

Estimated Average Costs

It is important to note that the Tuition and Fees, Living Expenses and any other estimated average costs are **only estimates** based on an average student. The Tuition and Fees estimate is based on the “Most Majors” category. Iowa State utilizes a differential tuition model. Therefore, the exact tuition and fee amount that a student will be assessed will depend on the student’s program of study. Detailed tuition and fee information related to a specific major can be found on [the registrar’s website](#).

The estimated average costs below are the estimated expenses that will appear on the student’s I-20 or DS-2019.

	International Student with 10 month Assistantship	International Student with 12 month Assistantship	International Student No Assistantship
Year	2021-2022		
Tuition & Fees	\$11,282	\$14,449	\$28,644
Room & Board	\$9,362	\$13,174	\$9,362
Books & Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,330	\$1,000
Anticipated Personal Expenses	\$2,990	\$3,987	\$2,990
Required Health Insurance	\$2,064	\$2,064	\$2,064
Total Expected Cost of Attendance	\$26,698	\$35,004	\$44,060

- All international students enrolled for 1 credit hour or more at Iowa State University are required to purchase the ISU Student & Scholar Medical Insurance Plan.
- Students with an assistantship will have their Health Insurance cost paid for by the department awarding the assistantship.
- Total costs for attending Iowa State University may vary based on students’ lifestyles, majors, academic colleges, and academic progress.
- Room & Board costs refer to the varied housing and dining choices made by the student; more information is available from the [Department of Residence and ISU Dining](#)
- Summer costs of attendance vary depending on each student’s situation — see [Tuition and Fees](#) for more information
- Students with dependents will need to show additional funds for dependents. This information will be emailed to students by the Office of Admission if they are offered admission and indicated they will be bringing dependents.