



TUITION & FEES EXPLAINED SAMOA

2025 First-Year Tuition and Fees Explained

2025 Intake Fee for Non-Scholarship Students

For students beginning the MD program in January 2025, the Intake Fee is due and payable by 1 December 2024.

- Students must pay the Intake Fee to secure their enrollment into the MD program.
- The Intake Fee includes 8 Pre-clinical tuition credits and 2 Clinical tuition credits. The 8 Pre-clinical tuition credits will be applied to the first unit, General Principles. The 2 Clinical tuition credits will be applied to the Research Requirement, which you must complete during your MD program.
- The remaining 32 tuition credits for Pre-clinical units and 2 tuition credits for Research units required to be purchased for your 2025 tuition may be purchased in one of three ways, which are detailed in the Tuition Payment Plan Options section.

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In 2025, first-year tuition is the same for both pathways: 44 tuition credits (40 Pre-clinical and 4 Clinical), which includes: tuition cost, access to Clinical Key (online interactive professional library resource featuring books, medical journals, images, videos, and more), and Exam Proctor (to enable completion of unit examinations).

The 2025 Tuition credit costs will be published by 1 September 2024, once the annual CPI is available. The credit point cost will include tuition and associated direct fees. 2025 unit costs for each jurisdiction is an inclusive charge of tuition and tuition-related fees. Tuition is based on credit points, with credit points assigned to each unit. To register for a unit, students must have purchased enough tuition credits to cover that unit (e.g., Unit 1 General Principles costs 8 tuition credits). To graduate, students are required to complete 182 credit points (102 Pre-clinical and 80 Clinical credit points).

The cost of tuition credits varies depending on a student's country of residence, and students pay tuition and fees in their local currency. Tuition is subject to an annual indexation/inflationary adjustment reflecting the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which changes in each country. A country's CPI is released annually in July and is used as a guide to set tuition for the following year, beginning 1 January. The updated tuition credit cost for the following year will be published by 1 September each year.



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2025 Intake Fee for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

Generally, Samoan students who are Samoan citizens and meet the postgraduate entry requirements will be offered scholarships to complete the MD program.

This does not preclude Samoan-based scholarship-ineligible students from enrolling in OUM and paying the following fees: January 2025 cohort Intake Fee (WST\$11,290.00) is due 1 December 2024.

Non-Scholarship Students	Pre-Clinical Credits	Clinical Credits	WST
Unit 1	8		\$9,544.00
Research Requirement		2	\$1,746.00
The Intake Fee will be applied to Unit 1 (General Principles) and the Research Requirement.	8	2	\$11,290.00

Note: The July 2025 Intake Fee is not yet confirmed, as the cost of Credit Points is adjusted annually to reflect CPI in the local jurisdiction. The July 2025 Intake Fee will have the same credit point components and will be due 1 June 2025.

2025 Tuition Cost for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

The estimated cost of first year of tuition for non-scholarship students is ~WST\$53,000. This amount will be confirmed once the 2025 CPI uplift is confirmed. The tuition cost includes all fees associated with delivering tuition for non-scholarship students, including Exam Proctor (an online examination tool for delivering and supervising exams) and Clinical Key (access to your Professional Library).

For non-scholarship students, the inclusive cost of credit points in 2024 is WST\$1,193.00 (Pre-clinical credit) and WST\$873.00 (Clinical credit). This cost will be adjusted to reflect CPI for 2025. Actual 2025 costs will be published by 1 September 2024.



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2025 Tuition Cost for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

For 2025, non-scholarship students will be required to purchase 40 Pre-clinical and 4 Clinical (Research Requirement) credits; 8 Pre-clinical and 2 (Research Requirement) Clinical credits are purchased in the Intake Fee, so the balance required will be 32 Pre-clinical and 2 Clinical credits.

The MD Program will be made up of the following credits which non-scholarship students will purchase during the course of their program: 102 Pre-clinical credits (2.5 years) and 80 Clinical credits, including 8 total Research Requirement credits (2 years).

Below is an outline of the 2025 first-year program for non-scholarship students:

Non-Scholarship Students	Due Date	Pre-Clinical Credits	Clinical Credits	WST
Unit 1 - General Principles	1 Dec 2024	8		\$9,544.00
Unit 2 - Cardiovascular System	Mar 2025	12		\$TBC
Unit 3 - Urinary System	Jun 2025	10		\$TBC
Unit 4 - Pulmonary System	Sep 2025	10		\$TBC
Research Requirement	1 Dec 2024		2	\$1,746.00
	31 Dec 2025		2	TBC
Total Payable in 2024/2025		40	4	TBC

Additional Fees explained on next page.



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Other Fees for Non-Scholarship Students

The January 2025 Intake Fee, which includes 8 pre-clinical tuition credits and 2 clinical tuition (Research Requirement) credits, is purchased at the 2024 Tuition credit cost and is due and payable by 1 December 2024.

The 8 tuition credits will be applied to the first unit of the MD program, General Principles, and 2 clinical tuition credits will be applied to your required Research Requirement (8 clinical credits in total), which you will undertake over the course of the MD program.

Fees are included in the Tuition credit costs for the following graduation requirements:

- **Exam Proctor:** Online examination tool for delivery and monitoring of online exams (required for all units)
- **Clinical Key:** Extensive online professional library (required for all units)
- **NBME Exams:** USMLE Step 1 and Step 2
- **Clinical Skills Course (CSC):** 5-day, in-person, face-to-face CSC program delivered between the Pre-clinical and Clinical phases of the MD program (1 course)
- **OSCE:** Final in-person practical exit exam (1 attempt).

Additional fees that may be applied to individual accounts will relate to specific actions or behaviors. Fees that may be imposed:

- **Late Fees:** In 2024, \$25 for each late payment of a charge to your account.
- **Convenience Fees:** Card provider fees are passed on to students at payment.
- **Additional Exam Fees:** If resits are required (OSCE).
- **Asynchronous Course Fees:** if completing a course out of schedule.
- **Administrative Fee:** 2% for a monthly payment plan.
- **All NZ Fees:** Will have 15% GST added to the cost.

Hospital and Clinic Fees: Clinical rotations in hospitals or clinics may incur hospital fees. Students will pay these additional fees before the commencement of a clinical rotation. All students will be advised of associated hospital fees when being offered their clinical placement. In **Samoa**, non-scholarship students will be charged a weekly hospital fee.



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Refund Policy for Non-Scholarship Students

Tuition payments will be refunded in the case of withdrawal from the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, but will be subject to an Administrative Fee as follows:

If a student withdraws:

- Before the start of Orientation, there will be a full refund and no Administrative Fee.
- Before the first unit (General Principles) starts, there will be a \$1,000 Administrative Fee.
- Within the first two weeks of the first unit (General Principles), there will be a \$5,000 Administrative Fee.
- Unused prepaid credits will be refunded at 75% of the purchase cost on withdrawal from the MD program.

Application Fees are not refundable and may not be applied to cover other fees.

Unused tuition credits are refunded pro-rata only in the event of withdrawal/dismissal from the university.

For further financial information, please contact bursar@oum.edu.ws.

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