

Course Fees 2019/20

Course fees are charged per year of your degree programme and will increase by an inflationary amount of 3% per year.

- The cost per 60 credits in 2019/20 will be £2,000

What financial support is available?

A new support package has been introduced by the Welsh Government to help Welsh domiciled students with the cost of studying part-time. New students starting their course in 2019/20 will be entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan as well as a Welsh Government Learning Grant and Maintenance Loan:-

- **Tuition Fee Loan:** a Tuition Fee Loan is available to cover the **full** cost of your part-time course fees (the loan is paid direct to the University)
- **Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG):** a new 'means tested' grant to help with living costs, such as books, food, rent, travel and other associated costs whilst you are studying. The maximum amount available for studying 60 credits is £3,000 the amount of grant you are awarded is based on the number of credits you study and your household income.
- **Maintenance Loan:** you can also apply for a maintenance loan to top up your WGLG to an overall total of **£3,407.50**

Please see example of WGLG/Maintenance Loan entitlements below based on household income and studying 60 credits (please refer to the SFW website for the full range of household income and intensity rates).

Number of credits	Household Income	WGLG	Maintenance Loan	Total
60	£25,000 or less	£3,000	£407.50	£3,407.50
60	£45,000	£1,538.50	£1,869	£3,407.50
60	£59,200 or more	£500	£2,907.50	£3,407.50

- Student Finance Wales will work out how much WGLG you are eligible for and the balance awarded as a Maintenance Loan.
- Both the WGLG and Maintenance Loan are paid direct to you in three instalments (usually two weeks after the start of each term).
- The WGLG does not need to be repaid unless you leave the course early or are overpaid.
- You will need to repay your Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan; repayment will commence the April four years after the start of your

course and if your income is over the repayment threshold (currently £25,725 a year) or the April after you finish the course if you leave early.

- Students with settled status and normally living in Wales will also be eligible for the new support package.
- EU Students will be entitled to the Tuition Fee Loan only.
- There is no age limit for the Tuition Fee Loan or Welsh Government Learning Grant however the Maintenance Loan is only available to student's aged 60 or below.
- If you already have a UK Honours degree, you won't normally be eligible for student finance for another HE programme.

If you do not wish to take out a Tuition Fee loan you can pay your fees in three equal instalments by setting up a Direct Debit at enrolment (the instalment dates are mid November 2019, February 2020 and May 2020) alternatively you can pay the fee costs in full at enrolment.

How to apply?

- You can apply online via Student Finance Wales (studentfinancewales.co.uk) from June 2019.

Additional support available for new and returning students:

- If you are studying 60 credits you may also be entitled to extra financial support if you have children, an adult dependent or a disability (for DSA you must be studying at least 30 credits). This extra help includes:-
 - Childcare Grant (CCG)
 - Parents' Learning Allowance (PLA)
 - Adult Dependants' Grant (ADG)
 - Disabled Student's Allowances (DSA)

Please consult Student Finance Wales (studentfinancewales.co.uk) for further information and advice on the above grants and allowances.

- The University also offers a **Fee Bursary** of up to 50% of the total tuition fees for students who are self-funded and not eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan. Application forms are available from the centre of Adult Continuing Education via Janice Brown.
- **The Swansea University Opportunity Award** is available for low-income

students who need extra financial support for their course. Please contact Money@Campus Life (money.campuslife@swansea.ac.uk or 01792 606699) for further information.

IMPORTANT: If you are an International student your Tuition Fees will be £7,050 per 60 credits. You will not be eligible for the new support package and funding from other sources may be limited.

All Part-time degree students are encouraged to complete their studies within six years of commencing by normally taking 60 credits per year.

For further details on all of the above, please contact Mrs Janice Brown on 01792 295499.