

Balance of Degree Fee Thesis Students

Master's students who complete all degree requirements in less time than the established program length, regardless of registration option, will be subject to a **Balance of Degree Fee**. This fee is the minimum degree less any program fees already paid by the student. The Balance of Degree Fee is assessed upon confirmation of program completion and the payment is due prior to the student's convocation. Any outstanding balance will be subject to a monthly interest charge of 1.5%, and official documents will be withheld until the account is settled in full.

Master's students who exceed the defined program length will incur total program fees that exceed the minimum degree fee. In such cases, no refund will be issued for the difference.

For international students who transition to domestic status during their period of study, the minimum degree fee will be determined as follows:

- If the legal status change occurs within the defined program length, the minimum degree fee will be based on the domestic rate; however, no retroactive refund will be issued for any fees previously paid at the international rate.
- If the legal status change occurs after the program length, the minimum fee will be based on the international program fee

Master of Science in Biology (Thesis Based) MSc Biology					
Status	Term	Tuition	Compulsory Ancillary Fees	Total	Total Terms of Study
Full-Time Domestic	2026 Spring per semester	\$2,900.00*	\$485.51**	\$3,385.51**	6
	2026 Fall & 2027 Winter per semester	\$2,958.00*	\$485.51**	\$3,443.51**	
Part-Time Domestic	2026 Fall & 2027 Winter	\$1,479.00*	\$242.77**	\$1,721.77**	12

Master of Science in Computer Science (Thesis-Based) MSC.COSC					
Status	Term	Tuition	Compulsory Ancillary Fees	Total	Total Terms of Study
Full-Time Domestic	2026 Spring per semester	\$2,966.00*	\$485.51**	\$3,451.51**	6



	2026 Fall & 2027 Winter per semester	\$3,025.32*	\$485.51**	\$3,510.83**	
Part-Time Domestic	2026 Fall & 2027 Winter	\$1,512.66*	\$242.77**	\$1,755.43**	12

*Tuition applies to the 2026–2027 academic year, as approved by the Algoma University Board of Governors. The Board reserves the right to amend fees at any time without prior notice.

** The SSM bus pass is an additional \$82.80 per semester (not applicable to full-time online or FNMI Sponsored students)

Additional fees may apply, please review the Compulsory Ancillary Fees, Additional Fees, & Service Fees of our website.

Scenario Examples:

Scenario 1: Part-Time Student (Lower Study Load):

Program of Study: Master of Science in Biology (Thesis Based) | MSc Biology

- Per-semester fee: \$1,721.77
- Duration of study: 8 terms
- Total Paid: \$13,774.16
- Minimum Program Length (Part-Time): 12 terms
- Total Balance of Degree Fee: \$6,886.08 (equivalent to 4 remaining terms)

Outcome: The student finished the program in 8 terms, which is 4 terms fewer than the standard part-time program length. As a result, the student is subject to a Balance of Degree Fee equivalent to the remaining 4 terms to meet the minimum program fee requirement.

Scenario 2: Part-Time Student (Higher Study Load):

Program of Study: Master of Science in Computer Science (Thesis-Based) | MSC.COSC

- Per-semester fee: \$1,755.43
- Duration: 14 terms
- Total Paid: \$24,576.02
- Minimum Program Length (Part-Time): 12 terms
- Total Balance of Degree Fee: \$0

Outcome: The student finished the program in 14 terms, which exceeds the standard part-time program length of 12 terms by 2 terms. As the student has already met and



exceeded the minimum program fee requirement through extended study, no Balance of Degree Fee is applicable.

However, any additional fees paid as a result of the extended enrolment beyond the minimum program length are not eligible for a refund.

Note: *Tuition and related fees are subject to change on an annual basis and may increase from year to year. The examples provided above are based on current approved rates and are intended for illustrative purposes only.*