

MFA in Professional Writing Tuition and Fees

These figures are unique to the MFA in Professional Writing. Please disregard any “MFA” tuition and fee information you may have seen on the university web site—the information you saw was most likely for the MFA in Painting and Illustration.

The figures represented here are for Fall 08-09 and are likely to increase.

Full-Time Tuition	In-State	Out-of-State
		2188.50
State University Fee	1787	1787
General Student Fee		
Student Activity Fee		
Information Tech. Fee		
Student Health Ins. *	413	413
Residency Fee	805	805
	5193.5	9102.5

*Can be waived with proof of insurance

Part-Time Tuition	Extension Rate (\$428 per credit hour)		
	4 Hours	8 Hours	8-Hour Intersession Plus 8-Hour Semester
	1712	3424	6848
Registration Fee	60	60	60
Residency Fee	805	805	805
	2577	4289	7713

All figures are *per semester*, not per year.

Differences Between Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment in WestConn's MFA in Professional Writing

Definitions

Full-Time: The student is enrolled in 9 or more hours in a given Fall or Spring semester.

Part-Time: The student is enrolled in fewer than 9 hours in a given Fall or Spring semester or is enrolled in a Summer or Winter intersession.

Full-Time

- You pay in-state/out-of-state tuition (see the Tuition and Fees chart).
- You will incur additional fees required by the university (see the Tuition and Fees chart).
- You are eligible for a higher amount of student loans.
- You are eligible for discounted student health insurance through the university, and you are required to carry health insurance.
- You may receive 100% of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for which you are eligible.

Part-Time

- You pay the extension fee rate for tuition (see the Tuition and Fees chart).
- You are eligible for a lower amount of student loans.
- You will not receive the discount on student health insurance through the university, but you are not required to carry health insurance.
- You may receive 50% of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for which you are eligible.
- You may register for the same number of credits as a full-time student (whereas the full-time student would register for 16 hours in the Fall, for example, you would register for 8 in the Summer and 8 in the Fall, and the courses would begin and end concurrently).
- If you are registered for fewer than 6 hours for 6 months or more, your student loan payments will come due (at which time you will either need to make payments until you enroll again or use your one-time payment deferment).

In terms of actual registration, full-time students will register for all hours in the Fall or Spring semester. Part-time students who want to finish the program in two or three years must register for some hours during Summer/Winter intersessions. For example, the differences between FT/PT in the first year of a two-year plan in the program:

- Full-time: 16 hours in the Fall, 16 hours in the Spring
- Part-time: 8 hours in the Summer, 8 hours in the Fall, 8 hours in Winter, 8 hours in the Spring (the Summer/Fall courses run concurrently and Winter/Spring courses run concurrently)

As you can see, from the perspective of the student, there is no practical difference in the workload on the two-year plan—the choice comes down to a matter of determining which combination of factors above is most important to you. On the three- or four-year plan, the differences are more pronounced.

- Example for full-time, 4-year: 16 hours in one semester of each of three successive years, then 12 hours in one semester of the final year
- Example for part-time, 4-year: the student has the option of taking 4-8 hours in any given Fall or Spring term during the four years and may register for some Summer/Winter courses if necessary.