



## Tuition Price Lock Policy

Great Northern University offers a tuition price lock to qualifying students. This price lock keeps a student's price-per-credit the same during the duration of his or her academic program (eligibility conditions apply), meaning the student's tuition will not increase, if they meet the eligibility conditions.

When a person is accepted and enrolls as a student at GNU, they may be eligible to receive a locked-in tuition rate, based upon the terms of this policy. Upon initial enrollment, the only qualification to receive the tuition price lock is that a student be enrolled as a full-time student (which is a minimum of 12 credits/semester). Thereafter, a student must maintain their eligibility for the tuition price-lock, by meeting the conditions listed below. If a student maintains these conditions, then they will be charged the same per-credit tuition rate that they initially enrolled at every semester that they remain eligible.

### Conditions:

- *Minimum Credit Load:* Students must be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester for the duration of their program (whether BA or Certificate). Our primary purpose in this requirement is to encourage and incentivize students to finish their degree, since students who are in a BA program for more than five years often never finish.
- *Minimum GPA:* Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average to continue receiving the tuition price lock. Our purpose with this requirement is to encourage students to appreciate the value of the price lock program, and to strive academically to remain eligible for it.
- *No Probations or Suspensions:* For students to remain eligible for the tuition price lock, they must not be on any kind of academic or disciplinary probation or have been suspended from their program in any way. The purpose of this requirement is to incentivize students to excel academically, and to encourage them to make wise life choices consistent with the GNU Community Life Statement, thereby also avoiding disciplinary measures.
- *Required Chapel Attendance:* students must fulfill the requirement to attend chapel to maintain their eligibility for the tuition price lock program (chapel attendance is also a graduation requirement.) The purpose of this requirement is to affirm the institutional value for our chapel program, as well as to encourage students to participate in this vital component of GNU's campus community.

Exceptions: Exceptions to the conditions of this policy may be permitted for certain circumstances that necessitate a student not finishing a semester, or taking a semester off school, such as the death of an immediate family member, severe illness, etc. In such a circumstance, a student should appeal for an exception to this policy with the GNU Registrar's Office.

If a military serviceperson must unenroll or take time off their program due to military service, a special exception may be granted to lock their tuition past one semester.

All requests for exceptions to this policy must be made to the GNU Registrar's Office.