

Summer Session 2026 J.D. Externship Program Tuition Policy FAQs

1. What is the Summer Session 2026 J.D. Externship Program Tuition Policy?

Generally, full-time J.D. students will have a tuition credit applied to cover the Summer Session Externship credits, with three exceptions:

- (1) Full-time J.D. students who were once part-time students and continue to pay tuition on a per-credit basis will be charged for these credits;
- (2) Full-time J.D. students who matriculate as transfer students in the Summer Session; and
- (3) Full-time students who transfer to the part-time division or to another law school after their summer externship will have a retroactive charge for their externship credits posted to their student accounts.

Please note: Full-time J.D. students who were once part-time students and are charged a Tuition Equalization Fee in the same summer as the Summer Session Externship Credits are charged will have the tuition charge reversed as the credits are covered by the Tuition Equalization Fee. If a student who paid a Tuition Equalization Fee in a prior summer enrolls in a subsequent Summer Session Externship Program, then those charges will be covered by a tuition credit.

Regular tuition rates apply for part-time (evening division) students.

All students will be charged tuition for a summer externship. Once the summer registration period closes, the Office of the Registrar provides a list of tuition credit-eligible students to the Office of Financial Aid. Financial Aid will post the credits to the student accounts approximately one week after the end of summer registration.

If a qualifying full-time J.D. student (i.e., one who does not fall within one of the exceptions above) has no other student account charges and receives a tuition bill for the summer externship course, the student should do nothing, and wait for the tuition credit to post. (If they have any other charges, they should pay them.)

Students are charged for tuition insurance, which can be waived. If they are only registered for the externship course, they should complete the [waiver](#). If they are registered for more summer credits than just the externship course, they should consider their options before waiving the tuition insurance.

Please note: The Office of Experiential Education does not set the above tuition policies and recommendations. Questions about any of them should be directed to the Office of Student Accounts.

2. What is meant by “summer externship credits” in the policy above?

“Summer externship credits” include the externship fieldwork credits (2 or 3 pass/fail credits) *and* the 1-credit, letter-graded companion externship seminar credit.

3. How do I know if I pay by the credit hour or not?

Paying by the credit hour means you are charged tuition for each individual credit you are registered for (\$2,950 per credit for the 2025–2026 academic year, including Summer 2026; \$3,092 per credit for the 2026–2027 academic year). This differs from the full-time tuition rate (\$83,576 for 2025–2026; \$87,588 for 2026–2027).

For more information, please visit [the Georgetown Law tuition and cost of attendance page](#).

Full-Time (FT) Billing

You are billed at the full-time tuition rate if:

- You started in the full-time program and remain in the full-time program
- You started in the part-time program, transferred to the full-time program, **and** paid a Tuition Equalization Fee

Part-Time (PT) / Per-Credit Billing

You are billed per credit hour if:

- You started in the part-time program and remain in the part-time program
- You started in the part-time program, transferred to the full-time program, **and did not** pay a Tuition Equalization Fee

Important Note (Fall 2025 Part-Time Cohort)

- Students admitted as part-time J.D. students in Fall 2025 paid the per-credit rate for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026
- These students were approved to transfer to the full-time division beginning Fall 2026
- For Summer 2026, externship tuition will not be charged or credited; instead, a Tuition Equalization Fee will be assessed
- Students may enroll in up to the number of credits specified in the Tuition Equalization Fee table

4. Are these “free” academic credits for those who qualify for the externship tuition credit?

They are not “free” credits. The policy is meant to ensure full-time students are not paying *more* than the standard six semesters of tuition (85 credits) if they choose to register for a summer session of the J.D. Externship Program. Because part-time students pay tuition on a per-credit hour basis, summer tuition is included in the standard 85 credits of tuition.

5. I pay by the credit hour. Am I required to pay tuition for the externship course even if my externship is uncompensated?

The tuition for the J.D. Externship Program, as is the case in the fall and spring semesters, is the same whether or not a student’s externship is compensated.

6. If I am eligible for the summer externship tuition credit and it is not applied to my account by the tuition bill’s due date, will I have to pay a late fee?

No. Eligible students will not incur a late fee if the credit has not yet been applied.

7. I am eligible for the externship tuition credit and do not see it added to my student account yet, even though it is more than approximately a week past the summer registration deadline. Who should I contact?

In this case, please notify the Office of Experiential Education at lawexp@georgetown.edu and we can look into this matter for you.

8. Does the Office of Experiential Education set this policy?

No. The Office of Experiential Education only shares the policy with you, it does not set or administer it.

9. I am a Georgetown Law Summer Bridge Program student. Do I qualify for this summer's externship tuition credit?

No. A Summer Bridge Program student **does not** qualify for the credit, and must pay per credit for their summer J.D. Externship Program tuition.

10. I am a Georgetown Law Non-Degree (Visiting) Program student for the summer session who will matriculate as a full-time incoming transfer student at Georgetown Law this fall. Do I qualify for this summer's externship tuition credit?

No. A Summer 2026 Non-Degree (Visiting) Program student **does not** qualify for the credit, and must pay per credit for their summer J.D. Externship Program tuition.

11. I received a tuition bill and want to confirm it's just for my externship credits this summer. Who should I contact?

You can review your summer bill online through GU Experience, where all registered courses are listed. If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact the Student Accounts Office at myaccount@law.georgetown.edu.

12. I qualify for the summer externship credit. How does this work? Will the summer externship credit initially charged to my account be deducted from the next semester?

No. The credit will be applied during the summer session, not applied in the fall.

13. What does it look like when a credit has been posted on my student account?

There will be a credit equal to the externship tuition charge. The notation for the credit on your account will read, "SUMMER EXTERNSHIP JD CREDIT".

14. I was nervous that I needed to pay the externship tuition bill for this summer by the bill's due date, even though I am eligible for the tuition credit, and did so. Who do I contact to initiate a refund process?

Simply login to the Student Accounts portal on GU Experience and request your refund.

15. I pay tuition per-credit, and already paid my summer externship tuition bill. I was going to participate in the J.D. Externship Program this summer, but dropped it by the requisite deadline per the J.D. Externship Program's summer drop rule (3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - the summer registration deadline). Will I be reimbursed for the total tuition amount?

Yes, students who pay tuition per-credit, have already paid their summer externship tuition bill and then drop the externship course by the required deadline should receive a total refund for their externship credits.

16. I currently qualify for the summer externship tuition credit. However, if I enroll in the Summer 2026 J.D. Externship Program, will I be responsible for paying the externship tuition if I end up transferring to another school this fall? And if so, what amount?

As explained in the summer externship tuition policy, a full-time J.D. student who qualifies for the tuition credit and then transfers to another institution in the fall semester will be charged and responsible for paying the full cost of tuition for their participation in the Summer 2026 J.D. Externship Program.