are still enrolled will be charged the rate of the next group for one year following, incrementing one group or rate table per year. For example, students in group A were charged rate table A through summer 2009, then rate table B for one year (2009-10), rate table C for the following year (2010-11), and so on. Students in group B were charged rate table C for 2010-11, table D for 2011-12, and so on.

Continuous enrollment is not required but your guarantee group can change. The guarantee rate expires in four calendar years regardless of the number of terms a student is enrolled in in that period. If you re-apply after your initial guarantee period, your first term of enrollment after re-admitting will determine your new guarantee group.

Nonresident graduating seniors (undergraduates in any school or major) who have exactly one or two courses required to earn their bachelor's degree and enroll in only those courses (at least one on Boulder Main Campus), may be eligible to be charged tuition on a per-credit-hour basis. For more information, see the Nonresident Senior Tuition Appeal.

How does this affect me if I am already a student at CU Boulder when the guarantee goes into effect?

New and continuing nonresident undergraduates enrolled in terms through spring 2006 were all placed in tuition "Group A" with published rates for 2005-06 guaranteed for those students through summer 2009. How does the guarantee impact transfer students?

What if I defer enrollment?

Students who are admitted for a term but defer enrollment to a later term will be placed in a tuition guarantee group based on their first term of enrollment. For example, a student admitted for Fall 2005 who deferred and first enrolled in Fall 2006 was in tuition guarantee group B.

Continuous enrollment is not required, but the guarantee rate expires in four calendar years regardless of the number of terms a student is enrolled in that period.

How does the guarantee impact transfer students?

Transfer students will be assigned to the incoming group upon entry to CU Boulder and pay that group rate for the next four years.