



## 2025-2027 TFA/NLU Special Education (LBSI) Cohort Tuition Guide

This guide helps you navigate your total tuition cost, tuition payment deadlines, and your billing process. [Here](#) is an overview video to help you navigate this document.

**Remember, it is your responsibility to pay your tuition on time.** While Teach For America has negotiated your base-rate, they cannot assist you in managing your payments ongoing.

### FULL TWO YEAR MAT/CERTIFICATION TUITION & FEE BREAKDOWN\*

COSTS	AMOUNT
NLU Tuition (44 total semester hours for at reduced rate \$483/hr)	\$21,252
Student Fee (8 terms at \$175/term)	\$1,400
Technology/Assessment Fee (one time)	n/a
Field Supervision Fee (\$84/year, 2 years)	\$168
<b>YOUR FULL TUITION &amp; FEES TOTAL</b> <i>(for two years, prior to AmeriCorps award being applied)</i>	\$22,820
<b>AmeriCorps Award (total for two years: \$7,395 each year)^</b>	\$14,790
<b>YOUR OUT OF POCKET TOTAL</b> <i>(what you pay out-of-pocket for two years, after AmeriCorps is applied)</i>	<b>\$8,030</b>

\* Does not include books or other course materials

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## 2025-2027 MAT TUITION & FEES CALENDAR\*\*

NLU Academic Term	Amount You Pay <i>(prorated, out-of-pocket amount)</i>
Summer 2025 (Terms 1A & 1B)	\$0 (Out of Pocket)
Fall 2025 - due by Sept. 22, 2025	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
Winter 2026 - due by Jan. 19, 2025	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
Spring 2026 - due by April 13, 2026	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
<b>Summer 2026 - Due by July 6, 2026</b> In July 2026 you will forward your AmeriCorps Award amount to NLU from your myAmeriCorps account -- you will learn how to do this during Summer Training.	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket) <b>\$7,395 (AmeriCorps Award)^</b>
<b>Subtotal owed for Fall 2025- Summer 2026</b>	<b>\$4,588.56 (Out of Pocket)</b> <b>\$7,395 (AmeriCorps Award)^</b>
Fall 2026 - due by Sept 21, 2026	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
Winter 2027 - due by Jan 18, 2027	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
Spring 2027 - due by April 12, 2027	\$1,147.14 (Out of Pocket)
<b>Summer 2027</b> In July 2027, you will forward your AmeriCorps Award amount to NLU from your myAmeriCorps account.	\$0 (Out of Pocket) - no courses this term <b>\$7,395 (AmeriCorps Award)^</b>
<b>Subtotal owed for Fall 2026 - Summer 2027</b>	<b>\$3,441.42 (Out of Pocket)</b> <b>\$7,395 (AmeriCorps Award)^</b>
<b>Totals Over Two Year Program</b>	<b>\$8,030 (Out of Pocket)</b> <b>\$14,790 (AmeriCorps Award)^</b>



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*\*\*The above table does not include books or other course materials - **you will have some additional costs** outside of your base tuition. This also does not include any endorsement course costs should you elect to enroll in the ESL, ESL/Bilingual, or LBS I endorsements at NLU starting your second year.*

**REMINDER: If you do NOT submit your prorated, out-of-pocket payment by the due dates listed above, you will NOT be registered for any NLU course(s) that term.** Please work with your NLU Student Finance Representative, Dana Lam, if you have any questions or concerns.

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## IMPORTANT NOTES

***If you are interested in the Special Education Learning Behavior (LBS I), English as a Second Language (ESL) or ESL/Bilingual Education endorsement:***

In addition to your MAT degree, this will change your out-of-pocket amount above. Both endorsements require five additional courses for 15 total semester hours at \$350/SH. Contact your NLU Graduate Advisor and Student Finance representative to learn more.

***If you need to take a leave of absence from the program:*** You will owe NLU any remaining outstanding prorated tuition and fees due from the terms in which you were registered prior to taking your leave of absence. You have up to **one calendar year** to reenter the TFA/NLU program without any financial consequence. If you elect NOT to return after one calendar year, you will owe NLU the full cost for all courses completed that would have otherwise been covered by your AmeriCorps award. Please work with your NLU Student Finance representative or TFA representative listed below to determine next steps based on your unique situation.

***Example 1:*** You begin Summer 2025, decide to take a leave of absence after Spring 2026, and within one calendar year, you decide to return to the program. You will still owe NLU for the prorated amounts as listed above in this guide (minus what you've already paid) for courses taken in Summer 2025, Fall 2026, Winter 2025, and Spring



2026. You may also have qualified for a prorated AmeriCorps Award amount which may be used toward your outstanding balance as well.

**Example 2:** You begin Summer 2025, decide to take a leave of absence after Spring 2026, and after one calendar year, you decide NOT to return. You will owe NLU for the full tuition and fee costs (minus what you already paid) for courses taken in Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026, and Spring 2026. See below for breakdown.

Term #	NLU Term	Prorated Amount	Actual Cost	Remaining Due to NLU*
1A	Summer 2025	\$0	\$1,624	\$1,624
1B	Summer 2025	\$0	\$1,449	\$1,449
2	Fall 2025	\$1,147.14	\$3,157	\$2,009.86
3	Winter 2026	\$1,147.14	\$2,107	\$959.86
4	Spring 2026	\$1,147.14	\$2,107	\$959.86
<b>Projected Total Owed**</b>				<b>\$7,002.57</b>

*\*This is assuming that the prorated amounts were already paid and does not include any additional payments made to NLU during these terms.*

**If you exit or are dismissed from the program by NLU and/or TFA:** You will not be granted AmeriCorp Award monies and/or will not be eligible for NLU’s prorated amount (depending on the time of release/exit). In the event this occurs, you will owe NLU the remaining amount of your tuition and fees that would have otherwise been covered by your Americorps Award.

**Example 3:** You begin Summer 2025 and decide to leave the program after Summer 2026. You will owe NLU for the full tuition and fee costs for courses taken in Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026 – minus what you already paid *and* the AmeriCorps Award received in July 2026. See below for breakdown.



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5	Summer 2026	\$1,147.14	\$3,556	\$2,408.86
Subtotal Owed to NLU				\$9,411.43
July 2026 AmeriCorps Award Received				\$7,395
Projected Total Owed (including AmeriCorps Award)*				\$2,016.43

*\*This is assuming that the prorated amounts were already paid and does not include any additional payments made to NLU during these terms.*

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL & HOLDS

NLU sends out automatic monthly tuition & fee bills via email on the 15th of every month to all NLU students across the university. Your bill will **not** simply show your out of pocket balance due each term. Rather, your bill will reflect the **entire** account balance of tuition and fees accrued. It is imperative that you refer to this TFA tuition guide regarding your **actual out of pocket balance due each term**, of which Student Finance is aware. **Payment is due the first week of the term.** If you choose to take additional coursework not included in your M.A.T. cohort sequence (ex: ESL coursework), the amount of the additional classes will be due in full each term.

NLU does place holds on all NLU student accounts if students do not have a zero balance (irrespective of payment arrangement/type). **If you are not current with your out-of-pocket balance due, you can be unregistered for NLU courses for the upcoming terms.**

**IMPORTANT: NO transcripts, diplomas, or certification (including your teaching license) will be processed until you have an account balance of \$0.00.**



## FINANCIAL AID & PAYMENT PLANS

You can discuss additional financial aid opportunities outside of the AmeriCorps Segal Award with the NLU Student Finance team. These opportunities may include but are not limited to the following, listed below. **Please note that you must submit a [FAFSA](#) application using the NLU code 001733 to be eligible for these financial aid options.**

- [TEACH Grant Details & Application](#) (through NLU)
- [Minority Teacher of Illinois Scholarship \(MTI\)](#)

All NLU students must also submit [NLU's Payment Plan Application and Promissory Note](#). This application helps NLU's Student Finance team serve you best based on your situation. You can modify your payment plan at any point. The Promissory Note is simply your 'promise to pay' tuition and fees through financial aid, scholarships, or otherwise. Check out our [FAQ](#).

*Responses for Specific Application/Promissory Note Application Fields:*

<b>Term Start</b>	Summer
<b>Degree Type</b>	Graduate
<b>Primary Method of Payment</b>	Tuition Reimbursement Plan (*Note: you won't be charged the \$35 fee indicated)
<b>Secondary Method of Payment</b>	Financial Aid OR Term-by-term plan (*Depending on your whether you plan to apply for financial aid or not)
<b>NLU Partnership/Discount</b>	Check 'Yes' then input 'Teach for America'



## WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Category	Contact Name	Contact Email
<b>TFA: AmeriCorps Segal Award</b>	Steven Grosso	<a href="mailto:Steven.Grosso@teachforamerica.org">Steven.Grosso@teachforamerica.org</a>
<b>NLU: Billing, Payment Plans</b>	Dana Lam	<a href="mailto:dana.lam@nl.edu">dana.lam@nl.edu</a>
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<b>NLU: Academic Advisor, Classes, Registration</b>	Stephanie Collins	<a href="mailto:scollins34@nl.edu">scollins34@nl.edu</a>