

Fees and Expenses*

BASIC EXPENSES (Full-Time Students)*

	ACADEMIC YEAR
University Fees.....	\$3,888
Out-of-State--Add \$3,888/Academic Year	
Room and Board**	
Brookside/Williamston	\$3,900
Coleman Hall/Lide	\$3,950
Chipley Hall	\$3,550
Thomason/Greenwood High Apts	\$4,100
Health Service Fee (Boarding students)	\$70
Total Charges	
Brookside and Williamston.....	\$7,858
Coleman Hall and Lide	\$7,908
Chipley Hall.....	\$7,508
Thomason/Greenwood High Apts.....	\$8,058

* All fees are subject to change.

** Includes 21-meal plan. If the 15-meal plan is elected, subtract \$60.00.

Basic expenses include a non-refundable activities fee to cover the following: Student Government Association programs, student publications, intramural programs, and admission to athletic events.

Basic expenses for a residential student cover University fees, room and board, and health service. Students living in the residence halls are required to participate in either the five-day or seven-day meal plan. Special diets must be approved in advance by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

PART-TIME STUDENTS

Any student enrolled for less than 12 semester hours is classified as a part-time student. A part-time in-state student is charged tuition at the rate of \$162.00 per semester hour; a part-time out-of-state student is charged tuition at the rate of \$324.00 per semester hour..

LEGAL RESIDENT DEFINED

For fee purposes, State law defines South Carolina residents as "persons who have been domiciled in South Carolina for

a period of no less than 12 months with an intention of making a permanent home therein."

Further, "independent persons who reside in, and have been domiciled in South Carolina for fewer than 12 months but who have full-time employment in the State, and their dependents, may be considered eligible for in-state rates for as long as such independent person is employed on a full-time basis in the State."

Students who have any questions about residence for the purpose of determining fees should consult with the Director of Admissions.

OTHER FEES AND EXPENSES*

Advanced Placement Examination--A \$10.00 fee is charged for each advanced placement examination.

Application Fee--A \$25.00 application fee must be paid by all undergraduate and graduate students. This fee is non-refundable and does not apply to the basic expenses.

Applied Music Fees--Students majoring or minoring in music will pay \$40.00 per course per semester (10 –12 hours of *private* instruction) plus normal fees. Music students taking Applied Music who are taking Applied Music as an elective will pay a fee of \$130/semester plus normal fees. Applied Music instruction in guitar is assessed at \$180/semester plus normal fees.

Audit--A fee of \$162.00 is charged for each course that a part-time student audits.

EXPO Orientation Fee--A \$50.00 orientation fee must be paid by first-time freshmen and transfer students. This fee does not apply to the basic expenses.

Foreign Students--Foreign students are required to pay the \$70 per year Health Service Fee whether or not they live in on-campus housing. They are also required to purchase the student medical insurance coverage offered through an outside company.

Graduation--Candidates for bachelor's degrees are charged a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 to cover cost of diploma, cap and gown. Master's degree candidates are charged a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 to cover the cost of diploma,

cap and gown, and hood. A student who orders a diploma and does not graduate on the anticipated date will be charged a fee of \$25.00 for a second diploma.

Nursing Special Expenses--Special expenses for nursing students are approximately \$400. For more detail, see page 164-165.

Returned Checks--A charge of \$25.00 will be made for any check returned by the bank.

Room Confirmation Fee--A boarding student is required to remit a room confirmation fee of \$100 by April 15 of each year for fall semester. This amount will be deducted from the student's room and board fee. It is non-refundable after July 31.

Room Reservation and Damage Deposit--A boarding student is required to pay a \$75 room reservation/damage deposit upon entering. This amount is refundable according to provisions in the Housing Contract. A Housing Contract must be on file for all boarding students. Terms and conditions are included in the Housing Contract and terms. All checks, drafts and money orders should be made payable to Lander University.

Senior Citizens--Senior citizens may register for classes only *after* regular registration times on a space available basis with free tuition. See page 19.

Single Room--A student who requests single occupancy in a double room will be charged an additional fee equal to one-half the semester rate for the residence hall in which he/she lives. Single occupancy will be allowed when space is available.

Textbooks--A student must pay for books when purchased. The cost of books varies depending on the courses taken. The student should allow at least \$600.00 per year for textbooks.

Transcripts--A charge of \$5.00 per copy will be made for official transcripts. Transcripts transmitted via FAX are also followed up by an official copy through the mail and charged \$10.00 per copy. Overnight delivery requests are charged an additional \$8.00.

Vehicle Registration Fee--Parking on the Lander campus is limited to those vehicles displaying a valid Lander University parking decal. To obtain a parking decal, students must register vehicles with the campus Public Safety Office. The fee for vehicle registration is \$15.00 per semester or \$25.00 per academic year. Vehicle registrations must be updated in August of each year.

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REFUND POLICY*

When a student leaves the University before the end of a fall or spring semester, voluntarily or through dismissal, University fees will be refunded as follows. (Lander students receiving Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Stafford Plus Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Pell Grants or Federal SEOG Grants are governed by a federally mandated pro-rata Return of Title IV Fund regulation if they withdraw prior to completing 60% of the term. See current bulletin)

When the Student Withdraws:	Portion of Basic Expenses Refunded
one week after classes begin	100%
before expiration of 12% of the semester	90%
before expiration of 25% of the semester	50%
before expiration of 50% of the semester	25%

The date on which a student files written notice of withdrawal with the Office of the Registrar is the date used in determining refunds.

**Conditions for refunds of room and board and breakage deposits are listed on Residence Hall Contract.*

Conditions for refunds to students whose tuition and fees are paid by certain types of financial aid are set forth on page 24 of this catalog.

No refunds or reductions of basic charges will be made due to a change in status (e.g., from full-time student to part-time student) later than one week after the beginning of classes each fall or spring semester. No refunds will be made to part-time students for reduction of hours carried later than two weeks after the beginning of the fall or spring semester. (For amount of refund during the two weeks period, refer to Withdrawal/Refund schedule above). Refunds for the summer sessions are published in the Summer School Bulletin.

No reductions from any charge are made for holidays or for absence from the University. A boarding student will pay full charges for meals, regardless of the number of meals taken in the dining hall.

In order to receive academic credits, grade reports, transcript of record or degree, a student's indebtedness to the University must be settled, and the student must account satisfactorily for all property entrusted to the student's care.

It is further the policy of the University that any outstanding balance due to the University after the student ceases to be enrolled is subject to referral for collection. The student will be responsible for all attorney's fees and other reasonable collection costs and charges necessary for the collection of this debt.

FINANCIAL AID

Lander University uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to award all federal and state sponsored financial aid programs, which include grants, work-study, student loans and parental loans. No additional institutional application is necessary; however, the Office of Financial Aid may require supplementary information during the awarding process. Students are encouraged to respond to all requests for information in a timely manner. The FAFSA form must be completed for each academic year that aid is requested. The Office of Financial Assistance awards aid upon receipt of the results of the FAFSA throughout the academic year. However, FAFSA results received by the priority deadline of April 15th preceding the fall term are guaranteed consideration for all aid programs. Students are encouraged to file the FAFSA by March 1 prior to the fall term in which aid is requested in order to meet the priority deadline.

Grants are gift aid and do not require repayment. Work programs require the student to work part-time to earn income to supplement expenses. Loans must be repaid, but students are not required to do so until six months after they drop below half time or cease to be enrolled. In order to qualify for federal funds, a student must meet the eligibility criteria listed on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA can be obtained from any high school guidance counselor, from the Lander University Office of Financial Assistance, or on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A brief description of the federal programs can be found in the FAFSA. A more detailed description is available in *The Student Guide* published by the U.S. Department of Education, which can be accessed through the Internet at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/students or requested by contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

In addition to maintaining all general federal aid requirements, all students receiving Title IV funds must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to continue receiving these funds. The Title IV programs at Lander University are:

1. Federal Pell Grant
2. Federal Carl Perkins Loan
3. Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
4. Federal Work-Study
5. Federal Stafford Loan
6. Federal Parental Loan to Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

In order to maintain satisfactory progress and continue to receive assistance, a student must:

1. Complete a minimum numbers of semester hours each year (as a full-time student), as follows:

Academic year completed	Number of Hours Earned
1	15
2	30
3	51
4	72
5	96
6	124

2. All students who begin any semester on Academic Probation must remove themselves from Academic Probation at the end of that semester in order to remain eligible to receive Title IV funds. Further, students who remain on Academic Probation at the end of two consecutive semesters lose eligibility for Title IV funds until they are removed from probation.
3. Once a student has attempted 180 hours or has attended any post-secondary (undergraduate) school for six years (twelve full-time semesters), (s)he is no longer eligible for Title IV funds.

A more detailed statement of the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress is sent with the Award Notice to all students offered funds through any of the six Title IV programs listed above.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEED-BASED GRANT

In addition to the federal Title IV funds listed above, Lander University administers the South Carolina Need-Based Grant to worthy and needy South Carolina students. Need is determined by the results of the FAFSA application and funding is limited. Students whose FAFSA results are received by the priority deadline of April 15th, annually, and who demonstrate significant financial need are automatically considered for awards in this program. Renewal of the Need-Based Grant is dependent upon early application, earning 24 hours each academic year (excluding summer classes), maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and fund availability. Recipients will be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility each year.

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

A new law called Return of Title IV Funds (Federal Student Financial Aid Programs) has been implemented at Lander University. Federal regulations require each educational institution to have a written policy for the refund and repayment of federal aid received by students who withdraw during a term for which payment has been received. This policy is effective only if the student completely terminates enrollment (i.e. cancels his/her registration, withdraws, or is

dismissed) or stops attending classes before completing more than 60 percent of the enrollment period. All returned funds will be distributed back to the aid programs in the order prescribed by law. The amount of refunded fees for students who withdraw will be calculated as outlined in the Lander University catalog. Students who may be eligible for post-withdrawal disbursements will be notified in writing. Students may contact the Business Office for details.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Short-term emergency loans (to be repaid before the student completes the academic term) are available in the Business Office.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

The University offers a semester installment payment plan that divides the charges for tuition, fees, room, and board into three equal installments each semester. The installment plan is not available for summer terms. Information on this plan is available from the Business Office.

STUDENT WORK PROGRAMS

Many part-time student jobs are available each year from the Federal Work-Study Program and Lander's student assistant work program. All students are paid minimum wage and may earn as much as \$1750 per semester. Students interested in seeking employment on campus should check employment postings and procedures on the Financial Aid website at www.lander.edu/finaid/.

SCHOLARSHIPS

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Lander University provides a limited number of merit-based scholarships each year to entering freshmen. Qualifying high school seniors who have been admitted by January 15th preceding the fall term of initial college enrollment are automatically considered. No application is necessary. Awards are based on merit and are dependent upon available funding. The University will determine the merit criteria and the number of scholarships to be awarded annually.

A limited number of scholarships may also be awarded to the following students provided that funds remain available:

1. Out-of-state high school graduates with a minimum SAT I composite score of 1100 (or ACT of 24) and a competitive rank in class.
2. Out-of-state transfer students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better with a minimum of 30 semester hours earned.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

International students who meet the following criteria may be eligible for a scholarship and should apply to the Director of Financial Aid:

1. Have completed at least 30 hours at Lander University in a degree-seeking program; and
2. Have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25; and
3. Demonstrate mitigating circumstances that affect the ability to pay attendance costs as documented at admission.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY POLICY

All scholarship awards require full-time enrollment at Lander University unless otherwise specifically stated in the terms of the awards contract. Students may not receive scholarships for semesters in which they are enrolled less than full-time, nor will semesters of ineligibility be extended to the end of the academic career. Scholarships apply to the academic year only, exclusive of summer school, except where otherwise stated. Students may never receive any combination of scholarships, financial aid, and other awards that exceeds the total cost of attendance for the academic year. Students must remain in good standing with the Lander University Honor Code, as outlined in the *Student Handbook*.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL POLICY

There are certain standards for renewal of Lander scholarships. Recipients must complete 24 semester hours each academic year, excluding Summer School, unless otherwise specifically stated in the terms of the awards contract. Recipients of all scholarships must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0, unless otherwise specifically stated in the terms of the awards contract. If a scholarship is renewable and the student maintains the required academic standards, the scholarship will be renewed automatically. Renewals are made in the spring of each year for the upcoming year. Students who fail to meet the renewal requirements will be granted the opportunity to appeal in writing. Scholarships are awarded for up to, but never exceeding, four years from the initial term of college enrollment.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

The South Carolina LIFE Scholarship provides up to \$3,000 at four-year schools and up to \$1,500 at two-year schools, per year. Lander University Office of Financial Aid annually identifies eligible students. Each year, students are sent written notification and are required to complete an affidavit of eligibility. For S.C. LIFE Scholarship eligibility