Pricing policy on study costs 2025–2026

General principles

To prevent the extra study costs for students from becoming too high, the UG adheres to a Pricing policy on study costs. In alignment with legal frameworks and regulations, the UG's principles for this are: cost control concerning accessibility of teaching, transparency about expected costs, and a balance between the institution's responsibility and the student's responsibility.

The Pricing policy on study costs assumes a cap amount for the required educational resources related to the mandatory curriculum. The required educational resources must arise from a degree programme's learning objectives. If this cap amount is exceeded, a refund scheme applies where students are able to claim half the extra costs that exceed the cap amount from the faculty boards.

Height of cap amount

Indexation

The height of the cap amount for required educational resources is indexed annually, just as the tuition fees. After indexation, the new standard annual cap amount for 2025–2026 will be €957 (2024–2025: €931).

This results in the below cap amounts. The cap amounts and derived amounts will be included in the Student Charter and published on the UG website.

Cap amounts

Duration of degree programme	Degree programme phase	2025-2026
1 year (60 EC credit points)	first year of study, one-year Master's programme	€ 957
2 years (120 EC credit points)	additional years of study, two-year Master's programme	€ 1914
3 years (180 EC credit points)	three-year Bachelor's or Master's programme	€ 2871

New derived amounts (guidelines)

The study costs of elective course units, minors, the Honours College etc. are not subject to a cap amount but to a guideline derived from this amount:

ECTS credit points	Degree programme phase	2025-2026
Per 1 EC credit points	Elective course units	€ 16
15 EC credit points	Half minor	€ 239
30 EC credit points	Entire minor	€ 478
30 EC credit points	Honours College	€ 478
90 EC credit points	Major in second and third year of degree programme	€ 1436

Additional provisions

The following additional provisions apply to the Pricing policy on study costs:

1. Students are expected to purchase the following required educational resources themselves: books, syllabi, and digital and other learning materials. The UG is not allowed to prescribe how the student must obtain their educational resources. Educational resources also include software such as (Gen)AI tools and single-use access codes to digital learning environments. Please note: the basic rules from the UG policy Use of AI in teaching apply when using GenAI.
2. A student cannot be denied access to teaching or examination, i.e. formal exams, if the student is not in possession of the study materials. Access to and participation in exams may not depend on extra costs for the student.
3. In special cases, extra study costs are the result of the nature of a degree programme. The UG may charge these extra costs to the student to the point that costs are covered. This applies to:
    1. practicals
    2. teaching field trips within the degree programme (including travel and accommodation costs)
    3. workshops within the degree programme.

If requested by the student, a free alternative should be offered for these components. If a free alternative is not possible according to the degree programme, the consultative participation body, i.e. the programme committee, should issue an advice. The mandatory costs for practicals, field trips, or workshops also fall within the price cap.

4. Laptops, including system requirements, may only be urgently recommended to students and do not fall within the cap amount. A student without a laptop may not be denied access to a lecture or exam.
5. Study costs for study components that do not belong to the mandatory curriculum do not fall within the price cap. This is a student's own choice. This also includes the costs for going on exchange, trips and internships arranged at the student's own initiative or as part of an elective, such as a minor. When an internship or exchange forms part of an elective, e.g. a minor, all costs may be recovered from the student and these do not fall within the price cap — assuming that at least one of the elective options does not come with mandatory costs.
6. The cap amount applies to a nominal progress of the degree programme.
7. Study costs may be spread out in phases.
8. The term of payment for the refund scheme is six weeks.