

Level Tuition Guidelines

Buena Vista University offers an optional four-year, level tuition plan available only to freshmen Storm Lake students. The Level (or Guaranteed) Tuition Rate Plan is designed to help entering freshmen and their families better plan for the cost of a college education, while allowing the University to maintain the quality of its academic programs. Students who elect to enroll in this plan must do so prior to August 28, 2009.

- Effective fall 2009, there are two different tuition plans that entering freshmen may choose from:
 1. The Continuing or Standard Student Plan – tuition rates are subject to change yearly.
 2. The Level Tuition Plan – tuition rate is not to increase as long as the student maintains continuous, full-time enrollment at Buena Vista University Storm Lake Campus for four continuous academic years.
- Under the Level Tuition Plan, students will pay a slightly higher rate of tuition for the first year, but will be guaranteed the same rate for the remaining three years.
- The charge for Level Tuition will be the Standard 09-10 tuition plus \$1,275. This amount will be the cost for the student for up to 8 continuous semesters.

Example: Tuition \$25,540 + \$1,275 = \$26,815 each year for four years.
- Full-time tuition is based on enrollment in 12-18 credit hours per semester. Enrollment in fewer hours than 12 or more than 18 will be assessed at the prevailing per hour rate. In addition, any summer enrollment will be charged at a per credit rate based on the prevailing summer tuition charge.
- Room, board, and any fees are not included in the plan and are subject to change each year.
- A student who chooses to participate in the Level Tuition Program will not be financially penalized. In other words, if after completing four years at BVU, a participant paid more than a non-participant would have paid, their tuition for their senior year will be adjusted by the difference.
- If a student exits BVU for any reason, they will not be allowed to re-enter at the level tuition rate. Students who are re-admitted at BVU will be required to pay the tuition rate at the time of re-admission. An exception may be allowed for medical leave for one semester or military duty.
- Students anticipating graduating in less than four years should not participate in the Level Tuition Program.