



EDUCATING THE COMPLETE LAWYER

2018-2019 Cost of Attendance Budgets

The Cost of Attendance Budgets are based on actual and estimated expenses associated with attending Detroit Mercy Law for one academic year (which is two semesters spanning nine-months). The budgets include education-related expenses like tuition, fees, books and other educational supplies, room and board, transportation, personal expenses, and student loan origination fees (fees charged by the federal government and withheld from the loan before loan funds are disbursed to the school).

Actual costs are used for tuition, Student Bar Association (SBA) dues, and parking fees that are paid directly to the school. Average or estimated costs are used for other items. Students may choose to spend less on estimated expenses to reduce their costs. Students with actual costs that exceed estimates may request additional aid. First-year students may request an additional allowance for a computer and printer.

Sample Cost of Attendance Budgets for Incoming First-Year Students

Status	Students Living On Their Own Off Campus			Students Living with Parents, Relatives, etc.		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Extended	Full-Time	Part-Time	Extended
Total Credits	30	24	17	30	24	17
Tuition (\$1,457/credit hour)	\$43,710	\$34,968	\$24,769	\$43,710	\$34,968	\$24,769
Fees (SBA dues, Parking)	510	510	510	510	510	510
Books & Supplies	2250	1800	1275	2250	1800	1275
Rent/Utilities	6750	6750	6750	0	0	0
Board/Food	4932	4932	4932	4932	4932	4932
Personal/Misc.	4268	4268	4268	3880	3880	3880
Transportation	2965	2372	2372	2965	2372	2372
Average Loan Fee	1491	1398	1064	1481	1176	841
Total	\$66,876	\$56,998	\$45,940	\$59,728	\$49,638	\$38,579



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Returning students have similar budgets, but since their schedules vary, tuition and books are based on the number of credits for which they actually enroll.

**Sample Cost of Attendance Budgets for Returning Students
(enrolled for the minimum number of credits for their division)**

Status	Students Living On Their Own Off Campus			Students Living with Parents, Relatives, etc.*		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Extended	Full-Time	Part-Time	Extended
Total Credits	24	18	14	24	18	14
Tuition (\$1,457/credit hour)	\$34,968	\$26,226	\$20,398	\$34,968	\$26,226	\$20,398
Fees (SBA dues, Parking)	510	510	510	510	510	510
Books & Supplies	1800	1350	1050	1800	1350	1050
Rent/Utilities	6750	6750	6750	0	0	0
Board/Food	4932	4932	4932	4932	4932	4932
Personal/Misc.	4268	4268	4268	3880	3880	3880
Transportation	2372	2372	2372	2372	2372	2372
Average Loan Fee	1188	1045	854	1127	822	631
Total	\$56,788	\$47,453	\$41,134	\$49,589	\$40,092	\$33,773

Dual J.D. Students

Detroit Mercy Law has a Dual J.D. program which allows students to earn both an American and a Canadian J.D. in three years. Tuition is determined for each incoming class and stays the same throughout the three-year program. Students pay tuition and certain fees to each institution. The tuition and fees listed here are for the Detroit Mercy Law part of the program only. Origination fees for student loans are calculated individually and are added to the budget. Living expenses are contained in the University of Windsor portion of the budget and are not duplicated here. Since Windsor does not offer law classes during the summer, students may apply for loans, if eligible, for living expenses during the summer as long as they are attending at least half time.

Sample Cost of Attendance Budgets for Dual J.D. Students

Status	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Average Credit Hours	9	24	24
Tuition	\$25,064	\$24,100	\$23,173
Fees (SBA dues, Parking)	510	510	510
Books & Supplies	675	1800	1800
Transportation (with tolls)	1886	3300	3300
Total	\$28,135	\$29,710	\$28,783