

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**NO.:** BHE 20-22

**BOARD DATE:** May 5, 2020

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**ALTERNATIVE NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES – BERKSHIRE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education adopts the following alternative tuition rates and enrollment caps for new, non-resident, undergraduate students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College for Fiscal Year 2021:

**Alternative Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates**

	<b>Change</b>	<b>Rate Per Credit</b>	<b>Alternativ e Tuition</b>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Art	\$0	-	\$1,545
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$39	\$1,170

**Enrollment Caps for New Students**

	<b># of Students</b>	<b>Change</b>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Art	306	0
Berkshire Community College	100	0

**VOTED:** Motion adopted by BHE 5/5/2020.

**Authority:** Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)

**Contact:** Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and

Finance

## **Background**

The Alternative Tuition Program allows residents of New York to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College at tuition rates set at reduced out-of-state rates. The rate currently is set at 150 percent of resident student tuition and mirrors the rate charged to students under the New England Regional Student Program through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). New York is not a NEBHE participant.

The number of students accepted each year under the alternative tuition arrangement is restricted.

The Alternative Tuition Program supports efforts at both institutions to increase enrollment. The program also provides an important link between the Berkshires and the Albany region for the Commonwealth and the county to develop strategies to strengthen and expand the regional economy.

At Berkshire Community College, 35 New York residents are currently enrolled under the Alternative Tuition Program. The College seeks to maintain its enrollment cap at 100 students for FY2021. At MCLA, 284 New York residents are currently enrolled under the Alternative Tuition Program. MCLA has an enrollment cap of 306 students and seeks to maintain that for FY2021.