

School of Social Work

Billing Structures and School Scholarships



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- SSW Scholarship and Stipends
- Questions about SSW flat rate billing structure
- Updating personal billing track selection

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- University Aid and Loan options
- Payment plans
- FASFA and Summer Loans

What Does Flat-Rate Tuition Mean?

- You pay the same total tuition for your degree, regardless of how many credits you take each semester.
- Your tuition is divided into equal payments based on your billing track.
- No School of Social Work program fees are added.
- You can adjust your course schedule without changing the total cost of your degree. (University fees may still vary based on enrollment.)



Billing Track vs. Course Schedule

These are **NOT** the same thing.

Billing Track	Typical Timeline	Tuition Payments
Standard Track	Complete program faster	Larger payments over fewer semesters
Professional Track	Complete program over a longer period	Smaller payments over more semesters

[26-27 Billing Structures](#)

[26-27 Dual Degree Billing Structures](#)

Billing Track vs. Course Schedule

Important:

- Your billing track does not determine your class schedule and vice versa.
- Full-time or part-time status is determined by registered credits, not by your billing track.
- Students are automatically assigned to the Standard Billing Track.

Student takeaway: Choose the billing track that best fits your financial planning and aligns well with your course and career plans.

DEGREE- # CR \$XX,XXX flat rate	Standard-track Billing Structure (4 semesters, full-time class schedule)		Professional-track Billing Structure (8 semesters, part-time class schedule)
Semester 1	\$ XX,XXX		\$ X,XXX
Semester 2	\$ XX,XXX		\$ X,XXX
Semester 3	\$ XX,XXX		\$ X,XXX
Semester 4	\$ XX,XXX		\$ X,XXX
Semester 5	*		\$ X,XXX
Semester 6			\$ X,XXX
Semester 7			\$ X,XXX
Semester 8			\$ X,XXX**
TOTAL	\$ XX,XXX		\$ XX,XXX

Billing structure based on sample roadmap for 6-12 credit hours per semester or 1-6 credit hours per semester

***If additional semester(s) of courses is taken then it is an “unbilled term;” no charges will be applied to account that is paid in full.**

****If part-time course planning results in less than 8 semesters of registered courses, then Semester 8 tuition is added to Semester 7 tuition upon completing the “apply to graduate” application, typically within the first week of classes. Loans may be adjusted by contacting sfs@slu.edu.**

Example: MSW Foundation Program

Total Tuition: \$50,000

Standard Track

- 4 semesters
- \$12,500 each semester

Professional Track

- 8 semesters
- \$6,250 each semester

Total cost is the same. The difference is when you pay it, not how much you pay overall.

What If...

What happens if I need additional time? If you have already paid your full program tuition but need an extra semester to finish coursework:

- You will not be charged additional tuition.
- This is called an unbilled term.
- You may still be responsible for any applicable university fees

What happens if I took more courses and “finished early”? If you complete your coursework but still have tuition remaining to be paid:

- You will be charged additional tuition in the final semester of coursework
- Loans may be renegotiated
- Degrees may only be conferred upon successful completion of courses and payment in full

Student takeaway: Consider course planning and summer tuition in financial planning

School Scholarships

Most School of Social Work students receive scholarship support automatically through their program upon admissions.

Typical awards include:

- Tuition scholarships applied directly to your student account
- Practicum stipends issued during eligible internship experiences
- Reimbursements for required training modules when applicable

When Are Scholarships and Stipends Paid?

Scholarships

- Register for classes
- School submits awards
 - Fall: mid-July
 - Spring: mid-November
 - Summer: mid-March
- Student Financial Services applies funds
- Allow 10-20 business days for posting to your account

Stipends & Additional Funds

- Enroll in the required practicum/internship
- Complete Docusign paperwork
- Funds are released after census date
- Payment typically arrives within 30 days after census

Resources for Graduate Students

Here are some of the resources you'll need to finance your graduate education.

- [Graduate Loan Options](#)
- [Graduate Financing Guide](#)
- [Assistantship Information](#)
- [Fellowship Information](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

Will I pay more if I take fewer credits? No. The total flat-rate tuition for your degree remains the same.

Can I change my billing track? Yes, if you commit to the corresponding enrollment pattern. [Contact the School of Social Work business office.](#)

Do scholarships apply automatically? Most school scholarships are processed automatically once you are registered for classes.

Who do I contact about loans or payment plans? [Student Financial Services](#) (sfs@slu.edu).



Communication Tips

Be a Billiken

- Provide all information:
 - Full Name
 - **Banner ID**
 - Program

Use the [SLU Email Signature Generator](#)

- Use SLU email address

Be Clear

- Thorough yet inquisitive
- Relevant and appropriate
- Positive and productive

Be Proactive

- Ask questions early
- Complete appropriate forms
- Check your accounts
- Know your contacts



Thank you

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