Reminders, Updates, and Student Financial Services

Hello Class of 2025,

I hope that you had a great week last week. As things warm up here in Williamstown, we are going to work towards sending you an email each Monday with reminders, updates and introductions to processes and offices that will be important to you during your Williams career. Be sure to pay attention to these weekly emails as they will help you as you map out your summer and know when and where you might need to complete tasks as you prepare for your transition to Williamstown.

This week’s email will introduce you to the Office of Student Financial Services. While this office may seem more important to your parents, knowing when and where you and your family should go to know about paying for Williams and who to go to about questions related to financial aid and billing.

**Student Financial Services**
Student Financial Services is here to help you and your family understand how to pay for Williams. The office that includes both student account and financial aid staff will do everything they can to make sure you take advantage of all the incredible opportunities you have at Williams while being transparent and flexible with all of the available options for paying your bill.

You will hear directly from them later this week including details about logging into the payment portal, so make sure you continue to check your Williams inbox throughout the week!

For now, here are some items you might want to check out or keep at the top of your mind while you are still getting familiar with Williams Student Records and the website more broadly.

- **Williams Student Record—SFS Tile**: Click [here](#) if you have outside scholarships to report to us, want to sign up for direct deposit, accept/decline your student loans, and more. This will be your go-to destination for all things related to finances at Williams!
- **Our comprehensive fee is billed twice per year**, **July 8th** for the fall and **December 8th** for the spring and is usually due within 30 days. You will receive a separate email instructing you on how to log into FlyWire (our payment portal) and how to set up a family member or other responsible party to help pay your bill. You and your designated responsible party will get a monthly notice if you have an unpaid balance. ****NOTE**: All applicable financial aid will be applied to your bill as a provisional credit for each semester.
- **We offer a payment plan each term that allows you to split your payments over the course of the semester. You will receive an email from** [studentaccounts@williams.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@williams.edu)
when the plan opens later this month. You will have the opportunity to sign up for either a four- or five-month plan at that time.

- We offer tuition insurance for those who are interested. Learn more here. The deadline to enroll is September 9th, 2021. When considering whether to purchase tuition insurance, you can review Williams’ refund policy here. We do not refund housing charges, but we prorate tuition and meals based on the leave date reported by your class dean.
- If you are receiving financial aid from Williams, keep an eye out on the website for instructions about how to use your book grant and all of our other financial aid “extras”.
- Most students are eligible to work on campus during the academic year. You will receive information from the Manager of Student Employment later in the summer about open positions and the details of hiring.

As we said, you’ll hear directly from SFS later this week so be sure to look out for emails from both finaid@williams.edu and studentaccounts@williams.edu for more important information!

**Ongoing Reminders and Updates**

- Placement Exam information can be found here and will be updated throughout the summer. We will be sure to let you know when things have been added. If you are not planning to take a particular subject, do not feel that you have to take the exam. Some exams are simply open or everyone is added for quick administrative purposes. As of today, information about Chemistry, Chinese, and Japanese are available on the [website](#).
- Some of you had issues with your WOOLF Forms. These forms have been reset and you should no longer be experiencing issues. If you find this is not the case please contact dmc8@williams.edu.
- Coming soon: Academic Advisor Matches
- Upcoming deadlines:
  - Ephventures (First year Student Orientation) - June 17
  - Student Information Form - June 21
  - Math/Stat Placement Form - June 21
  - Vehicle Information - June 21
  - Religious Preference - June 21
  - Office of Communications - June 21

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