

ONLINE UNIVERSITY COMPARISON GUIDE

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK ANY ONLINE UNIVERSITY

The decision to pursue personal education goals while supporting your family impacts every aspect of your life. Finding the school that best meets your needs is a big part of that decision. This guide will help you make an informed decision concerning your school of choice.

1. What is the cost per credit hour or per course?
2. How many credits does the bachelor's or master's degree require?
3. Does your school calculate credits by the semester hour or quarter hour?
4. What makes this school right for people like me?
5. How many credits can I transfer into my program?
6. How do faculty and students interact in the classroom? Is there group work?
7. Roughly how many hours a week will I have to dedicate to school work requirements for each class? If my work schedule allows, can I take two classes at a time?
8. Are there specific/required login times? How often do I need to log in each week?
9. Do I ever have to come to your campus or a physical location?
10. How often do classes start?
11. Is the school accredited? By whom? What type of accreditation is it? What does that mean for me?
12. What kind of support is available to students (resources, advising, tutoring, etc.)?
13. What kind of career services are offered?
14. Does the school have any partnership agreements that are relevant to me and my profession?
15. Does your student body include individuals connected to or working in my same profession?



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| CONSIDERATIONS TO COMPARE |  American Military University | | UNIVERSITY 2 | | UNIVERSITY 3 | | UNIVERSITY 4 | |
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| | Undergraduate | Master's/Graduate Certificate | Undergraduate | Master's/Graduate Certificate | Undergraduate | Master's/Graduate Certificate | Undergraduate | Master's/Graduate Certificate |
| Tuition Costs | | | | | | | | |
| • Per credit hour | \$285 | \$370 | | | | | | |
| • Per course | \$855 | \$1,110 | | | | | | |
| • Average book cost per course | \$0* | \$12 | | | | | | |
| Application Fee | \$0 | | | | | | | |
| Registration Fee | \$0 | | | | | | | |
| Transfer Credit Fee | \$0 | | | | | | | |
| Technology Fee | \$65/course[†] | | | | | | | |
| Other Semester Fees | \$0 | | | | | | | |
| Completion Fee (Degree) | \$100 | | | | | | | |
| Completion Fee (Certificate) | \$25 | | | | | | | |
| Course Length (Weeks) | 8 and/or 16 weeks | | | | | | | |
| Is the university accredited? | Yes** | | | | | | | |
| Amount of transfer credit accepted (semester hours) | Up to 90 semester hours | Up to 15 semester hours | | | | | | |

*Through a book grant, we provide no-cost textbooks/ebooks for all undergraduate and doctoral students, as well as all master's-level active-duty servicemembers, National Guard members, Reservists, and their spouses/dependents. Some courses require additional materials not covered by this book grant. Data current as of February 2022.

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†Tech fees vary by program. The technology fee is waived for active-duty military servicemembers, National Guard members, and Reservists.