

Franklin College Graduate Policies & Programs

The policies and procedures listed in this section of the catalog are specific to graduate students. For a complete list of policies and procedures, please refer to the Academic Policies and Procedures section of this catalog. If a policy or procedure is not specifically listed in the graduate section of the catalog, then the policies and procedures stated in the Academic Policies and Procedures section of this catalog apply to graduate students.

Admissions Policy

Application for admission is program specific. Please see details for the program in which you are applying. Further, graduate students should refer to program specific student handbooks for more detailed information and program policies.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is specific to each graduate program; however, both graduate programs are billed by semester based on credit hours.

Master of Science in Athletic Training tuition policy

- Once admitted a \$250 deposit is due upon acceptance to ensure your place in the MSAT is reserved.
 - 3+2 early admit students are not required to pay the \$250 deposit.
- Once admitted into and enrolling in the MSAT Program, regardless of whether you are completing the 3+2 or two-year professional program, ALL students are required to pay the credit hour tuition rate for graduate studies throughout the duration of the MSAT curriculum.
 - Tuition rates for the 2026-27 academic year are \$675 per credit hour.
 - Total tuition for the July 2026 cohort is \$44,887.50
 - Tuition may be adjusted annually, but will remain constant for each cohort
 - Tuition billing and due dates for 2026-27 are as follows:

First year

Term	Credit Hours	Tuition for Term	Bill Date	Due Date
Deposit		\$250	Upon acceptance	-
Summer	8.5	\$5,737.50*	May 15 th	June 15 th
Fall	15.5	\$10,462.50	July 15 th	August 15 th
Winter	2	\$1,350	December 15 th	January 15 th
Spring	14.5	\$9,787.50	December 15 th	January 15 th

*Summer term tuition will be reduced by deposit amount once paid.

Second Year

Term	Credit Hours	Tuition for Term	Bill Date	Due Date
Summer	1.5	\$1,012.50	May 15 th	August 15 th
Fall	13.5	\$9,112.50	July 15 th	August 15 th
Winter	1	\$675	December 15 th	January 15 th
Spring	10	\$6,750	December 15 th	January 15 th

*Fall second year billing includes the 1.5 hour summer course MSAT 600

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies tuition policy

- Once admitted a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is due within one-two weeks (or less) of receiving notice of acceptance to ensure your place in the MSPAS is reserved.
- Tuition for the MSPAS program is billed by semester based on credit hours.
 - Total tuition for the January 2027 cohort is \$98,400
 - Tuition may be adjusted annually but will remain constant for each cohort.
 - Estimated total program cost (including tuition and fees): \$101,250

Tuition and billing and due dates for the January 2027 cohort are as follows:

First year

Term	Credit Hours	Tuition for Term	Bill Date	Due Date
Deposit		\$1,000	Upon acceptance	
Immersive (January)	8	\$7,092*	December 15 th	January 15 th
Spring	18	\$15,957	December 15 th	January 15 th
Summer	17	\$15,070	May 15 th	June 15 th
Fall	23	\$20,390	July 15 th	August 15 th

*Immersive term tuition will be reduced by deposit amount once paid.

Second year and Capstone

Immersive (January)	4	\$3,546	December 15 th	January 15 th
Spring	13	\$11,524	December 15 th	January 15 th
Summer	9	\$7,978	May 15 th	June 15 th
Fall	13	\$11,524	July 15 th	August 15 th
Capstone (January)	6	\$5,319	December 15 th	January 15 th

Graduate Student Fees. The following fees are non-refundable:

- Graduate students are required to pay the *annual* Franklin College student activity fee of \$200, which is billed in each of the spring semesters.
- Graduate students are required to pay the annual Franklin College student services fee of \$850, which is billed for each fall and spring semester (\$425 each fall and spring).
- Graduate students are required to pay a *one-time* virtual patient platform fee of \$750, which is billed in the first spring semester.

Tuition Refund Policy

All tuition refunds are based on the date of official withdrawal or drop as recognized by the Dean of the College, the Dean of Students, and the records office.

In full semesters (Spring, Summer, Fall for MSPAS and Spring and Fall for MSAT), tuition refund schedule will be as follows:

Prior to the first day of class	100%
During the first week of class	90%
During the second week of class	70%
During the third week of class	50%
After the third week of class	0%

In short semesters (Winter terms for MSPAS and Winter and Summer terms for MSAT), tuition refund schedule will be as follows:

Prior to the first day of class	100%
During the first week of class	75%
During the second week of class	50%
After the second week of class	0%

Financial Aid

- To determine your eligibility for financial aid the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required. The FAFSA can be filed at fafsa.gov and is available October 1st each year. MSPAS students must file or update the 2026-2027 FAFSA and submit by December 1st. MSAT students must file by June 1.
- Beginning March for MSAT and mid-October for MSPAS, financial aid awards will be available for enrolled students via the online financial aid system.
- Financial Aid questions can be directed to the financial aid office at finaid@franklincollege.edu or 317-738-8075.
- Graduate programs offering 3+1, 3+2, and 4+1 formats are generally designed for students to complete both undergraduate and graduate coursework in an accelerated timeframe. Undergraduate financial aid does not carry over into graduate-level study. Undergraduate financial aid may include academic, merit, or other grants and scholarships upon admission to an undergraduate program. Once a student begins taking courses as part of a graduate program, that student is considered a graduate student for financial aid purposes, and all undergraduate scholarships discontinue. This applies equally to students entering the first year of graduate programs like the MSAT program, whose aid and billing structure transition to graduate status at that time.

Please note that students enrolled in the MSPAS are NOT eligible for Franklin College scholarships/grants as these awards are restricted to undergraduate enrollment. A limited amount of scholarship funds are available specifically to MSAT applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. The MSAT program director will review each application to determine scholarship eligibility. Eligibility is based on undergraduate academic success and extracurricular experiences that support the candidate in applying to the program. Applicants will be notified of scholarship offerings upon receiving an offer letter.

Master's orientation

All graduate students will be required to attend a master's program orientation. A detailed description of orientation events will be sent to students in advance of starting coursework.

Course hour definition

For financial aid purposes, the definition of graduate full-time enrollment is 8 credit hours per semester. Graduate students must be enrolled at least half-time per semester to qualify for federal student loans.

Course numbering

500-level courses are intended for first year students in graduate programs and for MSAT students completing their undergraduate degree in conjunction with a graduate degree. MSAT students may count up to 12 credit hours of 500-level courses towards completing the requirements of their undergraduate degree if they are

completing both degrees in a 3+2 program at Franklin College. 600-level courses are mostly intended for second year graduate level students.

Graduation Requirements

To successfully graduate from the MSAT or MSPAS Program, students must:

1. Complete the entire program within three and one-half (3.5) academic years; and
2. Successfully complete and pass all required courses, rotations, and program requirements with a grade of C or better and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
3. Maintain professionalism.

Degree application

An application for degree and appropriate degree templates must be filed with the Academic Records Office before the student is considered for graduation. The application should be completed and filed by October 1st prior to the next calendar year graduation date.

Grading

The Graduate Programs require a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average ("GPA"). While 70% is considered passing, the expected level of performance in graduate programs is a "B" average or above. The grading system for the MSAT and MSPAS programs is defined below.

Grade Range	Letter Grade	Quality Points
93–100	A	4.00
90–92.99	A-	3.67
87–89.99	B+	3.33
83–86.99	B	3.00
80–82.99	B-	2.67
77–79.99	C+	2.33
70–76.99	C	2.00
Below 70	F	0.00
Incomplete	I	
No Grade	NG	-
Audit	AU	-
Satisfactory	S	-
Unsatisfactory	U	-
Withdrawal	W	-
Withdrawal/Fail	WF	0.00
Withdrawal/Pass	WP	-
Transfer Credit	TR	-