

Part Time vs. Full Time Student

Part-time vs. Full-time student status

A student's undergraduate degree course load in an academic session will remain the principal determinant for membership in either MAPS (1-17 units) or the MSU (18 or more units). Part-time students are represented by the McMaster Association of Part-time Students (MAPS).

In a limited number of cases, transfer of membership will be permitted from one organization to the other. Part-time students who qualify may apply to become members of the MSU.

Students eligible to apply for membership transfer can apply the day after add/drop and for 30 days after (**September 14 until October 13**) and submit their application.

The following are the qualifications for transfer:

Part-Time Undergraduate Students– who are registered for their final year of study and who are enrolled in 18 units or more may remain in the MSU or transfer into MAPS if they meet the following criteria;

- The student: (a) was in a previous fall/winter academic session a member of MAPS and (b) will register in more than 17 units to complete their degree prior to the next Spring Convocation;

Full-Time Undergraduate Students- who are registered in their final year of study and are enrolled in 17 units or less may remain in MAPS or transfer into MSU if they meet the following the following criteria;

- The student: (a) was a member of the MSU in previous fall/winter academic sessions and (b) will be registered in a fall/winter academic session in fewer than 18 units to complete their degree prior to the next convocation.

Students enrolled with [Student Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#): those who are enrolled in 17 units or less have the choice to attain their membership in either MSU or MAPS.

A key principle of the agreement is that students transferring will pay all fees payable by members of the receiving student government. Students transferring from MSU to MAPS would receive a refund, net of fees payable as a member of MAPS.

Those transferring from MAPS to MSU can expect the following fees being charged to their student accounts:

2017/18 MSU Membership Fees

Fees administered by the MSU:

\$128.09 for the MSU Operating Fund

\$106.00 for the MSU Health Plan

\$122.00 for the MSU Dental Plan

\$13.19 for the 93.3 CFMU-FM Operating and Capital Funds

\$1.57 for World University Service of Canada Refugee Scholarship

\$187.67 for HSR Bus Pass, payable to the HSR Transit Commission

\$0.64 per unit to a maximum of 30 units for the MSU-MUSC Operating Fee, payable to MUSC.

Fees administered by non-MSU, non-University bodies:

\$1.02 for, and administered by, Incite

\$8.07 for, and administered by, OPIRG-McMaster

\$1.11 for the McMaster Solar Car Project

\$0.40 for, and administered by, Engineers Without Borders

\$0.95 for, and administered by, the McMaster Marching Band.

McMaster University fees, approved by MSU referenda:

\$1.23 per unit to a maximum of 30 units for the Administrative Services Fee

\$4.81 per unit to a maximum of 30 units for the Sports Complex Building Fee

\$415.89* for the Student Services Fee, broken down into;

- \$237.10 for the Athletics and Recreation Activity Fee;
- \$75.19 for the Student Success Centre
- \$103.60 for the Student Wellness Centre.

*Effective September 1, 2017

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Please fill out the application [here](#). You should be able to expect a turnaround time of seven business days. If you haven't heard anything in that time, please contact the Student Accounts office.