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1. INTRODUCTION

Under the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Albizu University is required to make available certain information to current and prospective students, employees, and the general public. For your convenience, this manual contains general information and links that will direct you to the appropriate websites or information required. Please contact the personnel from the appropriate offices if you wish to obtain a hard copy of any of the available documents. If you have any questions, you may contact the Financial Aid Office.



2.1 FINANCIAL AID

2.1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is a source of monetary support in the form of:

- Grants Awards based on financial need which do not have to be repaid.
- **Employment** If eligible, a student can acquire part-time employment to help cover the costs of education related expenses. Money earned during employment does not have to be repaid.
- **Loan** Money that is borrowed and is expected to be repaid with interest.

Students who qualify for financial aid may be offered a combination of these types of aid based on their financial need and the availability of funds.

For more information go to https://www.albizu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- In order to apply for Financial Aid, you must submit the following documents by the stated deadlines:
 - Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA) by going to the following website
 https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
 The school code for Albizu University-San Juan Campus is 010724 and for the Miami Campus is E00616.
 - You are required to complete the FAFSA to apply for Title IV grants as well as student loans. The information received from your FAFSA is the official indicator used by the school in order to grant any federal, state, and/or institutional aid. In order to complete your 2024-2025 FAFSA, you must use Your 2022 taxes submitted to the IRS. If you apply electronically on FAFSA on the Web or Renewal FAFSA on the Web, you can use an FSA ID to sign your application.
 - You can obtain an FSA ID before you begin the application process by creating it at the following website https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch





NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN DATA SYSTEM (NSLDS)

Students or Parents that receive federal Student Loan or Plus Loan you must be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), and will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders, and schools determined to be authorized users of the data system.

Students may access NSLDS for student data base by visiting: https://nsldsfap.ed.gov/login



ENTRANCE COUNSELING

Entrance Counseling: Required before you can receive your first Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, or Direct PLUS Loan as a graduate/professional or undergraduate student. The Entrance Counseling provides tools and information to help you understand your financial aid and help you manage your finances.

FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENTS:

To complete Entrance Counseling as an undergraduate student or graduate/professional student, you will need:

- 20-30 minutes to complete the form.
- Your FSA ID (If you do not have a <u>Federal</u> Student Username or password, visit: https://studentaid.gov/
 .Students must sign in using their own FSA ID in order to complete the Entrance Counseling. Use of another person's FSA ID constitutes fraud. Use only your own information.
- You may complete the Entrance Counseling by visiting: Entrance Counseling | Federal Student Aid
- Name(s) of the school(s) you wish to notify of counseling completion.



ENTRANCE COUNSELING

USEFUL INFORMATION TO HAVE:

- Details regarding your income, financial aid, and living expenses. Some useful resources:
 - Your student account number at your school.
 - A copy of the award letter from your school's Financial Aid Office.
 - A listing of the tuition and fees for your school. Visit CollegeNavigator.gov for this information.

Parents borrowing a Direct Plus loan to pay for their child's education are not required to complete entrance counseling.



EXIT COUNSELING

Exit counseling: Required when you *graduate*, leave school, or *drop below half-time enrollment*. Exit counseling provides important information you need to prepare to repay your federal student loan(s).

At the end, you'll need to provide the name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number for your next of kin, two references who live in the U.S., and current or expected employer (if known).

You may complete the Exit Counseling by visiting: https://studentaid.gov/

USEFUL INFORMATION TO HAVE:

- Any details regarding your financial aid, current or expected income, and living expenses. Some of this information can be found in:
 - Your student account information.
 - Details on your future income, financial aid, and living expenses (if known).
 - Important information on Exit Counseling
 <u>Direct Loan Exit Counseling Guide (studentaid.gov)</u>

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Additional requirements may apply depending on the aid programs awarded.



FINANCIAL AID NEED

Financial Need is defined as the difference between the estimated cost of attendance and the amount you and your family can reasonably be expected to contribute toward your educational expenses. Evaluation of the financial circumstances of the student and family follows a federal methodology established by the US Congress to determine eligibility for federal student aid programs.

The formula, established by law, measures in an equitable and systematic manner how much individual students and their families can afford to pay for higher education. The process takes into consideration household income, assets of the student and family (other than your primary residence), number of individuals in the household and in college, taxes paid, and other relevant factors.



FINANCIAL AID NEED

This results in an Student Aid Index (SAI). The sai is included on the Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the response that the student will receive from after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Once the expected contribution from the student and family has been determined, the amount of eligibility for financial aid is derived by this simple formula:

Albizu University Cost of ATTENDANCE - SAI = Financial Need

Scholarships and other monetary awards from private sources must be considered in determining eligibility when awarding federal financial aid. The amount of financial aid that is met will depend on the timing of the completed application, on the availability of funds and the types of assistance the student is willing to accept.



PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

A Financial Aid Administrator may exercise professional judgment to assist students that have extenuating circumstances which warrant a reevaluation of their eligibility for financial aid. These circumstances are as follows:

- Involuntary loss of employment (e.g. termination, lay off) of student, spouse, mother/step-mother or father/step-father.
- Reduction or loss of untaxed income or benefits (e.g. unemployment compensation, social security, AFDC, etc.) for student, spouse, mother/step-mother or father/step-father.
- Divorce or separation of student or parent.
- Death of mother/step-mother or father/step-father; or spouse.
- Extraordinary medical expenses paid by student, spouse, mother or father not covered by insurance.
- Adjustment of Cost of Attendance case by case.
- Others, as determined by the Financial Aid Administrator.

A request for **Professional Judgment form** must be completed and submitted along with all documents required for your extenuating circumstance.



VERIFICATION

Verification is the process of confirming the accuracy of student reported data on financial aid applications.

This process follows the Federal Department of Education guidelines and regulations, and it is outlined in the AU Verification Policy and Procedure below.

AU students that were placed in standard verification group (V1) are required to complete the verification process.

AU students that were placed in Aggregate Verification group (V4) and (V5) are required to complete the verification process.

For reference purpose see: <u>GEN-23-12</u>.



VERIFICATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Financial Aid Verification is a process used to verify certain information on the FAFSA to ensure its accuracy. Some students are selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education. The Department of Education will set a verification Flag on the applicant's Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) to indicate that the FAFSA was selected by the Department for verification. In addition, the Department of Education will also use verification Tracking Flags to place an applicant selected for verification into one of three Verification Tracking Groups. Others are selected by the school. Usually only a certain percentage of students are selected for verification. In addition, AU may choose to verify other students at random.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY THE STUDENT?

After the student receives notification that he/she has been selected for verification, the student should read first any messages from the Department of Education appearing on the Student Aid Report (SAR). Then, contact the Financial Aid Office (FAO) for any questions before submitting copies of documents that the Financial Aid Office requests. These documents may include:

- Verification Worksheet (Depending on Verification Tracking Group, V1, V4, V5).
- Other documents as requested by the Financial Aid Office.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY THE STUDENT?

The type of documents required will vary from student to student, and not all students selected for FAFSA verification will have to submit the same documents. Students should not turn in any documentation that was not requested.

The students selected for FAFSA verification, must return the information and requested documentation as soon as possible. Because verification must be completed in advance of disbursing any money from any financial aid program, it is vital that the student sends complete and accurate information quickly, or no later than the deadline scheduled by the FAO. A student that completes verification after the deadline must come prepared to make out of pocket payment for school's expenses. Once the student's file is certified and funds received, the student can/may receive a refund for the school expenses paid.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY THE STUDENT?

The Financial Aid Office will compare the information provided in the FAFSA with the documents provided by the student. If errors are found, corrections will be made by a school official or the student. Once corrections are completed, the school or student can submit corrections to FAFSA data electronically by entering the data corrections on FAFSA on the web. An output data will be received as the result of FAFSA or FAFSA correction data submitted. A new processed ISIR will be received to Colleague. The ISIR if the errors are significant enough to change the amount of financial aid that the student may be awarded, the Financial Aid Office will produce a revised award letter showing increased or decreased amounts and will notify the student to print a copy from the system for his/her record.



FAILURE TO COMPLY

Students who fail to submit verification documents are not awarded federal or state need-based financial aid. The student will receive three notifications for file completion. The student is then informed that aid has not been processed. If the students *do not comply with the deadline*, the student is responsible to make *out-of-pocket payments* for all educational charges

SUBMISSION AFTER DEADLINE

Files for students who submit documents late will be processed and financial aid will be assigned according to availability of funds.



VERIFICATION OF DATA ELEMENTS

AU systematically verifies only those data elements required by the Department of Education. The Department of Education requires verification of the student's information based on the Verification Tracking Flag placed on the student's application. However, the student may be asked for additional information if further investigation is needed to resolve a discrepancy.

- AU students that were placed in standard verification group (V1) are required to complete the verification process.
- AU students that were placed in Aggregate Verification group (V4) and (V5) are required to complete the verification process.
- Reference purpose see: https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/fsa-handbook/2024-2025/application-and-verification-guide/ch4-verification-updates-and-corrections





Verification Tracking Groups FAFSA Information required to be verified

V1 Standard Verification Group	 Adjusted gross income U.S. income tax paid Untaxed portions of IRA distributions Untaxed portions of pensions IRA deductions and payments Tax-exempt interest income Education credits Household size Number in college
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Verification Tracking Groups FAFSA Information required to be verified

Verification Tracking Flag	Verification Tracking Group Name	FAFSA Information Required to be Verified
V4	Custom Verification Group	High School Completion Status Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose
V5	Aggregate Verification Group	 Adjusted gross income U.S. income tax paid Untaxed portions of IRA distributions Untaxed portions of pensions IRA deductions and payments Tax-exempt interest income Education credits Household size Number in college
		Tax Filers High School Completion Status Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose Nontax Filers High School Completion Status Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose



CONFLICTING INFORMATION FOR NON-SELECTED APPLICANTS

Financial Aid Administrators are required to resolve any discrepancies identified in a student's file. If conflicting information is found, the student will be asked to provide additional information in order to resolve the conflict.



GRANTS

Albizu University offers the following Grants to eligible students:

FEDERAL PELL GRANT (Undergraduate Students) - Federal Pell Grants are awarded to help undergraduate students pay for their education. For the Pell Grant Program, an undergraduate is one who has not earned a bachelor's or first professional degree. The Pell Grant provides a foundation of financial aid to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources may be added. Unlike loans, grants do not have to be paid back. Qualified students may receive up to \$7,395 per year for the academic year 2024-2025. The amount depends on the school's cost of attendance, the student's enrollment status, and the family's ability to contribute. For Pell grant purposes, a full-time student must be registered in at least 12 credit hours



GRANTS

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG) (Undergraduate Students) - FSEOG awards are made to undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Priority is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants. The award amount per year depends on the allocation of funds received. The total allocation received is divided into all eligible students.

FLORIDA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FSAG) (Undergraduate Students- Miami Campus only) - This grant program is available to financially needy Florida residents who are enrolled in a course of study in an undergraduate degree program. The Financial Aid Office makes awards for the Fall and Spring semesters taking in consideration State requirements.



GRANTS

PUERTO RICO STATE FUNDS (San Juan campus only) - These grants are provided by the Puerto Rico Council of Education. They are available to students who demonstrate exceptional financial need and maintain satisfactory academic progress according to institutional policies. To participate in this program the student has to complete the FAFSA on or before the established deadlines. The Special Scholarship Fund was founded for undergraduate students who are not eligible for the Pell grant and having a "Life Eligibility Used" (LEU) of equal or greater than 600%.



OTHER GRANTS

EMERGENCY SEOG GRANT COVID-19 (Undergraduate & Graduate Students) – ESEOG

The CARES Act (Section 3504) further provides that an institution of higher education may use any amount of its FSEOG allocation (including funds transferred from FWS) to award emergency financial aid grants to assist undergraduate or graduate students for unexpected expenses and unmet financial need as the result of a qualifying emergency.

FSEOG awarding rules, i.e., exceptional need, with grants made first to Pell eligible students having the lowest Student Aid Index, are waived for the purpose of making FSEOG Emergency Aid Grants. FSEOG Emergency Aid Grants are not considered Estimated Financial Assistance.

Emergency FSEOG funds can then be spent to assist undergraduate or graduate students in paying for unexpected expenses and to cover unmet financial need as the result of a qualifying emergency. According to the April 3, 2020 Electronic Announcement, this can include paying Emergency FSEOG to students who would have otherwise received FWS wages had they started their job prior to the national emergency. Other scenarios of when Emergency FSEOG funds might be used include, but are in no way limited to:

- Unreimbursed study abroad costs related to cancelled or suspended programs;
- •Transportation costs (e.g., returning from study abroad, moving off campus, returning home, etc.);
- •Unreimbursed housing costs or living expenses due to relocation;
- •Meal and board costs associated with finding noninstitutional alternatives; or
- •Expenses that otherwise might have been paid with lost wages from a non-FWS campus job or local part-time job that no longer exists due to the outbreak



HEERF III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund IIII (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education since the start of the COVID-19 national emergency (as of March 13, 2020) are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are eligible for Title IV.

All students will receive an agreement to accept or reject the grant award through the Student Self-Service platform. However, the agreement will not state the amount of the award being granted. The award amount provided to each Eligible Student will be disclosed at the time the award is paid out. It is important that each student understands the purpose of the emergency financial aid grant and certify that these funds will be utilized for the established purpose. It is for this reason that the agreement must be signed by each student in order to receive their award.



WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

Albizu University offers the following Employment program to eligible students:

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM - The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing students to earn money to help pay educational expenses. The amount of the award depends on level of need and the school's total allocation. Students are placed to work within the Institution's different departments and outside the institution as community service.



LOANS

<u>LOANS</u> - the Federal William Ford Direct Loan Program is available to help students pay some educational costs by providing loans at low interest rates and favorable repayment terms. These loans are guaranteed by the federal department of education (DOE). Loans must be repaid with interest after the student is no longer enrolled on at least half-time basis, graduates or withdraw from schools. There are two types of loans:

<u>Subsidized Direct Loan</u> - Undergraduates may borrow up to a total aggregate amount of \$23,000 during his/her undergraduate education. For the 2024-2025, the interest rate for Subsidized Stafford loans is 6.53%. Many Graduates or professional students were eligible for this program. However, due to changes to the Higher Education Act, graduate and professional students are not eligible to borrow subsidize loan beginning with the 2012-2013 award year.



LOANS

Dependent Undergraduate Student

Credits approved and or validated	Year of study	Minimum Enrollment per Semester Subsidized Loan Amour		ed Loan Amount	Credits approved and table validated	
1 -30 completed credits	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	5,500.00
31 – 60 completed credits	2	\$ 4,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	6,500.00
61 - 90 completed credits	3	\$ 5,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	7,500.00
91 - 120 completed credits	4	\$ 5,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	7,500.00

Independent undergraduate student

Credits approved and or validated	Year of study	Minimum Enrollment per Semester	Subsidize	Subsidized Loan Amount		approved and or validated
1 -30 completed credits	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	9,500.00
31 – 60 completed credits	2	\$ 4,500.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	10,500.00
61 - 90 completed credits	3	\$ 5,500.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	12,500.00
91 - 120 completed credits	4	\$ 5,500.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	12,500.00





DEPENDENT AND INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

						Combined Total
Credits Approved	Degree Level	Subsidia	zed Loan Amount	Unsubsidi	zed Loan Amount	Loan
0 and more	5	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00



LOANS

GRADUATE LEVEL

Credits Approved	Degree Level	Unsubsid	lized Loan Amount	idized Additional for Clinical Only	Annı	ual Combined Total Loan
0 and more	6 & 7	\$	20,500.00	\$ 16,667.00	\$	37,167.00



LOANS

<u>Unsubsidized Direct Loan</u> - Like Subsidized Stafford Loans, the Unsubsidized Stafford holds the same terms and conditions, except that the borrower is responsible for interest that accrues during deferment periods (including in-school) and during the six month of grace period. The program is open to independent undergraduate students who may not qualify for Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans. Independent students in their junior or senior years may be eligible for up to \$12,500 per academic year –(levels 2 may borrow up to \$10,500). For 2024-25, the interest rate for undergraduate unsubsidized direct loans is 6.53%. For graduate students, the unsubsidized direct loan interest rate is 8.08%. Graduate and professional students may borrow up to \$20,500 per academic year and may borrow a maximum of \$138,500 (undergraduate and graduate combined).



LOANS

<u>Graduate Plus Loans</u> - Graduate Plus Loans are exclusively for graduate students and are offered by the Federal Department of Education. The purpose of this loan is to give the student the opportunity to obtain an additional quantity of unsubsidized loans, to cover costs of training, conferences, and other career related costs.

<u>Parent Loans</u> - Federal PLUS Loan (Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students) are for parents of dependent student. These loans are not based on financial need. Borrowing is based on cost minus financial aid. The interest rate on this loan is variable.



ANNUAL LOAN LIMITS

Graduate/Professional students (All Years)

Direct Unsubsidized Loan......\$20,500

Additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan Eligibility for HEAL-Eligible Students1

Graduate in Public Health; Doctor of Pharmacy or Chiropractic; Doctoral Degree in Clinical

Psychology; Masters or Doctoral Degree in Health Administration

12-month academic year.....\$16,667

Aggregate Loan Limits

Most students......\$138,500

Students in certain health professions programs......\$224,000

¹ Increased unsubsidized annual loan limit available for certain health profession students due to phase out of the Health Education Assistant Loan (HEAL) Program.



ALBIZU INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Academic Excellence Recognition and for Prospective and Current Students:

A one-time scholarship for Albizu University's students from, San Juan and Miami campus who show extraordinary academic merits (3.9 to 4.0 Grade point average-GPA) and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrate proof of satisfactory academic progress. According to institutional standards.
- Demonstrate proof of community service by a letter from community service entity or a non-profit organization.
- Complete the FAFSA application.
- Submit three (3) letters of recommendation from a former professor/teacher, a community or religious leader or an employer.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Agree to attend seminars, recruitment fairs, conferences, and other institutional sponsored activities.
- Complete and submit the Albizu Institutional Scholarship form with all required documentation

Submit an application to the Financial Aid Office by the posted deadline.



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate Students- Miami Campus only) -

This program is available to Florida high school graduates who demonstrate high academic achievement.

Contact your high school guidance counselor or Florida Bright Futures website at:

.http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/



SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (SDS)

SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (SDS) (San Juan Campus only) - The SDS program provides funds for the purpose of assisting PsyD doctoral students that come from disadvantaged backgrounds and do not require repayment. This scholarship is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Funds are awarded each academic year.

To be eligible for the SDS the student must:

- Be a full-time student.
- Have Disadvantaged Backgrounds as determined by program eligibility requirements:



SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (SDS)

The student qualifies for Environment Disadvantaged, if:

- The student is first generation, first family member to attend college (an individual both of whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree).
- The student as an individual comes from a family that receives public assistances (e.g., Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid, public housing or others).
- The student as an individual graduated from (or last attended) a high school at which he/she received free or reduced-price lunches.



ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGE

Economically Disadvantaged is defined as an individual that comes from a family with an annual income below level based on low-income thresholds according to the family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) for adaptation to this program.



DISBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

For the purchase of books and materials to students at Carlos Albizu University, participants from Title IV programs who have complied with all recommended dates eligibility requirements, funds will be disbursed to acquire material and books for the current academic term.

The disbursement will be available during the 1st week of classes of the current academic term.

This applies only to students who would have a refund available after the projected Federal Pell grant and other Title IV aid are disbursed.

Students who do not wish to enjoy this option must indicate this in writing, by visiting the Financial Aid Office at the established times.



FINANCIAL AID AWARDING INFORMATION

The philosophical concept of Financial Assistance Award is based on the need of students to obtain the funds to pay for college.

In accordance with this concept every student is evaluated through an evaluation process provided by the Congressional Methodology, through the analysis of need, that is processed by completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and obtaining the Student Aid Index (SAI) index that provides this exercise.



THE AWARDING PROCESS IS ESTABLISHED BY THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- Priority will be given to those applications of eligible student's that were received in the Financial Aid Office on or before the deadline recommended by the Financial Aid Office and meet all the required documentation.
- Students will be arranged in descending order, from highest to lowest need, for awarding of Federal
 Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and state funds Federal Work Study Programs (FWSP).
- For FSEOG funds priority is given to students with a Student Aid Index (SAI)of -1500.



THE AWARDING PROCESS IS ESTABLISHED BY THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- The Financial Aid Office will not allocate funds in excess of the Need Analysis made to the student.
- If from this calculation, the amount is positive, the student will be able to receive Financial Aid
 equivalent to no more than the need of the student. If the number is 0 or negative, the student does
 not have a financial need for what need-based program's funds cannot be assigned.



ONCE THE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED, THE INSTITUTION SETS THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS OF AWARDING:

SELF HELP:

This category includes Student Loans and Work-Study Program.

The maximum amount for student loans depends on the student's academic level, already defined by regulation:

Freshman – First Year

Sophomore – Second year

Junior – Third year

Senior – Fourth year

Graduates



WORK-STUDY

Work-Study Program requires the students to work and fulfill certain responsibilities for which will be compensated as established by the institution. The categories and compensation depend on the complexity of the tasks and academic preparation available to the student.

FWS awards will be made on a first-come, first serve basis to students who have met the application deadline for each session (fall, spring, summer), and have requested on-campus employment. Awards will be made for each session based on students' eligibility, student need, availability of federal funds, and available number of placements within AU. Students are eligible to work 10 to 20 hours per week, during each session, depending on need and funds allocation. Work schedule must not interrupt the students' academic schedule. Any unused funds will be relocated to be used during the following session.



GRANTS:

The category of grants is for all the Financial Aid that the student does not have to repay or work for them. These are based, either for need, talent, academic achievement or combination of the above conditions.

The institution may establish provisions need minimum or maximum of need and/or minimum or maximum of the amount to be granted. However, once given the funds it cannot exceed the specific needs of the student.

Some programs may establish special conditions for the granting, and it would be necessary to follow the rules for granting the program.

The Financial Aid Office establishes an order giving priority to Grants and State Aid following by self-help.



FINANCIAL AID AWARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Eligibility for need-based financial aid programs will be determined by the federal methodology and provided to the Financial Aid Office by the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR). Financial aid packages for undergraduate students will be based on an estimated cost of attendance for full-time enrollment (12 credits per term) or half-time (6-11 credits per term) unless otherwise noted.

Students selected for verification from FPS or Institutional selection, must provide adequate documentation in order to continue the process. (See verification policy).

FSEOG will be awarded to students with exceptional financial need. First consideration will be given to Federal Pell grant recipients whose need has not been satisfied. Selection will be made on the basis of -1500 SAI and availability of federal SEOG allocation.



PACKAGES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE

Undergraduate

- Federal Pell grant (if eligible)
- FSEOG (if need has not been met and recipient is Pell eligible)
- Outside grant resources including State Grants
- Institutional Grant or Scholarship
- Federal Work Study (if requested)
- Direct loan(s) program (Subsidized/Unsubsidized/Plus)

Graduate

- Federal or Institutional Grant or Scholarship
- Outside grant resources
- Federal Work Study (if requested)
- Direct loan program (Unsubsidized/GPLUS)



DISBURSEMENTS

Institutionally controlled financial aid (federal and institutional grants, scholarships, and Direct Student Loans transmitted by EFT) will be credited to your student account as soon as an enrollment audit has been completed, aid adjustments have been made and funds received. Awards are adjusted according to enrollment status.

Federal Work-Study Program funds will be paid to you bi-weekly for the actual hours worked.



REFUNDS

If total financial aid disbursed exceeds direct charges for a session, you may receive a refund check or electronic transfer for the credit balance. These are processed by the Finance Office and mailed to you or deposited in your bank account if you have set up the direct deposit. Students are responsible of notifying the Finance Office of any changes of address.



RETURN OF FUNDS

Title IV funds are awarded to a student under the assumption that he/she will attend school for the entire enrollment period for which the aid is awarded. When a student withdraws, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of Title IV funds that the student was originally schedule to receive. The amount of aid to be returned is based on formulas established by the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, please go to:

Miami: https://www.albizu.edu/download/academic-catalog-miami-campus/?tmstv=1732202900 page 50

San Juan: https://www.albizu.edu/download/academic-catalog-san-juan-campus/?tmstv=1732202900 Page 69



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The Office of Financial Aid is required by federal and state regulations to monitor the academic progress of potential and current financial aid recipients. Financial aid applicants must comply with the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy as a condition of initial or continued eligibility. Please note that even if a student has not currently applied for financial aid, or is not currently receiving aid, this policy still applies, and prior academic progress will be evaluated to determine eligibility for financial aid.

Satisfactory academic progress is measured both qualitatively and quantitatively. The qualitative measure requires maintaining a satisfactory grade point average. The quantitative measure requires successfully completing a required ratio of attempted credits and receiving a degree in a timely manner.

For more information please visit:

Miami: https://www.albizu.edu/download/academic-catalog-miami-campus/?tmstv=1732202900 Page 30

San Juan: https://www.albizu.edu/download/academic-catalog-san-juan-campus/?tmstv=1732202900 Page 38



AWARD NOTIFICATION

Students receive notice of financial aid via Student Self Service. They are not required to accept each award but can reduce or reject their loans via Student Self Service. A student may cancel all or any portion of FFEL aid at any time by notifying the school.

Award letters are available through AU web at https://selfserv.albizu.edu after you log in to your account, locate Financial Information on the left side . You will see Financial Aid and you will find the Award Letters.



RENEWAL OF FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid awards are not automatically renewed.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed for every academic year at https://studentaid.gov/ If you are a returning student who has completed the FAFSA form for the previous academic year, you should receive an Email reminder and Renewal FAFSA (FAFSA-R) form from the US Department of Education during the months of November or December. You may apply for the next year by editing and updating the information on the renewal form and utilizing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA application



FINANCIAL AID OFFICE INFORMATION

As an applicant to Albizu University, the Financial Aid Office will work with you in identifying the resources available to you in defraying the cost of educational-related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and supplies for their education at Albizu University. Financial Aid will help you in determining your eligibility for grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study programs. Grants and scholarships are awards that you do not have to repay. Loans and the work-study programs are considered self-help aid, since you will either be repaying the funds loaned or working to earn money. Student loans have low interest rates, and repayment typically does not begin until after you graduate. Work-study programs involve working on-campus or at selected off-campus sites. To qualify for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as other internal forms provided by the Financial Aid Office at Albizu University. All these federal financial aid programs are available for students who qualify.

Find out if you qualify at http://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility.



SAN JUAN CAMPUS

151 Calle Tanca San Juan, PR 00901

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00 am - 7.00 pm Fridays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Office hours may change during the academic year)

FINANCIAL AID STAFF INFORMATION

Telephone Number 787-725-6500

Name	Extension
Reception	1415
Doris Quero – Director of Financial Aid	1529
Elsa Alvarez – Financial Aid Specialist	1501
Iris Del Valle – Financial Aid Specialist	1515



CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO DE MAYAGÜEZ

Carr. 64 Esquina Calle #3 Urb.
Industrial Algarrobos, Mayagüez, PR 00680

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00 am - 7.00 pm Fridays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Office hours may change during the academic year)

FINANCIAL AID STAFF INFORMATION

Telephone Number 787- 838-7272

Name	Extension
Doris Quero - Director of Financial Aid	1529
Dalmar Martínez - Integrated Services Officer	7144
Yanitza Perez - Integrated Services Officer	7155



MIAMI CAMPUS

9770 NW 25 Street Miami, FL 33172-2209

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Thursdays from 10.00 am- 6.00 pm Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Office hours may change during the academic year)

FINANCIAL AID STAFF INFORMATION

Telephone Number 305-593-1223

Name	Extension
Lilianne Martínez - Director of Financial Aid	3164
Augusto Zagarra - Financial Aid Specialist	3195



B.S. C.J. & B.A. PROGRAMS (\$360 per credit)

No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost
3 credits	\$969	\$272	\$1,241
6 credits	\$1,938	\$272	\$2,210
9 credits	\$2,907	\$272	\$3,179
12 credits	\$3,876	\$272	\$4,148
15 credits	\$4,845	\$272	\$5.117



MS PROGRAMS (ESE/TESOL \$662 per credit; MS Psychology I/O \$684 per credit; MS SLP \$717 per credit; MBA \$916 per credit)

No. Credits	ESE/TESOL Tuition \$662 per credit	MS PSYCH/I/O Tuition \$684 per credit	MS-SLP Tuition \$717 per credit	MBA Tuition \$916 per credit	Global Fees	ESE/ TESOL Total Cost	MS PSYCH/I/O Total Cost	MS-SLP Total Cost	MBA Total Cost
3 credits	\$1,986	\$2,052	\$2,151	\$2,748	\$338	\$2,324	\$2,390	\$2,489	\$3,086
6 credits	\$3,972	\$4,104	\$4,302	\$5,496	\$338	\$4,310	\$4,442	\$4,640	\$5,834
9 credits	\$5,958	\$6,156	\$6,453	\$8,244	\$338	\$6,296	\$6,494	\$6,791	\$8,582
12 credits	\$7,944	\$8,208	\$8,604	\$10,992	\$338	\$8,282	\$8,546	\$8,942	\$11,330
15 credits	\$9,930	\$10,260	\$10,755	\$13,740	\$338	\$10,268	\$10,598	\$11,093	\$14,078



DOCTORAL PROGRAMS (Ph.D. \$882 per credit; PsyD \$1,158 per credit)

No. Credits	Ph.D Tuition \$882 per credit	PsyD Tuition	Global Fees	Ph.D Total Cost	PsyD Total Cost
noi Ordano		\$1,158 per Credit			
3 credits	\$2,646	\$3,474	\$338	\$2,984	\$3,812
6 credits	\$5,292	\$6,948	\$338	\$5,630	\$7,286
9 credits	\$7,938	\$10,422	\$338	\$8,276	\$10,760
12 credits	\$10,584	\$13,896	\$338	\$10,922	\$14,234
15 credits	\$13,230	\$17,370	\$338	\$13,568	\$17,708

COST OF ATTENDANCE

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM (\$143 p/cd plus \$286 fees)

LEVEL	No. Credits	Duration	Tuition
I	12	15 weeks	\$2,002
II	12	15 weeks	\$2,002
III	12	15 weeks	\$2,002
Total of Program	36	45 weeks	\$6,006



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS WITH PARENT/ RELATIVE

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Tuition	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$12,960
Global Fees	286	286	286	858
Practicum	-	-	-	-
Laboratory	-	-	-	-
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609
Housing and Food	6,562	6,562	6,562	19,685
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902
Loan Origination Fee	19	19	19	57
TOTAL	\$15,425	\$15,425	\$15,425	\$46,274

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS							
	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL			
Tuition	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$12,960			
Global Fees	286	286	286	858			
Practicum	-	-	-	-			
Laboratory	-	-	-	-			
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609			
Housing and Food	17,139	17,139	17,139	51,417			
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203			
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902			
Loan Origination Fee	19	19	19	57			
TOTAL	\$26,002	\$26,002	\$26,002	\$78,006			



GRADUATE STUDENTS MASTER PROGRAMS

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS WITH PARENT/ RELATIVE

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Tuition	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$16,488
Global Fees	338	338	338	1,014
Module/Practicum	-	-	-	-
Laboratory	-	-	-	-
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609
Housing and Food	6,562	6,562	6,562	19,685
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216
TOTAL	\$16,706	\$16,706	\$16,706	\$50,117



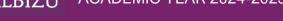
GRADUATE STUDENTS MASTER PROGRAMS

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS								
	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL				
Tuition	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$16,488				
Global Fees	338	338	338	1,014				
Module/Practicum	-	-	-	-				
Laboratory	-	-	-	-				
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609				
Housing & Food	17,139	17,139	17,139	51,417				
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203				
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902				
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216				
TOTAL	\$27,283	\$27,283	\$27,283	\$81,849				



GRADUATE STUDENTS' DOCTORAL PH.D PROGRAM

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS LIVING OFF CAMPUS						
	FALL SPRING SUMMER TOTAL					
Tuition	\$5,292	\$-	\$-	\$15 , 876		
Global Fees	338	338	338	1,014		
Module/Practicum	-	-	-	-		
Laboratory	-	-	-	-		
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609		
Housing & Food	17,139	17,139	17,139	51,417		
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203		
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902		
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216		
TOTAL	\$27,079	\$21,787	\$21,787	\$81,237		



GRADUATE STUDENTS' DOCTORAL PH.D PROGRAM

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS WITH PARENT/ RELATIVE

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Tuition	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$5,496	\$16,488
Global Fees	338	338	338	1,014
Module/Practicum	-	-	-	-
Laboratory	-	-	-	-
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609
Housing and Food	6,562	6,562	6,562	19,685
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216
TOTAL	\$16,706	\$16,706	\$16,706	\$50,117





GRADUATE STUDENTS' DOCTORAL PsyD PROGRAM

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS WITH PARENT/ RELATIVE

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Tuition	\$13,236	\$13,896	\$8,106	\$35,238
Global Fees	338	338	338	1,014
Module/Practicum	-	-	-	-
Laboratory	-	-	-	-
Books and Supplies	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609
Housing & Food	6,562	6,562	6,562	19,685
Transportation	1,401	1,401	1,401	4,203
Miscellaneous	1,634	1,634	1,634	4,902
Loan Origination Fee	131	131	131	394
TOTAL	\$24,505	\$25,165	\$19,375	\$69,045





GRADUATE STUDENTS' DOCTORAL PsyD PROGRAM

STUDENT LIVING OFF CAMPUS LIVING OFF CAMPUS **FALL SPRING** SUMMER **TOTAL** Tuition \$13,236 \$13,896 \$8,106 \$35,238 Global Fees 338 338 338 1,014 Module/Practicum Laboratory **Books and Supplies** 1,203 1,203 1,203 3,609 Housing & Food 17,139 17,139 17,139 51,417 Transportation 1,401 1,401 1,401 4,203 Miscellaneous 1,634 1,634 1,634 4,902 Loan Origination Fee 131 131 131 394 TOTAL \$35,082 \$35,742 \$29,952 \$100,777



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

STUDENTS LIVING OFF CAMPUS							
COMPONENT	FA	LL	SI	PRING	SUMMER	ТО	TAL
Tuition	\$	2,460	\$	2,460	\$ 1,845	\$	6,765
Global Fees		580		580	58	0	1,740
Practicum		259					259
Laboratory		100					100
Books and Supplies		1,176		1,176	1,17	6	3,528
Housing and Food		5,146		5,146	5,14	6	15,438
Transportation		889		889	88	9	2,668
Other Expense		921		921	92	1	2,764
Loan Origination Fee		44		44	4	4	132
TOTAL		\$11,576	\$	11,217	\$10,602	\$	33,394



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

COMPONENT	FALL	SPRIN	IG	SUM	MER	тот	AL
Tuition	\$ 2,460	\$	2,460	\$	1,845	\$	6,76
Global Fees	580		580		580		1,74
Practicum	259						25
Laboratory	100						10
Books and Supplies	1,176		1,176		1,176		3,52
Housing and Food	4,129		4,129		4,129		12,38
Transportation	889		889		889		2,66
Other Expenses	921		921		921		2,76
oan Origination Fee	44		44		44		13:
Tuition	\$ 2,460	\$	2,460	\$	1,845	\$	6,76

^{*}Loan Origination Fees (1.059%) will be included for students requesting students' loans only.



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

STUDENTS LIVING OFF CAMPUS						
Tuition	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 5,712		
Global Fees	782	782	782	2,346		
Module/Practicum	816	816	816	2,448		
Laboratory	353	-	-	353		
Books and Supplies	1,176	1,176	1,176	3,528		
Housing & Food	5,146	5,146	5,146	15,438		
Transportation	889	889	889	2,668		
Other Expenses	921	921	921	2,764		
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216		
TOTAL	\$ 12,060	\$ 11,707	\$ 11,707	\$ 35,471		
Tuition	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 5,712		
*Loan Origination Fees (1.059%) will be included for st	udents requesting				



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

STUDENTS LIVING WITH PARENTS					
Tuition	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 5,712	
Global Fees	782	782	782	2,346	
Module/Practicum	816	816	816	2,448	
Laboratory	353	-	-	353	
Books and Supplies	1,176	1,176	1,176	3,528	
Housing and Food	4,129	4,129	4,129	12,387	
Transportation	889	889	889	2,668	
Other Expenses	921	921	921	2,764	
Loan Origination Fee	72	72	72	216	
TOTAL	\$ 11,043	\$ 10,690	\$ 10,690	\$ 32,420	
Tuition	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 5,712	
*Loan Origination Fees (1.05	9%) will be included for s	students requesting			



BACHELOR PROGRAMS (\$205 per credits)					
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost		
3 credits	\$615	\$580	\$ 1,195		
6 credits	\$1,230	\$580	\$ 1,810		
9 credits	\$1,845	\$580	\$ 2,425		
12 credits	\$2,460	\$580	\$ 3,040		
15 credits	\$3,075	\$580	\$ 3,655		



MASTER PROGRAMS (\$275 per credits)					
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost		
3 credits	\$825	\$782	\$1,607		
6 credits	\$1,650	\$782	\$2,432		
9 credits	\$2, 475	\$782	\$3,257		
12 credits	\$3,300	\$782	\$4,082		
15 credits	\$4,125	\$782	\$4,907		



PH.D CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (\$350 per credits)					
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost		
3 credits	\$1050	\$782	\$1,832		
6 credits	\$2,100	\$782	\$2,882		
9 credits	\$3,150	\$782	\$3,932		
12 credits	\$4,200	\$782	\$4,982		
15 credits	\$5,250	\$782	\$6,032		



PSY.D CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (\$350 per credits)					
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost		
3 credits	\$1050	\$782	\$1,832		
6 credits	\$2,100	\$782	\$2,882		
9 credits	\$3,150	\$782	\$3,932		
12 credits	\$4,200	\$782	\$4,982		
15 credits	\$5,250	\$782	\$6,032		



PH.D INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (\$327 per credits) **Global Fees** No. Credits **Tuition Total Cost** 3 credits \$981 \$782 \$1,763 6 credits \$1,962 \$782 \$2,744 9 credits \$782 \$2,943 \$3,725 12 credits \$3,924 \$782 \$4,706 15 credits \$4,905 \$782 \$5,687



PH.D PCRT (\$327 per credits)					
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost		
3 credits	\$981	\$782	\$1,763		
6 credits	\$1,962	\$782	\$2,744		
9 credits	\$2,943	\$782	\$3,725		
12 credits	\$3,924	\$782	\$4,706		
15 credits	\$4,905	\$782	\$5,687		



PSY.D COUSELING PSYCHOLOGY (\$327 per credits)			
No. Credits	Tuition	Global Fees	Total Cost
3 credits	\$981	\$782	\$1,763
6 credits	\$1,962	\$782	\$2,744
9 credits	\$2,943	\$782	\$3,725
12 credits	\$3,924	\$782	\$4,706
15 credits	\$4,905	\$782	\$5,687



Withdrawal

Withdrawal information can be found in the Institutional Catalog. For more information, please visit:

- Miami: https://www.albizu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Albizu-University-Miami-Campus-Catalog-2025-20250115.pdf
- San Juan: https://www.albizu.edu/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2024/11/CATALOGO-2023-2025-Efectivo-Fall-2023REV_HRVV_Nov_2024II-1.pdf



AS A STUDENT CONSUMER YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Know what financial assistance is available, including information on all federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs;
- Know the deadlines for submitting applications for each of the financial assistance programs available;
- Know how your financial need is determined. This process includes how costs for tuition and fees, food and housing, transportation, books and supplies, and personal expenses are decided in developing cost of attendance budgets;
- Know what resources (such as parental contribution, other financial assistance, student assets,
 etc.) are considered in the calculation of your financial need;



STUDENT RIGHTS

- Know how much of your financial need, as determined by the University, has been met;
- Request from the Office of Financial Aid (FA), an explanation of the various programs in your student aid package. If you believe you have not received the financial assistance for which you are eligible, you may request reconsideration of the award which was made;
- Know what portion of the financial assistance received must be repaid, and what portion is grant aid. If the aid is a loan, you have the right to know what the interest rate is, the total amount that must be repaid, the payback procedures, the length of time you have to repay the loan, and when repayment is to begin; and
- Know how the FA determines whether you are making satisfactory academic progress, and what happens if you are not.



IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Review and consider all information about the financial aid programs at the University prior to enrolling;
- Complete all financial assistance applications and forms accurately, and submit them to the FA by the appropriate deadlines;
- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA completely because it
 determines your eligibility for a wide variety of financial assistance. You may experience delays in
 receiving a decision about financial aid if forms are filled out incompletely or incorrectly. Falsification of
 information on application forms for federal financial assistance is considered a criminal offense, and you
 may be subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code;
- Respond quickly to all requests for additional documentation related to verification or corrections;
- Notify the FA if there is a change in any of the information reported on the FAFSA;



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and understand all forms that you are asked to submit or sign and keep copies of these forms.
 You are legally responsible for all agreements which you sign;
- Notify your lender of any changes in your name, address, or school status if a loan is part of your financial aid;
- Report to your Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP) job according to the schedule you arranged with your supervisor, complete all work to the best of your ability, and notify your supervisor in advance if you are unable to report to work for any reason. Students need to work between 10 and 15 hours per week during the academic year to earn their full awards.



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Know and comply with the University's refund policy and procedures, should you withdraw from the University.
- Be formally admitted to Albizu University in a degree-seeking program; and
- Secure summer employment that will enable you to help meet expenses during the coming academic year.