

Cost of Attendance (COA): The total amount it will cost a student to go to school – usually expressed as a yearly figure. It is determined using rules established by the U.S. Congress. The COA includes tuition and fees; on-campus room and board (or a housing and food allowance for off-campus students); and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and, if applicable, dependent care, costs related to a disability, and miscellaneous expenses, including an allowance for the rental or purchase of a personal computer. Also included are reasonable costs for eligible study-abroad programs. An allowance (determined by the school) is included for reasonable costs connected with a student’s employment as part of a cooperative education program. For students attending less than half time (less than six credit hours), the COA includes only tuition and fees and an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, and dependent-care expenses. Contact our office if you have any unusual expenses that might affect your cost of attendance.

The COA at SUNY Brockport has two basic types of components. The first are direct costs where all students pay fixed predetermined amounts such as tuition and fees and room and board for those students residing on campus. The others are indirect costs including books and supplies, personal expenses, transportation and living costs for those not living on campus. We survey a sample of students on a regular basis to determine these average costs. These actual figures are then added in to the direct costs to arrive at the total COA.