

WHY TAKE 15 CREDITS OR MORE A SEMESTER?

BE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE

By taking at least 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 credits a year, you will finish college faster. Research shows that the longer you stay in college, the less likely you are to graduate.

120 credits ÷ 4 years = 30/yr.
60 credits ÷ 2 years = 30/yr.

Do the math!

Most bachelor's degrees are 120 credits and most associate degrees are 60; when you figure in time to degree, you have to take at least 30 credits a year to graduate on time!

SAVE MONEY

Taking 15 credits a semester is the same cost as taking 12 credits at most of Kentucky's state universities. You're getting 3 credits for FREE!

If you don't graduate on time, adding one year - or even one semester - to your cost is expensive!

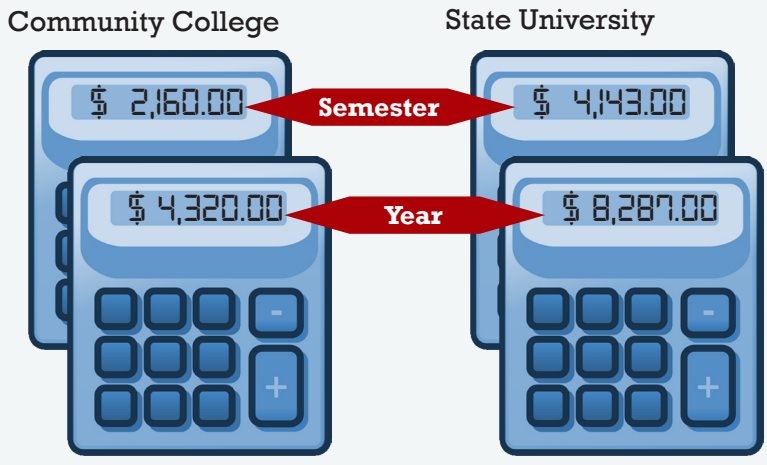
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The average cost for attending a community college in Kentucky is \$2,160 a semester, or \$4,320 year.

The average cost for attending a state university in Kentucky is \$4,143 a semester, or \$8,287 a year - this doesn't even include room and board!

And don't count on that KEES money to help you out if you don't finish on time. KEES money lasts only 8 semesters for most degree programs.

The Average Cost of College in Kentucky (2013-14 Tuition and Fees)



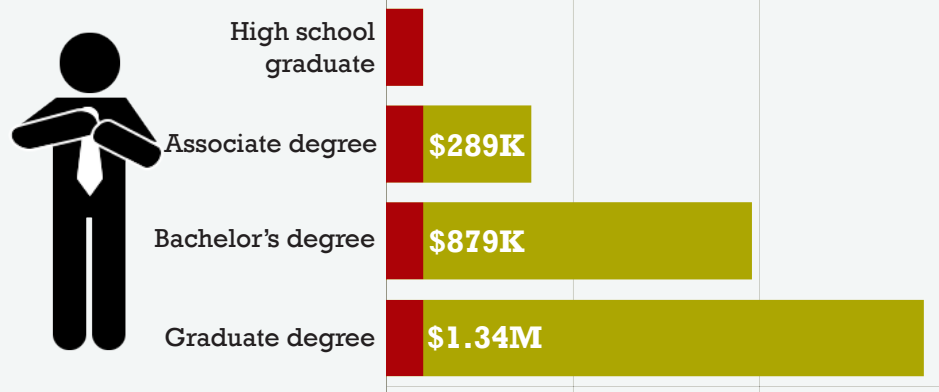
Source: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

GET GOING WITH YOUR CAREER

The sooner you earn your degree, the sooner you can get going with your career and start earning money.

By 2020, 56% of Kentucky's jobs will require postsecondary education making degrees and credentials even more essential. Graduating on time with a college degree can make a big difference in the amount of money you earn over a lifetime.

Average Lifetime Earnings by Education Level



Do the math!

Over a 40-year career, Kentuckians with associate degrees can earn an additional \$289,000 compared with high school graduates. Bachelor's degree holders can earn up to an additional \$879,000, and those with a graduate degree can earn up to an additional \$1.34 million!

Source: American Community Survey (ACS) data. 2010.