

Who we are:

The Emerson College Student Union is a non-hierarchical organization of students committed to changing Emerson College's classist structure through organizing and community care. We believe that all students, regardless of income, deserve access to Emerson and its programs.

What We Will Do:

- Welcome the class of 2024 with support, resources, and community!
- Campaign for a tuition freeze and a halt to tuition increase decisions made without student input.
- Win students voting representation on the Board of Trustees.
- Get the board to make their minutes and voting records publicly accessible.
- Build up the campus food pantry to be better stocked and include non-perishables.
- Win access to the Dining Hall for all students to decrease food insecurity.
- Expand resources and the visibility of resources for low-income students.

Stay in touch! Ask us any questions!



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Tune in to our radio hour every Thursday at 6 pm on wecb.fm.

Picture Yourself Paying
tuition
at Emerson:

An informational welcome packet
created by current students,
for future students.

WELCOME TO EMERSON!

As Emerson College students, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you tour our campus! We hope that you find the tour informational and enjoy your visit.

We also know from personal experience choosing a college is a big financial decision. We believe that when making this decision, you deserve all of the facts. In this pamphlet, we compiled a list of facts we wish we knew about Emerson tuition before we came here. We want to empower you with knowledge!

Tuition when this year's graduating class were freshmen:

\$40,320

Tuition now:

\$48,560

Room and board when this year's graduating class were freshmen:

\$15,700

Room and board now:

\$18,400

Student Services Fee when this year's graduating class were freshmen:

\$732

Student Services Fee now:

\$872

Annual Increases at Emerson:

- Tuition is potentially increasing by **3.5%** for the 2020-21 year.⁵ This will bring it to a total of **\$50,260**.
- Tuition has increased every year since 2010.⁴
- Emerson requires students to live on campus for 6 semesters.⁶ The cost of on-campus housing has increased every year since 2010.⁴

The Board of Trustees have not

promised to stop the increases. When asked last year, President Lee Pelton said: "I wouldn't wish to commit the college to a promise they cannot keep."⁷

Total cost increase over just 4 years: \$11,080

Fun Facts About Emerson:

- 1 in 5 students **don't graduate** from Emerson.⁸ It's normal to see our friends priced out of this school and forced to transfer or drop out.
- Our college president, Lee Pelton, had his income **more than double** since he first took office in 2011, going from \$366,106⁹ in 2011 to \$929,456¹⁰ in 2017.
- Emerson tries to justify tuition increases by comparing itself to colleges such as Brandeis University, Boston College, and Northeastern University. These colleges meet between 94%-100% of student financial need. Emerson, on average, meets **only 64%**¹¹ of student need.

Take Action!



Parents and students: **call President Lee Pelton** at 617-824-8525 and email him at Lee_Pelton@emerson.edu and express your concerns about tuition increasing annually.



If you are coming here next year, the Union is ready to welcome you and connect you with resources to succeed! Follow us **@ecstudentunion** on Instagram to stay in the loop. Our DMs are always open!



If you want to ask a current student questions about student life at Emerson, fill out our Google form at **tiny.cc/studentform** to schedule a 1-on-1 with one of us. We are happy to be a resource to you!



To ask a current student questions about attending Emerson, scan this code with your phone:



To see our sources, scan this code with your phone: