

Cost of Attendance (COA)

When you apply for federal student aid, the Financial Aid Office uses your cost of attendance (COA) in determining how much aid you can receive. The COA is the total estimated cost for a student to attend a particular school for an academic year. It is determined using rules established by law.

Cost of Attendance Example

Below is an example of the costs estimated for the following academic year for a **dependent student** who is a **Kansas resident living in the dorm** and **enrolled in a total of 30 credit hours** for the 2024-2025 school year.

\$3480 – tuition and fees
\$1000 – books, course materials, supplies, and equipment
\$7374 – living expenses (housing and food)
\$3482 – transportation
\$2628 – miscellaneous and personal expenses
\$18,324 = Total cost of attendance

The cost of attendance includes the following:

Estimated tuition and fees

Books and supplies-this is an estimated average cost of books, course materials, supplies, and equipment.

Food and housing-this includes the estimated average cost of rent, meals, and utilities based on your living situation: on-campus, off-campus, or with parents.

Transportation-this includes gas and the basic maintenance and operating costs of vehicle or other transportation to and from campus. It does not include the cost of purchasing a vehicle or vehicle loan payments.

Personal expenses-this includes an estimate of expenses such as clothing, personal items, laundry, entertainment, etc. We provide this estimate for personal planning purposes only; it does not represent a direct cost of attending the college.

Additional Expenses to Consider

If a student has additional expenses not adequately covered in the standard Cost of Attendance budget, they must contact the Financial Aid office and provide documentation to request their budgets be increased. The decision of the Financial Aid office is final and limited to expenses while attending HCC.

Less than Full Time COA

Cost of attendance is prorated each semester for those students attending less than full time. COA for students attending less than half-time only includes tuition, fees, books, course materials, supplies, equipment, and transportation.