

Office of Summer, Winter & Special Programs

Faculty Salary Scales and Course Enrollment “Break-evens”

FY26: Winter Session 2026

(includes 1% COLA increase effective mid-fiscal year)

Title	Credits			
	1	2	3	4
Professor/Teaching Professor	\$3,713	\$6,697	\$9,521	\$12,382
Associate Professor/Associate Teaching Professor	\$3,108	\$5,519	\$7,902	\$10,313
Assistant Professor/Assistant Teaching Professor	\$2,539	\$4,608	\$6,654	\$8,727
Instructor	\$2,062	\$3,691	\$5,400	\$7,094

NOTE: Academic rank for special sessions faculty is determined by the academic rank in effect for the fall or spring semester preceding the winter or summer session respectively. For new faculty, academic rank or title is designated in a letter of appointment provided by the academic department chair.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT STIPENDS/REIMBURSEMENTS

OSWSP reimburses academic departments for authorized GA course support in Summer Session up to the amounts below:

	Full-Time/ Part-Time	Total Stipend	4 Week Bi- Weekly Amount	6 Week Bi- Weekly Amount	8 Week Bi- Weekly Amount
MS	Full-Time	\$3,612	\$1,806	\$1,204	\$903
	Part-Time	\$1809	\$905	\$603	\$452
PhD	Full-Time	\$4,492	\$2,246	\$1,497	\$1,123
	Part-Time	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$749	\$562

*Total OSWSP stipends are the same for 4, 6, and 8 week courses and are paid bi-weekly by the academic department.
OSWSP will reimburse up to the Graduate School minimum if stipends increase in the new fiscal year.*

BREAK-EVEN ENROLLMENT – UNDERGRADUATE COURSES*

Title	Credits				
	1	1.5	2	3	4
Professor/Teaching Professor	20	20	15	13	12
Associate Professor/Associate Teaching Professor	18	17	13	12	11
Assistant Professor/Assistant Teaching Professor	16	15	12	10	9
Instructor	14	13	10	9	8

BREAK-EVEN ENROLLMENT – GRADUATE COURSES*

Title	Credits			
	1	2	3	4
Professor/Teaching Professor	10	8	7	7
Associate Professor/Associate Teaching Professor	9	7	6	6
Assistant Professor/ Assistant Teaching Professor	8	6	6	5
Instructor	8	5	5	4

**“Break-even enrollment” represents the minimum number of enrollments needed for a course to financially break-even based on standard faculty rank, number of credits and tuition. Breakeven numbers will be updated once FY26 tuition is finalized.*

Tuition = \$401 per credit hour (undergraduate, in-state FY26)

Tuition = \$779 per credit hour (graduate, in-state FY26)

Office of Summer, Winter & Special Programs (OSWSP)

Appointment and Expense Policies

The Special Sessions Policy Committee has adopted the following policies for the allocation of funds for summer and winter session courses. In all cases, course enrollment, understood according to approved policies and practices, must support costs associated with special sessions courses.

1. Faculty Compensation and Academic Rank:

- a. The OSWSP generates contracts and compensates faculty for approved lecture, lab or discussion courses. Faculty may teach a maximum of two courses per session. Faculty teaching independent study, research, practicum, seminar, clinical, or field study courses are not compensated by the OSWSP, (although policy exceptions will be considered for high-enrolled courses). Non-compensated courses are offered at the discretion of the department and are not subject to minimum enrollment (breakeven) requirements.
- b. Faculty contracted to teach during summer or winter session are compensated according to the salary scale approved for the contract period. Faculty compensation is based on the number of course credits and the academic rank of the appointed faculty member.
- c. Academic rank for summer and winter teaching assignments is determined by the faculty member's academic rank in effect for the preceding fall or spring semester. This applies to all faculty including full-time, part-time, adjunct, affiliate, etc. In those instances where rank has not been established in a preceding semester, the department chairperson will recommend the rank according to established University policies. (Refer to the [UMBC Faculty Handbook](#), Sections 4 & 5.)
- d. For new faculty, the department chairperson will provide a written letter of appointment, including rank, to the OSWSP before a contract is generated. New full or part-time faculty are typically appointed at the "lecturer" rank or higher. The "instructor" rank is typically used only for graduate students who are appointed as "instructor of record" to teach a summer or winter session course.
- e. Full-time faculty with an academic promotion in progress should immediately notify the OSWSP. If a faculty promotion becomes effective during the summer or winter session, compensation will be based on the higher rank if supporting documentation is provided before the session begins.
- f. Faculty should refer to the [UMBC Faculty Handbook](#), Section 9.1 for policies governing summer and winter compensation and overload.

2. Graduate Teaching Assistants:

- a. Graduate Teaching Assistants (TA's) are appointed to summer courses by the department chair. There must be an obvious pedagogical need to substantiate hiring additional personnel for a course. TA's are only appointed to winter session courses with approval from the academic department chair and the Graduate School.
- b. TA's who are assigned to specific courses are contracted and paid by their academic departments based on standard OSWSP salary rates. The OSWSP will reimburse the academic department at the end of the summer session for TA payroll and benefit expenses.
- c. Graduate TA's appointed to summer courses are paid according to their full or part-time status and to their academic status (master's level student or Ph.D. student) from the preceding spring semester.
- d. TA's are appointed for full-time (20 hours per week) or half-time (10 hours per week) during the summer.
- e. The OSWSP provides tuition remission for up to three in-state credits per summer for eligible graduate TA's appointed to a specific course. Academic departments are responsible for initiating the tuition remission process and forwarding completed remission forms to the OSWSP.
- f. Graduate TA's appointed as the instructor of record (and paid as instructors) are NOT eligible for tuition remission through the OSWSP.

3. **Instructional Expenses:** Instructional expenses are costs directly related to instruction and course content, including faculty salaries, benefits, and TA reimbursements. The Special Sessions Policy Committee must approve any requested instructional expenses beyond standard salary and overhead expenses.

4. **Non-instructional Expenses:** The cost of equipment, maintenance, instructional materials, copying, non-instructional personnel (i.e. graders, lab technicians, secretarial support, etc.) are to be provided by the academic department offering the course. The OSWSP does not provide additional reimbursement for such items. The Tuition Distribution Policy (see below) is designed to help departments offset any additional expenses incurred in summer and winter sessions.

5. **Overhead Expenses:** University overhead is a course expense and is calculated at 17% of tuition. The OSWSP also applies an indirect course expense to faculty-contracted lecture, lab and discussion courses. In FY23, the indirect expense is \$1940.

Tuition Distribution Policy

Academic departments with a positive net income may receive up to 25% of the annual net income generated. An additional 12.5% net tuition income is designated for the respective Colleges, to be used at the discretion of the Deans. To be eligible to receive an annual tuition disbursement, an academic department's combined tuition revenues for all contracted summer and winter courses must exceed the total expenses incurred by the OSWSP on behalf of the department during that fiscal year (a fiscal year includes the summer session and the following calendar year's winter session). Following an annual review and approval by the Provost's Office, the respective Deans will designate the final distribution of funds to the academic departments within their Colleges. Annual distributions are typically disbursed to the academic departments in the first quarter of the following fiscal year (i.e., the FY23 distribution occurs in early FY24). The Special Sessions Policy Committee (SSPC) oversees the tuition distribution policy.

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