



Student Accounts Office

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Payment Policy for Fall 2009

Process Change for Tuition and Fee Payments for Fall 2009

Beginning with the payment of tuition, fees, room and board for the Fall 2009 semester, Mason's Cash Office will accept only cash, checks and online electronic check payments. This new policy also is being implemented by other colleges and universities in Virginia and across the country.

To accommodate students wishing to pay tuition and fees by credit card, Mason has contracted with a third party vendor, TouchNet, who will accept American Express, MasterCard and Discover online through the Bill and Payment System. A 2.75 percent convenience fee will be assessed by TouchNet for such credit card payments. VISA card is not currently participating in this program. It is estimated that this new policy will result in an annual savings to Mason of \$1.5 million.

The convenience fee is **nonrefundable**, even if the payment is refunded.

Late Payment Fee

The **payment due date** for registrations from April 13 through August 30 is **August 31**. A late payment fee of 10%, up to \$125, will be added to all unpaid balances after the August 31 due date. Late payment fees will not be removed from accounts. Failure to receive a reminder bill confirming your charges does not waive the requirement for payment when due.

The payment due date for registrations from August 31 to September 15 is five business days after registration. A late payment fee of 10%, up to \$125, will be added after the 5th business day.

Payment options are available on the web at studentaccounts.gmu.edu.

Registrations will not be canceled for nonpayment

Classes will not be canceled for nonpayment. Students must drop classes they do not plan to complete by the payment due date to avoid the late payment fee.

Please view the penalty deadlines at studentaccounts.gmu.edu (Important Dates Tab).