



Tuition 101

The UW is committed to providing affordable tuition for a top ranked university education.

Tuition and fees for the academic year 2011-2012 are \$10,574. How does that compare?

Global Challenge State Peer University	2011-12 Tuition & Fees
University of California, Davis	\$13,860
University of California, San Diego	\$13,202
University of California, Irvine	\$13,122
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	\$12,754
University of California, Los Angeles	\$12,686
University of Massachusetts	\$12,612
University of Virginia	\$11,576
University of Connecticut	\$10,660
University of Washington	\$10,574
University of Colorado, Boulder	\$9,152
University of Maryland	\$8,655

By comparison, UW's tuition is:

Consistently named as one of the nation's "best bargains in higher education." (Kiplinger's)

One of the lowest among its peer universities for resident undergraduates.

About \$1,700 less than the annual cost of Seattle-area daycare for one child.

Why is tuition rising?

Often the public equates tuition increases with a rise in the total cost of education. This is not the case. In Washington public higher education, student prices are increasing in response to declining state support, and the total cost of education is remaining fairly steady.

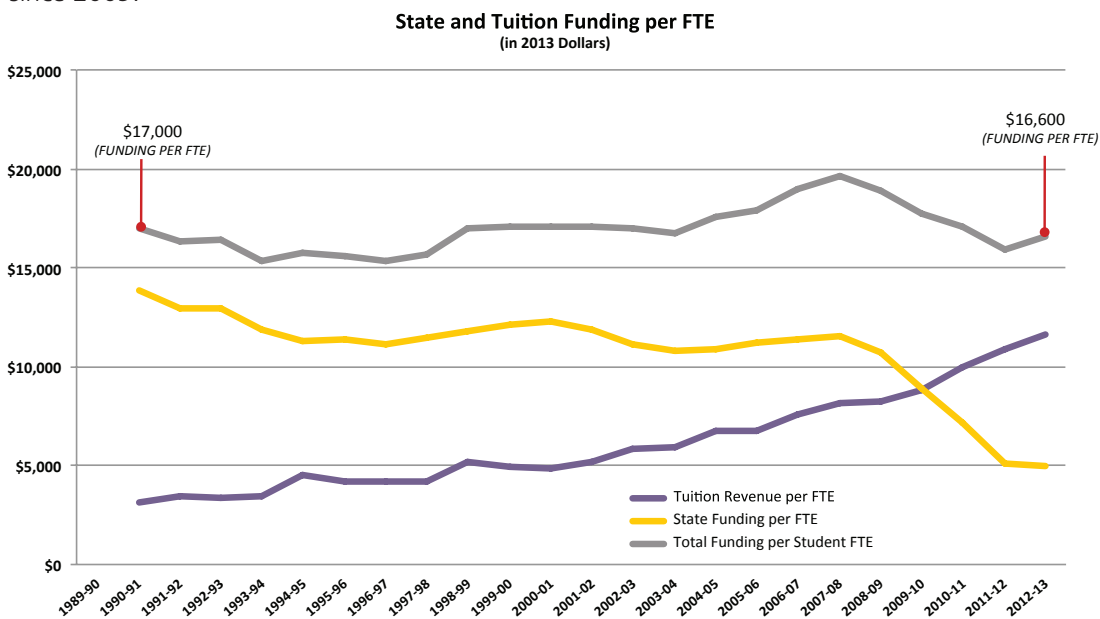
Since 2005, average **total** cost for undergraduate instruction has increased 2.5% annually (HECB Cost Study).

The average tuition increases for **undergraduate students**, however, have been 8.7% annually during the same time period.

Year	Tuition Rate	Dollar Increase	Mandatory Fees	Total Tuition and Fees
2011-12	\$9,746	\$1,624	\$828	\$10,574

State investment in higher education is declining:

The University of Washington and all Washington public institutions have seen a gradual decline in state funding over the past 20 years with a dramatic drop in the past few years. State investment in the University of Washington has decreased by 50% since 2009.



This is an important shift in who pays for higher education. In 1990, the state provided nearly 80% of the funding per student and UW students paid 20% of the funds. In 2011, the state will pay around 30% and UW students will pay 70%.

The UW is reinvesting tuition increases in students:

HB 1795 requires institutions raising tuition above legislatively authorized levels to increase the amount of tuition revenue set aside for low and middle income families. In 2011–2012, the UW is increasing the amount of aid available to low and middle income families by 45% (\$12 million).

- ▶ \$38.6 million is going towards financial aid for low and middle income families.
- ▶ Preservation of the Husky Promise program. Over 8,000 students are paying no tuition and fees this next year through Husky Promise.
- ▶ Over 10,000 students are seeing an increase in grant assistance.
- ▶ On-track time-to-degree. Reinvestments in high-demand courses help ensure students can get the classes they need to complete their degree on time.
- ▶ Re-investment in student support services, like writing and learning centers.

For every \$1 million in tuition revenue, the UW can:

- ▶ Add 75 courses in high demand courses serving between 2,000 – 2,500 students
- ▶ Reopen a writing and learning center to support 15,000 to 20,000 students