

Room and Board Credit Adjustments Due to Covid-19 Only Fall 2020

Should a large-scale campus closure be necessary this fall, Ursinus will apply the following methodology to calculate the fall 2020 room and board adjustments.

The college will take the combined room and board charges for the fall semester and subtract the *average discount* of college-funded financial aid across all students, which is 50%. (This methodology does not include state, federal, or other outside forms of financial aid.) It is important to understand that nearly all students receive college-funded financial aid—assistance that reduces the *average out-of-pocket amount* by 50%.

Any student who receives zero institutional financial aid will get a 100% pro-rated room and board adjustment based on the total number of completed weeks that students were not in residency. All others will receive \$224 per complete week not in residency, based on the traditional 15-week academic semester. Please note that each new, complete billing week begins every Sunday at 12 a.m.

Fall Room and Board Costs	\$6,765
(Minus) Average College Aid Awarded	\$3,383
Average Room & Board Paid per Semester (Total for 15 weeks)	\$3,383
Per-Week Adjustment based on Amount Paid by Average Student	\$224

Should students not return to campus following Thanksgiving break, incoming first-year and transfer students will not receive any adjustment to room and board. This is due to their early semester start dates. However, the majority of returning students will receive an adjustment for 3 weeks post-Thanksgiving break. For those returning students, the Office of Residence Life will supply the actual arrival dates that determines the total amount of weeks that students have been “in residence.”

Should a student choose to leave the residence hall at any point during the semester for reasons not related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college will apply and enforce its [separation policy](#). Requests for special consideration for COVID-19-related circumstances will be reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Services. Adjustments are not guaranteed in these instances. Medical documentation may be required.

Important: Per mandated federal regulations, any changes in, or reductions to, room and board charges would require a reduction to the total cost of attendance. Last spring, there was flexibility in this regulation; the federal U.S. Department of Education released additional guidances at that time as a result of COVID-19, and institutions did not have to adjust cost of attendance. To date, we have not received a confirmation that an exception will be made to this regulation for the 2020-2021 academic year. Should the institution be required to reduce the cost of attendance, please note that your financial aid package may change to remain within and/or proportional to the new cost of attendance. This may result in a decrease/change to financial aid, including but not limited to institutional, federal and private aid.

Potential Scenarios

Student cannot move-in on time because of COVID-19: If a student must start the semester remotely and not in residency, they will receive a room and board adjustment for \$224 per week for the number of complete weeks not in residency. Confirmed move-in and move-out dates will be used to assess the total number of weeks not in residency.

Student is mandated to leave the residence halls because of COVID-19: If a student must finish the semester remotely, as mandated for health and safety reasons due to COVID-19, they will receive a room and board adjustment for \$224 per week for the number of complete weeks not in residency. Confirmed move-in and move-out dates will be used to assess the total number of weeks not in residency.

Student chooses to leave the residence halls during the semester: If a student chooses to leave the residence halls at any point in the semester and is not required to do so by the institution for reasons related to COVID-19, the college's published separation policy will be enforced.

Student chooses to leave the residence halls because all their individual classes are moved to virtual: If all of a student's courses are moved to remote learning after the start of the semester, and the student chooses to leave the residence halls, they may request special consideration for an adjustment from the Office of Student Financial Services.

Student has to leave for a few weeks during the semester due to illness. Will student be refunded for weeks off campus? In any given semester, students arrive and leave at various times, and we have not adjusted overall billing for those small variations in time on campus. If a student is required to leave campus due to COVID-19 for a period of greater than two complete weeks, they will receive a room and board adjustment for \$224 per week for the number of complete weeks not in residency. Confirmed move-in and move-out dates will be used to assess the total number of weeks not in residency.