Tuition and Fees

The tuition charge for the 2018–2019 academic year is $24,920 for a student enrolled in eight courses in the M.Div., M.A.R., or S.T.M. degree programs. Students who are enrolled in these degree programs for fewer than eight courses at Yale Divinity School will be charged at the rate of $3,115 per course. Nondegree students are charged $3,115 per course. Ph.D. students who are accepted as nondegree researchers will be billed $1,500 per term.

It is expected that students in the M.Div. program will pay tuition for twenty-four courses in order to receive their degree; students in the M.A.R. program will pay tuition for sixteen courses to receive their degree; students in the S.T.M. program will pay tuition for eight courses to receive their degree. Except in cases of students who are in a joint-degree program, or whose credits have been accepted for transfer, each student must pay at least the full tuition for a degree regardless of the number of terms in which the student is enrolled. Students who transfer credit toward a degree and students who are on the expanded plan will be charged according to the number of credits taken during each term. Students will be charged for all work taken in YDS or the University that is used toward fulfilling the requirements for a degree.

Also, the University expects all students enrolled at least half-time to have adequate hospital insurance coverage. As a result, it automatically enrolls such students in Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. The annual cost for such coverage is $2,402 for a single student (see Health Services, in the chapter Yale University Resources and Services). Students with adequate outside coverage may waive Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage.

In addition to the health fee, all degree students are assessed a $500 comprehensive fee. M.A.R. and M.Div. students are charged a board fee of $1,100 to use as a declining balance per year for purchasing food in the Divinity School refectory. The declining balance charge for students enrolled half-time or less (those taking two courses of fewer per term) is $275 per term.

Change of Degree Fee

There will be a $75 fee imposed on students who change their degree program.

Tuition Rebate and Refund Policy

On the basis of the federal regulations governing the return of federal student aid (Title IV) funds for withdrawn students, the rebate and refund of tuition is subject to the following policy.

1. For purposes of determining the refund of federal student aid funds, any student who withdraws from the Divinity School for any reason during the first 60 percent of the term will be subject to a pro rata schedule that will be used to determine the amount of Title IV funds a student has earned at the time of withdrawal. A student who withdraws after the 60 percent point has earned 100 percent of the Title IV funds. In 2018–2019, the last days for refunding federal student aid funds will be November 3, 2018, in the fall term and March 28, 2019, in the spring term.

2. For purposes of determining the refund of institutional aid funds and for students who have not received financial aid:
   a. 100 percent of tuition will be rebated for withdrawals that occur on or before the end of the first 10 percent of the term (September 8, 2018, in the fall term and January 23, 2019, in the spring term).
   b. A rebate of one-half (50 percent) of tuition will be granted for withdrawals that occur after the first 10 percent but on or before the last day of the first quarter of the term (September 25, 2018, in the fall term and February 7, 2019, in the spring term).
   c. A rebate of one-quarter (25 percent) of tuition will be granted for withdrawals that occur after the first quarter of a term but on or before the day of midterm (October 23, 2018, in the fall term and March 3, 2019, in the spring term).
   d. Students who withdraw for any reason after midterm will not receive a rebate of any portion of tuition.

3. The death of a student shall cancel charges for tuition as of the date of death, and the bursar will adjust the tuition on a pro rata basis.

4. If the student has received student loans or other forms of financial aid, funds will be returned in the order prescribed by federal regulations; namely, first to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, if any; then to Federal Perkins Loans; Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans; next to any other federal, state, private, or institutional scholarships and loans; and, finally, any remaining balance to the student.

5. Recipients of federal and/or institutional loans who withdraw are required to have an exit interview before leaving Yale. Students leaving Yale receive instructions on completing this process from Yale Student Financial Services.