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#### Missouri Western Students to see Tuition Increase

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Most students at Missouri Western State University will pay \$6.48 more per credit hour next semester.

The university's governing board approved the increase Wednesday.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports students who paid \$6,040 for 30 hours last school year would pay about \$194 more next year. The increase is expected to raise about \$850,000 annually for the university in St. Joseph.

Western officials say state appropriation cuts in recent years caused more than \$3 million in revenue losses. They also said higher insurance and retirement costs, and software and hardware maintenance contracts prompted the increase.

Non-resident undergraduates will pay \$391 per credit hour. Resident graduate students will pay \$304, and non-resident graduate students will be charged \$562 per credit hour. The cost of online courses also will increase.

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