

Tuition & Payment Policy — MS (Yoga)

Website-ready summary of the tuition policy.

Effective Fall 2026 · A guide for students

Everything you'll pay for the Master of Science (Yoga) program, when it's due, and what happens if you defer, take a leave, or withdraw. Please read before accepting your admission offer.

Quick summary

A **\$500 deposit** holds your place and counts toward tuition. A **\$200 registration fee** applies every semester, plus a one-time **book fee** in your first semester. Pay tuition in full or in four installments. Withdrawal refunds follow a pro-rata schedule.

Fees at a glance for Yoga Therapy, Yoga Philosophy and Yoga Research specialization

Total Tuition fees for the entire 30 Credit MS (Yoga) program Yoga Therapy, Yoga Philosophy and Yoga Research specialization is \$31,300 spread over 4 semesters as indicated in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

Table 1: Fees at a glance

Charge	Basis	Refundable?
Admission Deposit — \$500	One-time at admission; applied to first-semester tuition	No
Registration Fee — \$200	Every semester	No
Book Fee — \$250	One-time, first semester	No
Tuition	Per semester	Pro-rata (see Withdrawal)
Payment Plan Service Charge — \$10	Per installment (Payment Plan only)	No
Late Payment Fee — \$50	Each month a payment is delayed	No
Returned Payment Fee — \$35	Per returned check / failed payment	No

Table 2: MS (Yoga) Program Tuition & Fee Payment schedule (Fall 2026- Spring 2027) for Yoga Therapy, Yoga Philosophy and Yoga Research specializations. Education inflation is taken to be 3% per year.

Semester	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 3	Sem 4
Courses	4	3	3	*See Notes
Credits	9	7	8	6
Cost per Credit hour	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030
Tuition	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,240	\$ 6,180
Deposit Applied to 1st Semester Tuition	\$ 500			
Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Book Fee (one time - non-refundable)	\$ 250			
Payment Plan Service Fee for each payment	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Payment 1 (Due previous week of Semester start)	\$ 2,210	\$ 1,960	\$ 2,270	\$ 1,755
Payment 2 (Due beginning of 6th week of Semester)	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,760	\$ 2,070	\$ 1,555
Payment 3 (Due beginning of 11th week of Semester)	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,760	\$ 2,070	\$ 1,555
Payment 4 (Last week of Semester end)	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,760	\$ 2,070	\$ 1,555
Total Paid (assumes Deposit paid after Admission)	\$ 8,990	\$ 7,240	\$ 8,480	\$ 6,420
Total Fees Paid	\$ 9,490	\$ 7,240	\$ 8,480	\$ 6,420



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Table 3: Specialization Course requirements for MS (Yoga) program.

Specialization	Requirement in 4 th Semester
Yoga Therapy	6 credits /2 courses selected from a set of courses for the specialization
Yoga Philosophy	6 credits /2 courses selected from a set of courses for the specialization
Yoga Research	5 or 6 credit Master's thesis depending on taking YMS 501 or not.
VaYU 4+1	- Undergraduate students prior to graduation take the first 9 credits of courses during their Junior/Senior year and save a full calendar year in their Master's program. Based on the undergraduate university regulations, these 9 credits can potentially be counted towards the undergraduate program, thus saving \$9,000 for these double-counted credits. - Students who start fresh without these 9 credits will complete an extra semester. - Students continue as VaYU MS (Yoga) students in Semesters 2 and 3. 6-week Clinical Observership is in their last term during Summer (Fall entry into MS previous year) or Winter break (Spring entry into MS same year).

Fees at a glance for VaYU 4+1 specialization

Total tuition and fees for the 4+1 specialization are **\$34,000**. This includes everything for the 6-week clinical observership: air and road travel, boarding and lodging, travel insurance, and 6 credits of tuition.

Your payment schedule for the first three semesters is the same as shown in Table 2. The difference is in the fourth semester: instead of the standard Semester 4 tuition, you'll pay **\$8,790** for the 6-week Clinical Observership (covering both travel expenses and 6 credits of tuition).

How to pay Semester 4:

- **Pay in full:** \$8,790 in one payment, or
- **Payment Plan:** four equal instalments of **\$2,208** each (rounded off). Note, each instalment includes a \$10 service fee.

Paying your tuition

- **Two options:** pay in full before the first week of classes and avoid Payment Plan fee or use the **Payment Plan** (four equal installments).
- **Installments are due:** before week 1, and by Monday of weeks 6, 11, and the final week of the semester.
- A **\$10 service charge** applies to each installment (\$40/semester total).
- You must pay by each due date **whether or not** you've received an invoice.
- Missed payments can lead to denial of services (classes, materials, grades, transcripts) and, if unresolved, administrative withdrawal.

Deferment, leave & time limits

- **Defer your start** up to 2 semesters (1 year); your deposit carries over if you begin within that window.
- **Leave of absence** up to 2 semesters (1 year); notify the Registrar at least one week before the semester starts.
- **Five-year limit:** California rules require all degree requirements be completed within five years of entering the program (deferment and leave count toward this).

Withdrawal & refunds



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- **Never refunded:** deposit, registration fee, book fee.
- **Full tuition refund** if you withdraw before the end of week 1.
- **Pro-rata refund** if you withdraw on or before day 67 (60% of the term): $(67 - \text{day of withdrawal}) \div 67 \times \text{semester tuition}$. Example: withdrawing on day 47 refunds $\approx 29.85\%$ of tuition.
- **No tuition refund** after day 67.
- Submit withdrawals in writing to the Registrar; the date received determines your refund.

Questions? Contact the Office of the Registrar — registrar@vayuusa.org · +1 (323) 204-3838
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