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## *Financial Information*



## Tuition

**J.D., LL.B., and M.L.S. Candidates.** For the academic year 2006-2007 entering students in the J.D. program, transfer students, and candidates for the M.L.S. degree will pay a full year's tuition of \$37,985. Entering students must pay their fall tuition by August 1, 2006. The tuition refund policy is set forth below.

**Graduate Degree Candidates.** Students pursuing the LL.M. degree will pay tuition of \$37,985 in 2006-2007 for their single year of instruction. S.J.D. candidates must enroll for two years; tuition for the S.J.D. program for 2006-2007 is set at \$37,985.

## Other Fees

**Student Health Fee.** A mandatory student health fee of \$524 (\$262 per semester) is charged to all Duke University students. All students are required to maintain hospital insurance that meets minimum standards set by the university

**Absentia Fee.** Duke Law School students spending one semester or all of their final year of law school at another law school shall be charged an in absentia fee for the semester or semesters "visiting" at another law school. The fee is the greater of (1) ten percent of Duke Law School tuition or (2) the amount that Duke Law School tuition exceeds the tuition at the "visited" school. The fee shall not exceed two-thirds of Duke Law School tuition. Students visiting at Duke will receive no scholarship assistance from Duke Law School.

**Athletic Events Fee.** Law students may secure admission to all regularly scheduled university athletic contests, with the exception of soccer and basketball, held on university grounds during the entire academic year free of charge. The fee for basketball and soccer is payable in the fall semester. Students may also use the facilities of the Duke golf course upon payment of student green fees.

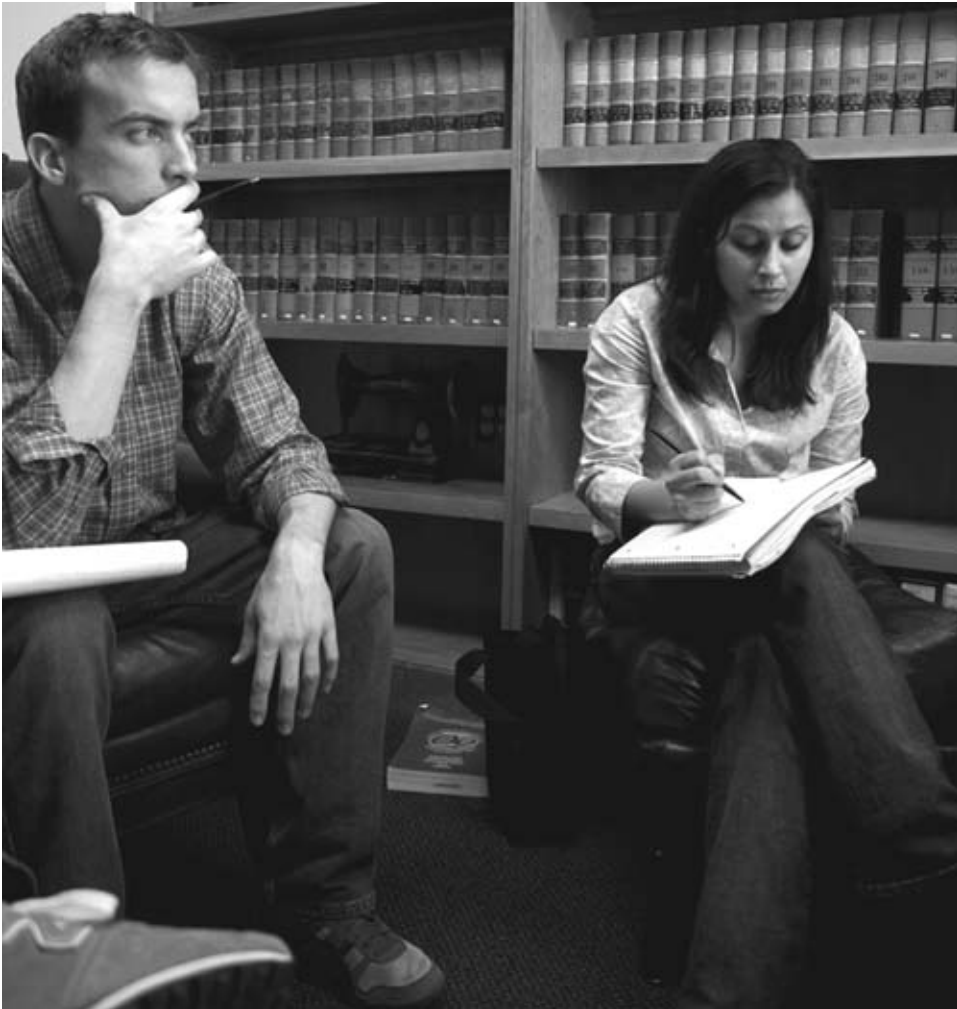
**Duke Bar Association Fee.** A \$55 fee each semester is due and payable not later than the day of registration for a particular semester. This fee is utilized exclusively to support the activities of the student bar association.

**Parking Fee.** Students wishing to drive to the campus must register a car for the university's parking lots at an annual fee of \$108-\$254, depending on availability of spaces in various open or gated lots.

**Academic Transcript Fee.** The university will charge a onetime academic transcript fee of \$40.

## **General Expenses**

Applicants should be aware that the following general expense estimate was compiled in the spring of 2006, and for future years appropriate revisions may be necessary to reflect inflationary increases. The best estimate of total living costs for a nine-month academic year excluding tuition and fees is approximately \$14,530 for a single student. Included in the above cost-of-living estimate are current expense levels for lodging, board, books (approximately \$1,080 if purchased new), supplies, transportation, and personal effects. First-year students are also strongly encouraged to own a computer; the student expense budget may be increased by up to \$2,500 for the purchase of a notebook computer. Financial aid awards in most cases cannot be based on proposed budgets in excess of these figures.



## University Policies for Payment of Accounts

**Payment of Accounts for Fall and Spring.** The Office of the Bursar issues invoices for tuition, fees, and other charges approximately four to six weeks prior to the beginning of classes each semester. The total amount due on the invoice is payable by the invoice due date which is normally one or two weeks prior to the beginning of classes. If full payment is not received by the due date, a late payment will be assessed on the next invoice and certain restrictions as stated below will be applied. Failure to receive an invoice does not warrant exemption from the payment of tuition and fees nor from the penalties and restrictions. Entering first-year students are required to pay tuition, fees, and other charges by August 1, 2006. Students not receiving a bursar invoice should telephone the bursar's office at (919) 684-3531 to request an invoice, or may download the invoice from their ACES account.

**Penalty Charge.** If the total amount due on an invoice is not received by the invoice due date, a penalty charge will be assessed by the Office of the Bursar.

**Restrictions.** An individual will be in default if the total amount due on the student invoice is not paid in full by the due date. An individual who is in default will not be allowed to register for classes, receive a copy of the academic transcript, have academic credits certified, be granted a leave of absence, or receive a diploma at graduation. An individual in default will be withdrawn.

**Tuition Refunds.** Tuition refunds are governed by the following policy. It should be noted that special rules apply to students receiving Title IV loan assistance, which may be obtained from the financial aid office.

1. In the event of death or a call to active duty in the armed services, a full tuition refund is granted.
2. If a first-year student withdraws after the tuition due date for the summer or fall term, up to 50 percent of tuition may be non-refundable, if the Law School is unable to enroll another qualified applicant because of the student's late withdrawal. First-year students who withdraw after the beginning of classes for the summer or fall term are ineligible for any tuition refund.
3. In all other cases of withdrawal, students or their parents may elect to have tuition charges refunded or carried forward as a credit for later study according to the following schedule:
  - a. withdrawal before the beginning of classes-full refund;
  - b. withdrawal during the first or second week-80 percent;
  - c. withdrawal during the third through fifth week-60 percent;
  - d. withdrawal during the sixth week-20 percent
  - e. withdrawal after the sixth week-no refund; but
  - f. tuition charges paid from grants or loans will be restored to those funds and will not be refunded or carried forward.

## Scholarship Assistance

The Law School offers scholarship assistance to selected incoming students. Although most scholarships are based on merit and financial need, a number of scholarships are granted based solely on the applicant's potential, as reflected by the strength of the admission application.

Scholarship awards are generally made in the form of a contract committing the school to a total grant to be disbursed over six semesters or three years of full-time Law School enrollment.

Students seeking scholarship assistance should file a scholarship application at the same time they apply for admission. Scholarship applications are mailed with the admission application. Most scholarship awards are made just following the admission decision, so that applicants may receive the earliest possible notice of the extent of scholarship support available. The fact that a student has applied for financial aid will not affect the decision on the application for admission.

**Specially Funded Scholarships.** Many of the Law School's scholarships are funded from general endowment and other Law School revenues. Some scholarship candidates are selected each year for support from one of several specially endowed scholarship funds. The criteria for these named awards vary; all students applying for aid will be considered for any special scholarships for which they may be eligible.

**Upper-class Awards.** Virtually all available scholarship funds are allocated to entering students and to students continuing under a scholarship contract awarded at the time of admission. No additional scholarship funding is available to upper-class students, except for the David H. Siegel Scholarships established by Allen G. Siegel of the Class of 1960, in memory of his father.

## **Title IV Loan Assistance**

Title IV loan assistance is available to qualified students. Students who wish to apply for this assistance must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To complete the FAFSA go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students completing the FAFSA will be required to obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Students may obtain the PIN by visiting [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). We recommend students complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. Note the Duke Law Title IV code is E00167. To obtain more information on federal student financial aid write to the Federal Student Aid Information Center, P. O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044 to request the booklet "The Student Guide: Financial Aid from the U. S. Department of Education—Grants, Loans, and WorkStudy," or visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## **Satisfactory Status Policy**

To remain eligible for Title IV funding, a student must maintain a 2.1 cumulative grade point average to remain in good standing at the Law School. A student placed on probation will be allowed one semester to improve his or her grade point average to a 2.1.

## **Non-Need Based Loan Assistance**

The Law School also has other loan programs available to students who need additional loan funds to meet the approved academic period budget. A good credit history (report) is mandatory to receive these loans. To check your credit history contact your credit bureau. For more information about credit bureaus or resolving credit problems, write to: Public Reference, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20508.

## **Federal Work Study**

The Law School also receives a limited amount of federal workstudy funds each year. The school does not recommend that first-year students work, so these funds are reserved for second and third-year students who are working in the Law School.

## **Loan Repayment Assistance Program**

Since 1988, Duke Law School has had a loan repayment assistance program which assists graduates who accept low-paying public interest or government employment to repay their law school loans. Funds disbursed through this program are a loan that is fully forgivable at the end of the year in which the loan was made. More information about the generous terms of this program is available from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or through the Law School's internet site: <http://www.law.duke.edu/admis/financialaid.html>.

## **Visiting Students**

All financial assistance for visiting students at Duke Law School must be processed through the institution from which the student will receive his or her degree.