

Tuition Cost for Academic Year 2009 – 2010

Costs and Financial Aid

Tuition and Fees

The following charges are for each academic semester, effective August 2009. The University of Rio Grande Board of Trustees and/or the Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees reserve(s) the right to make, without prior notice, any fee adjustments that may become necessary.

Community College

There is a limit of 64 credit hours that may be taken at Community College rates. See the Catalog for a full explanation of the policy.

RESIDENTS OF GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS, OR VINTON COUNTY

Tuition

For each credit hour\$99.00

*Fee may vary after the State of Ohio finalizes budget.

Institutional Fee\$14.00

For each credit hour

Technology Fee – Per Semester.....\$110.50

Audit

Same as tuition, institutional fee and technology fee.

RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, BUT OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY DISTRICT

Tuition

For each credit hour\$119.00

*Fee may vary after the State of Ohio finalizes budget.

Institutional Fee\$14.00

For each credit hour

Technology Fee – Per Semester.....\$110.50

Audit

Same as tuition, institutional fee and technology fee.

RESIDENTS OF KENTUCKY WHO RESIDE IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: (Boyd, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason and Rowan)

Tuition

For each credit hour\$119.00

Institutional Fee

For each credit hours.....\$14.00

Technology Fee – Per Semester.....\$110.50

Audit

Same as tuition, institutional fee and technology fee.

OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE

Private University

Tuition – Per Credit Hour less than 12 Hours.....	\$765.00
Tuition – 12-18 Hours.....	\$9,130.00
Tuition – 19+ Hours... additional per credit hour	\$765.00

Graduate Education Fees

Tuition (For each credit hour).....	\$506.00
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Total Living Plan

Room & Board – Per Semester.....	\$3,800.00
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(Meal Plan Options)

Traditional 19 Meal Plan per week with \$50/Points per Semester

210 Block Meal Plan to use over Academic Year with \$100/Points per Semester

150 Block Meal Plan to use over Academic Year with \$150/Points per Semester

Commuter Meal Plan: (Optional for commuter students)

5 Meals (Monday through Friday).....\$400.00

Plan ends Saturday before Final Exam week.

Additional Room Fees

**Single Room (Extra charge per semester)	\$475.00
**Super Single-Double used as a Single (Extra Charge per semester)	\$610.00
**Super Double-Quad used as a Double (Extra Charge per semester)	\$410.00
Advance Room Deposit	\$200.00
Lost Room Key Replacement	\$55.00
Lost Post Office Key Replacement.....	\$17.00

**Single, Super Single and Super Double rooms will come equipped with a refrigerator and microwave.

Summer – Each Session

Undergraduate (Includes Double Occupancy Room and Traditional

19 Meal Plan per week - Required)

Graduate – 4 weeks – Room & Meals

Graduate – 4 weeks – Room only

Special Fees

ACT Examinations.....	\$30.00
Audit, each credit hour.....	\$50.00
Change of registration, each DROP and each ADD.....	\$15.00
Graduation.....	\$110.00
Examination Fee for course in lieu of regular instruction	\$30.00
Credit Recording / Life Experience Fee (PER HOUR).....	\$50.00
Course by Arrangement (Additional charge per credit hour).....	\$200.00
Late Registration Fee	\$43.00
Official Transcript (Mail Out)	\$11.00
Official Transcript (Pick Up).....	\$16.00
Official Transcript (Overnight Express).....	\$29.00
Parking Permit – Commuter and Resident Students (Annual Fee).....	\$120.00
Placement File (first three FREE).....	\$6.00
Guest Fee in Dormitory (per night)	\$25.00
Internet Course Fee (per credit hour/RGCC Only).....	\$52.00
Internet Orientation Course Fee for Nursing (RGCC Only).....	\$65.00
Changing Incomplete Grade Fee	\$55.00
International Student Fee	\$650.00
Workshops – Dependent on program offerings	

Course Fees (RGCC Only)

Special fees for materials, supplies, use of expensive equipment, transportation, or rental of facilities may be charged in addition to tuition for some courses. Students should check the information provided in the course listings in Catalog for courses with additional fees. Fee amounts can be found from <http://www.rio.edu/student-services/page.php?ID=accounting>.

Payment Due

As a means of providing experience and emphasizing punctuality and responsibility in business affairs, the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College prefer to deal directly with the student rather than their parents. Accordingly, all bills will be addressed to the student.

The payment is due on the first day of the class. Payment must be received on or before due day to avoid deregistration. Postmarks will not be reviewed.

If you are a participant of third party billing (e.g. BVR, CAA, TAA, VA, WIA, Jobs & Family Services or Workforce Development), it is your responsibility to provide documentation to the Accounting Office. You may fax appropriate documentation to the Accounting Office 740-245-7171 on or before the stated due day.

Payment Options

1. **Check** — mail your check for the Balance Due to the address below. Do not send cash. Please include your ID number on your check or money order.

University of Rio Grande
P.O. Box 500 F-26
Rio Grande, OH 45674

OR

Rio Grande Community College
P.O. Box 326
Rio Grande, OH 45674

2. **ACH Payment** (eCheck) — makes an electronic check payment by logging into your account at <https://hope.rio.edu/studentSPACE/PyByCheck.aspx>. Make sure you follow the instructions very carefully and carefully input your bank's routing number and your account number (checking or savings account).
3. **Credit Card Online** – make a credit card payment by logging into your account at <https://hope.rio.edu/studentSPACE/PyByCredit.aspx>. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted.
4. **In Person** at cashier window, Accounting Office and Community College Office, top floor Allen Hall, with cash, check or credit card.
5. **Monthly Payment Plan** — University of Rio Grande contracts with an outside agency that allows students to stretch their payments over a nine-month period for fall and spring semesters. An enrollment fee is charged for this option. For more information or to apply, go to www.TuitionPayEnroll.com or call 1-800-635-0120.
6. **Financial Aid** may be applied to your account if you have qualified for assistance. If financial aid is less than the Balance Due, you must pay the difference. If financial aid is greater than the Balance Due, you will receive a refund. If you are expecting financial aid and your account does not have an award listed, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 740-245-7218 or <http://www.rio.edu/studentSERVICES/page.php?ID=financialaid>.

Returned Check Fees

Upon the receipt of a returned check (including eChecks), University of Rio Grande will send the student and/or check owner an email or a letter detailing the reason for return and amount due. Returned check payments must be made with cash, cashier's check, or money order. A personal check will not be accepted.

Returned checks will be charged a service fee. Tuition checks that are returned at payment deadline will also be charged a late payment fee.

A returned check halt may be placed on the student's records. The halt cannot be released until payment is made. This halt will affect registration, grades, transcripts, and diplomas from being processed.

Refunds

Tuition and Course Fees - A student will receive no refund as a result of any course dropped and/or withdraw after the first five business days of an academic semester, or the first two calendar days of a summer term or any 8 weeks classes.

Board - A student withdrawing during an academic semester or summer term for any reason will be refunded a part of the charges for board proportionate to the number of whole weeks of an academic semester or summer term remaining after termination.

Room and Other Fees - A student withdrawing during an academic semester or summer term will not receive a refund of charges for room, institutional fee, technology fee, parking fee, insurance or late registration fee, and other fees.

Advanced Deposit - Advanced deposits are non-refundable.

Important

It is your responsibility to drop or withdraw from courses you do not plan to attend. Your classes will NOT be automatically dropped for non-attendance. After the drop/add period you will be responsible for all tuition and fees, and add/drop fees. Not reviewing your bill does not eliminate your responsibility to pay.

Check your student account anytime by logging into:
<https://hope.rio.edu/studentspace/signup.aspx>

Student ID

When arriving at the Accounting Office, the student will be required to present a picture ID (e.g. student ID or driver's license). If the student does not have his/her picture ID service will be denied.

Residency Requirements

General Residency

The following persons shall be classified as residents of the State of Ohio for subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes:

1. A dependent student, at least one of whose parents or legal guardian has been a resident of the State of Ohio for all other legal purposes for twelve consecutive months or more immediately preceding the enrollment of such student in the University.
2. A person who has been a resident of Ohio for the purpose of this rule for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding his or her enrollment and who is not receiving, and has not directly or indirectly received in the preceding twelve consecutive months, financial support from persons or entities who are not residents of Ohio.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the general rule of residency for subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes:

1. A person who is living and is gainfully employed on a full-time or part-time and self-sustaining basis in Ohio and who is pursuing a part-time program of instruction in Rio Grande Community College shall be considered a resident of Ohio for these purposes.
2. A person who enters and currently remains upon active duty in the United States military service while a resident of Ohio for all other legal purposes and his or her dependents shall be considered residents of Ohio for these purposes as long as Ohio remains the state of such person's domicile.
3. A person on active duty status in the United States military service who is stationed and resides in Ohio and his/her dependents shall be considered residents of Ohio for these purposes.
4. A person, who is transferred by his employer beyond the territorial limits of the fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia while a resident of Ohio for all other legal purposes, and his or her dependents shall be considered residents of Ohio for these purposes as long as Ohio remains the state of such person's domicile and as long as such person has fulfilled his or her tax liability to the State of Ohio for at least the tax year preceding enrollment.
5. A person, who has been employed as a migrant worker in the State of Ohio and his or her dependents shall be considered residents for these purposes provided such person has worked in Ohio for at least four months during each of the three years preceding the proposed enrollment.
6. Any student who is a qualifying resident of any county of a state in which Rio Grande Community College and the Ohio Board of Regents has entered into a legally binding reciprocity agreement.

Residency Change

1. Students should have a fair and adequate opportunity to present proof of their Ohio residency for purposes of this rule. The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College may require the submission of affidavits and other documentary evidence, which it may deem necessary to a full and complete determination under this rule.
2. Evidentiary determinations under this rule shall be made by the institution which may require, among other things, the submission of documentation regarding the source of a student's actual financial support. A Residency Change Application form is available in the Admissions Office.
3. Any reclassification of a person who was once classified as a non-resident for these purposes shall have prospective application only from the date of such reclassification. In order to qualify for in-district fees, a student must be a resident of Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, or Vinton County and meet the same general residency criteria as stated above to determine residency in the State of Ohio.

Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid can assist in the process of applying for financial aid. While financial assistance from your employer, federal, state, institutional, and other sources may help to pay a large portion of your tuition and fees, the responsibility for the remaining portion of the unpaid fees remains with the student.

To schedule an appointment with the Financial Aid Office, please call 740.245.7218 or e-mail finaid@rio.edu. The Financial Aid Office is located in Allen Hall, Room B-1.

Financial Aid Available for Qualified Student

There are two types of financial aid:

1. **Grants** – Credits for tuition and fees that are not required to be repaid, and are generally based on financial need. Financial awards based on academic merit or scholastic accomplishments of the student are referred to as scholarships.
2. **Loan** – Monetary advances that must be repaid with interest over a period of time. Most loans allow students to complete their education before beginning repayment.

Three main sources of financial aid:

1. **Federal** – Federal financial aid, also known as Federal Title IV Aid, includes Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Perkins Loan, Stafford Loan, and Federal Work Study, Federal SMART Grant, Federal Academic Complete Grant (ACG), Federal TEACH Grant. All of these are available at University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College. Students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be eligible for federal aid. Eligibility for federal aid program is determined by the federal government and based on each student's FAFSA.
2. **State** – The State of Ohio offers an Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG), which can be applied for all residents of Ohio. The grant is based on need. Students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be eligible for state aid.
3. **Private** – Many private and local organizations have grants and scholarships available to students who meet certain criteria. We encourage all students to perform their own scholarship search. The local library is an excellent source of information on scholarships. The internet is also a good starting place to search for additional funding to help with your educational costs. We recommend the following websites to search for scholarships:
www.rio.edu
www.scholarships.com
www.fastweb.com
www.scholaraid.com
www.collegescholarships.com

Please note that financial aid is based on the number of credit hours taken each semester. Failure to enroll in 12 credit hours per semester will result in a reduction in financial aid. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions regarding changing the number of credits enrolled per semester.

Applying for Financial Aid

Students interested in applying for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year. The FAFSA can be submitted by completing a paper FAFSA, FAFSA Renewal Application, or through the Internet by using FAFSA on the web (www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students must indicate University of Rio Grande's federal school code (003116) on the FAFSA to ensure proper disclosure of the students' FAFSA information to the Financial Aid Office. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after January 1st each year. Rio Grande has a priority filing deadline of **March 15th**. It is very important to apply as early as possible due to limited amounts of funding for certain federal financial aid. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Federal Perkins Loan, and Federal Work Study are programs that are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to those eligible students.

Awards are made on an annual basis and priority will be given to early applicants. Returning students should complete the FAFSA no later than **March 15th** of each year. Eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid is determined from the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is used to determine the family's ability to meet the student's cost of education, which is used to determine financial need.

Notification of financial aid eligibility will be made to new students by a mailed Award Letter, and returning students via email. Any student that is interested in obtaining a Federal Stafford Loan or Federal Perkins Loan must also complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN). The MPN is a multi-year promissory note that can be used for an entire collegiate career. This means that once a student completes the MPN, another MPN is not required for borrowing in future years. This process is designed to eliminate paperwork and simplify the process of applying for a Federal Student Loan. Students are asked to complete this process online by going to our website (<http://www.rio.edu/admissions/page.php?ID=finaidloans>).

Various alternative loan programs are available from private lenders to help students with educational expenses throughout the academic year. Most of these loans are credit based and may require a co-signer depending on credit history. A variety of alternative loans options are available in the Financial Aid Office and on the website (<http://www.rio.edu/admissions/page.php?ID=finaidloans>). Please contact the Financial Aid Office (phone: 740.245.7218, e-mail: finaid@rio.edu) if you want to apply for an alternative loan or if you require additional information.

Finalized financial aid will be disbursed to the student's account after the drop/add period each term. Students must have completed and submitted all necessary paperwork required by the Financial Aid Office before financial aid will be credited to the student's account. Balances owed after financial aid is applied to the student's account are the responsibility of the student.

Special Circumstances

If a student or family member experiences one or more of the following situations: loss of income due to unemployment, disability, natural disaster, loss or reduction of untaxed income, separation or divorce, death of a parent or spouse, excessive medical or dental expenses paid out of pocket, parents attending college, sibling private school tuition paid, or a one time lump sum; may be eligible to apply for a Special Circumstance. The granting of special circumstance is based solely on the professional judgment of the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office reserves the right to approve or reject any application for special circumstance. Contact the

Financial Aid Office for more information. A change of circumstance may change financial aid eligibility.

Standards of Academic Progress Policy

Federal regulations require the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College to establish policies that monitor the academic progress of all students who apply for and/or receive federal financial aid. To remain eligible for financial aid, recipients are required to show satisfactory progress toward a degree. The Standards of Academic Progress apply for all financial assistance programs including Federal Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work Study (FWS), Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Family Education Loans (Stafford and PLUS), Federal SMART Grant, Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal TEACH Grant, as well as assistance from the State and the Institution.

SAP at Rio Grande measures a student’s performance in the following three areas: completion percentage, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and maximum time frame (MTF).

Completion Rate

At the completion of each semester, a student’s academic progress will be measured by comparing the number of attempted hours with the credit hours earned. Attempted hours include any course for which the student remained enrolled past the Add/Drop period. Earned credit hours are those courses in which a grade of A, B, C, or D was received. In addition, the SAP policy takes into consideration both Rio Grande coursework and transfer credits from other educational institutions. Incomplete or repeated courses at Rio Grande are considered in the calculation of attempted hours.

Cumulative GPA

All students are required to have a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average to graduate from Rio Grande.

The following table illustrates the Standards of Academic Progress Policy:

Total Credit Hours Attempted	Cumulative GPA Required	Minimum Completion Percentage Required
1-15	1.50	65%
16-31	1.80	65%
32-52	1.90	70%
53 - Graduation	2.00	70%

Maximum Time Frame

Students must complete their academic program within a specified maximum time frame (MTF), as required by their chosen program of study. Federal regulations allow a student to be eligible for financial aid up to 150% of the published credit hour requirements to complete the degree program. All hours of enrollment will calculate into a student’s MTF. Students exceeding MTF will be denied further financial aid.

SAP Review

Academic Progress will be reviewed at the end of each semester. Students not meeting the minimum requirements listed **may** be placed on Financial Aid Probation. Students will receive an e-mail of Financial Aid Probation status. During the probationary period the student will continue to receive state and federal forms of financial aid. No institutional financial aid will be applied while a student is on Financial Aid Probation. At the end of the probationary period the student will be removed from probationary status because both cumulative GPA and cumulative completion rate standards are met; or be suspended from receiving federal, state, and institutional aid and will receive an e-mail of Financial Aid Suspension.

Appeals

Appeals may be granted based on extenuating circumstances. Students must be able to demonstrate that the extenuating circumstance had a direct impact on their academic performance. Students must put their request in writing and submit them to the Director of Financial Aid at least two weeks before each semester begins. Students may be asked to provide documentation of the situation. If an appeal is approved, the student's financial aid will be reinstated.

Return of Unearned Title IV Funds Policy

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 imposed regulations for the University and its students. **Effective September 26, 2000, students receiving Federal Title IV aid who completely withdraw from classes prior to the 61% point of the term, may be required to repay funds to the program(s) from which such funds were received.** Title IV aid programs include: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Perkins Loan, Stafford Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and Parent PLUS Loans. Please refer to our website at www.rio.edu/finaid for more information.