

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for most undergraduate online degree programs is \$390 per credit hour. Tuition for the online Bachelor of Science Nursing Completion program is \$380 per credit hour. Tuition for the Master of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration, Master of Science in Leadership, Master of Science in Information and Systems Technology and Master of Public Administration programs is \$540 per credit hour; tuition for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program is \$515 per credit hour; tuition for Accelerated RN to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is \$400 per credit hour; tuition for the Master of Science in Nursing is \$415 per credit hour. Tuition for the Doctor of Business Administration program is \$675 per credit hour.

The total credit hours to complete the Program of Study for which you are applying is provided on page 1 of this application. Tuition does not include an initial one-time application fee of \$50 and fees for books, which vary by course. Tuition and fees may be increased each academic year. Any changes to tuition and fees will be published to students as they are made. Please refer to the Financial Information chapter of the South University catalog for details regarding South University financial information policies. Subject to available financial aid, all charges for tuition and fees are due and payable on or before the registration date for each online quarter. Failure to make proper payment unless otherwise cleared with the business office will result in dismissal from the University.

Refund Policy

Refund of Tuition

Tuition charges are based on the total number of credit hours for which a student is enrolled on the first day of classes (as listed in the University calendar), regardless of program. Refunds or tuition adjustments will be awarded according to the following guidelines:

1. If circumstances prevent matriculation before a student begins attending the University, all tuition charges will be refunded. The application fee will be refunded only if a refund is requested within three days of application.
2. Students who drop before the start date of the course will receive a 100% refund of the total cost of tuition for the course. Tuition refunds after the start of a course are based on weekly attendance.
 - Students who withdraw from their course after attending week 1 will receive a 75% tuition refund.
 - Students who withdraw from their course after attending week 2 will receive a 50% tuition refund.
 - Students who withdraw from their course after attending week 3 will receive a 25% tuition refund.
 - Students who withdraw from their course during or after the 4th week will receive a 0% tuition refund.

Return of Title IV Funds

When a student withdraws from the payment period, the amount of federal financial aid assistance the student earned is determined by a specific formula. Generally, a payment period consists of 18 credits. If the student received less assistance than the amount the student earned, the student may be able to receive those additional funds as a post-withdrawal disbursement. If the student received more assistance than the amount the student earned, the excess funds must be returned by the University and/or the student. The excess funds could result in an overpayment. The amount of assistance the student earned is determined on a rate-of-progression basis. When the student completes more than 60% of the payment period, the student earns all the assistance scheduled for that payment period.

Allocation Order of Refunds

1. Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans
2. Subsidized Federal Direct Loans
3. Federal Perkins Loans
4. Federal PLUS Loans
5. Federal Pell Grants
6. Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant
7. Federal SMART
8. Federal SEOG
9. Federal Teach Grant
10. Other assistance awarded to the student under programs authorized by Title IV
11. Required refunds to other Federal, State, private, or institutional student financial assistance received by the student
12. To the student

Arbitration

Every student at South University agrees that any dispute or claim between the student and South University (or any company affiliated with South University, or any of its officers, directors, trustees, employees or agents) arising out of or relating to a student's enrollment or attendance at South University, whether such dispute arises before, during, or after the student's attendance and whether the dispute is based on contract, tort, statute, or otherwise, shall be, at the student's or South University's election, submitted to and resolved by individual binding arbitration pursuant to the terms described herein. This policy, however, is not intended to modify a student's right, if any, to file a grievance with any state educational licensing agency.

If a student decides to initiate arbitration, the student may select either, JAMS or the National Arbitration Forum ("NAF") to serve as the arbitration administrator pursuant to its rules of procedure. If South University intends to initiate arbitration, it will notify the student in writing by regular mail at the student's latest address on file with South University, and the student will have 20 days from the date of the letter to select one of these organizations as the administrator. If the student fails to select an administrator within that 20 day period, South University will select one.

South University agrees that it will not elect to arbitrate any undividable claim of less than the relevant jurisdictional threshold that a student may bring in small claims court (or in a similar court of limited jurisdiction subject to expedited procedures). If that claim is transferred or appealed to a different court, however, or if a student's claim exceeds the relevant jurisdictional threshold, South University reserves the right to elect arbitration and, if it does so, each student agrees that the matter will be resolved by binding arbitration pursuant to the terms of this Section.

IF EITHER A STUDENT OR SOUTH UNIVERSITY CHOOSES ARBITRATION, NEITHER PARTY WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL, TO ENGAGE IN DISCOVERY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE ARBITRATION RULES, OR OTHERWISE TO LITIGATE THE DISPUTE OR CLAIM IN ANY COURT (OTHER THAN IN SMALL CLAIMS OR SIMILAR COURT, AS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, OR IN AN ACTION TO ENFORCE THE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD). FURTHER, A STUDENT WILL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OR MEMBER OF ANY CLASS OF CLAIMANTS PERTAINING TO ANY CLAIM SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION. THE ARBITRATOR'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING. OTHER RIGHTS THAT A STUDENT OR SOUTH UNIVERSITY WOULD HAVE IN COURT ALSO MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ARBITRATION.

The arbitrator shall have no authority to arbitrate claims on a class action basis, and claims brought by or against a student may not be joined or consolidated with claims brought by or against any other person. Any arbitration hearing shall take place in the federal judicial district in which the student resides. Upon a student's written request, South University will pay the filing fees charged by the arbitration administrator, up to a maximum of \$3,500 per claim. Each party will bear the expense of its own attorneys, experts and witnesses, regardless of which party prevails, unless applicable law gives a right to recover any of those fees from the other party. If the arbitrator determines that any claim or defense is frivolous or wrongfully intended to oppress the other party, the arbitrator may award sanctions in the form of fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the other party (including arbitration administration fees, arbitrators' fees, and attorney, expert and witness fees), to the extent such fees and expenses could be imposed under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Federal Arbitration Act (FAA), 9 U.S.C. §§ 1, et seq., shall govern this arbitration provision. This arbitration provision shall survive the termination of a student's relationship with South University. If a student has a question about the arbitration administrators mentioned above, the student can contact them as follows: JAMS, 45 Broadway, 28th Floor, New York, NY, 10006, www.jamsadr.com, 8003525267; National Arbitration Forum, P.O. Box 50191, Minneapolis, MN, 55405, www.arbforum.com, 800-474-2371.