

Payment plans charge students

Pay Now, Pay Later plan may disrupt some students' plans

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For some, summer is a time to work and soak up some rays, but for others, it's just another time to get caught up or ahead on school. Beginning June 22 school is back in session and students' wallets may be feeling a little bit lighter. Clackamas will be instituting a payment plan for students. Students will have two options as to how they will pay for school. The college will be implementing two different payment plans: Pay Now and Pay Later. Pay Now is exactly how it

sounds; give up your hard earned money. Students will be able to pay in full what they owe to the college for all classes at the time of registration, either online or in person. One of the benefits of choosing the Pay Now option is dodging the \$15 payment plan service fee that goes along with the Pay Later option. Students who choose to hold off on payments will be forced to pay a fee of \$15 dollars to set up a payment plan. The payment plan will consist of three payments at the second, fourth and sixth week marks in the term. One-third of the total cost will be due at each of these times. If a student chooses not to pay at one of the aforementioned times, an additional \$25 will be tacked on, just another way for the man to keep you down. Student Roland Fornatero

was not too happy with this new change. Fornatero said, "It sucks for students like me who usually have to pay the \$50 late fee anyways and it will just put more of a financial burden on me. I use the term as time to work and get the money I need to pay for school." Fornatero also expressed how this will affect his summer work schedule, forcing him to work more hours rather than being able to enjoy the summer. Other students, like Ben Outcalt, see the payment plans as a non-issue. Outcalt said, "It doesn't bother me because I have the money to pay up front, but I can understand the problem and position it puts other students in." Many other students do not have the luxury of being able to pay up front.

Due to budget cuts there were a minimal amount of new classes added to the schedule. Two financial literacy classes were added to the schedule. The class will meet four days a week for two hours and 50 minutes. Even though the class meets so many times for long periods of time each week, this class is only worth one credit. This class will help people make informed decisions concerning their funds and financial investments. As for new construction around the college, there will be none aside from adding a

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wind turbine and solar panels campus to help save energy. Some of the part of the building. Officials hope will help to cut on energy costs. Fornatero rated on down on costs hoping some of the saved could be used towards financial aid and helping students stay away from financial problems. Most of the being done campus-wide summer will be used for general maintenance help get the school ready for fall term.

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Poll: Pay Now, Pay Later

What do you think of the new "Pay Now, Pay Later" tuition payment plan?



Garrett Schneringer
"It's kind of annoying I guess. It's not very convenient. Not everybody has the money to pay at the right time."

Brian Baldwin

"For those who do not have financial aid and are tight on money, it's good to have a payment plan. But a \$15 charge, while it seems minute and small, like the \$5-per-credit increase, it adds up in the end."



Katie Berna
"I think it's a good idea that whole payment plan thing. But I don't agree with the charging \$15 extra just for the payment plan. Some college students don't seem to have the money, especially if they have to use that plan - it shows they don't have the money."

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