THE PRICE PROMISE—EFFECTIVE FALL 2015

The program is for traditional first-time, full-time, matriculating, residential students and freezes tuition and the standard room and board rate for four years.

Successful program participants will be charged a fixed tuition and standard room and board rate for four consecutive academic years from date of matriculation.

Merit scholarships awarded by the college to a student at the time of first matriculation will also remain the same throughout the four years, as long as the student continuously fulfills the minimum requirements for those scholarships; need-based grants and loans will be adjusted annually according to the student’s and family’s documented need based upon their annual submission of the FAFSA.

THE FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION PROMISE

If a student meets his/her degree and major requirements for four consecutive academic years based on their original date of matriculation at CSC and does not graduate by the end of their fourth year at Colby-Sawyer, he/she may take the additional required coursework at Colby-Sawyer to complete the baccalaureate degree at no additional tuition cost.

Students who continue beyond the fourth year as part of Colby-Sawyer’s graduation guarantee must enroll full-time (unless they need fewer than 12 credits to graduate in their final semester) for each fall and spring semester beyond the fourth year.

Students who continue beyond the fourth year may continue to participate in student activities and academic services consistent with their level of enrollment.

Students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA to determine eligibility for any federal student financial aid to assist them with room, board and living expenses. Institutional merit scholarship or grant aid will not be awarded as these funds typically cover tuition costs which will not be incurred by the student.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All students who meet the price and graduation requirements for the fall of 2015 are automatically enrolled.

Eligibility will be reviewed annually.

In order to remain eligible for Colby-Sawyer’s Price and Graduation Promise Program, the student must:

1. Review and understand Colby-Sawyer’s Code of Community Responsibility, Academic Honesty Policy and Short-Term Absence and Administrative Withdrawal for Medical and Health Reasons Policy.

2. Live in, and remain eligible to live in, Colby-Sawyer housing for eight consecutive fall-spring semesters (or fewer if student has completed all requirements for graduation) or reside away during a Colby-Sawyer affiliated and approved study away program.

3. Develop with his/her academic adviser at the time of matriculation a four-year curricular plan.

4. Meet with his/her academic adviser each semester to review and update the plan, and follow recommendations from the adviser in order to stay on track with graduation requirements.

5. Maintain continuous full-time enrollment at Colby-Sawyer College (or in a college-approved affiliated study away program) for eight consecutive fall-spring semesters. [1]

6. Enroll in and successfully complete a minimum of 30 credit hours each year in courses appropriate to the completion of the student’s baccalaureate degree program. Evaluation of the successful completion of 30 hours will be completed prior to the start of the fall semester.

7. Maintain good academic standing (a cumulative GPA of 2.0) and good progress (meet all progression requirements in the major; this may mean that specific courses may need to be completed successfully at a higher standard than a grade of “C”).
ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. A student may change majors or add/drop a minor at any time, but the guarantee will only apply if it is still possible for the student to complete all requirements in four consecutive academic years from date of matriculation, with a normal full-time credit hour load (e.g., 12–16 credits per semester).

1. Students with documented disabilities are encouraged to work with the Director of Access Resources in order to implement reasonable accommodations to ensure that all students benefit from the educational opportunities available to them.

2. If a student wishes to continue participation in the program and take more than 18 credit hours in a semester, the additional credit fees for that academic year will apply.

3. A student may make up any credits needed to maintain the minimum 30 credit hours per year by taking a summer course. If Colby-Sawyer does not offer that course in the summer, the Registrar and appropriate department chair may approve a course at another institution. In both situations, the student is responsible for the stated course fees.

4. If a student has not successfully completed the credit requirements, they will no longer be eligible for the program and an adjustment will be made to the student’s financial package/account to match current year tuition and residential costs.

5. It is a student’s responsibility to be aware of and monitor their academic progress and the terms of this program in collaboration with their academic adviser.

CURRENT STUDENTS

The Colby-Sawyer Price and Graduation Promise program is available to students who matriculated in the fall 2014 semester and have completed a minimum of 30 credits with a 2.0 GPA prior to the start of the fall 2015 semester. For these students, the guarantee is for three years.

The program is also available to students who matriculated in the fall 2013 semester if they have completed a minimum of 60 credits prior to the start of the fall 2015 semester, are currently on track to graduate in their major within four years of their original matriculation date and meet all of the other major graduation requirements. For these students the guarantee is for two years.

If students commute and choose to move on campus, they will be eligible for the program.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The Colby-Sawyer Price and Graduation Promise Program is available to transfer students for up to three and a half years; the credits being transferred to Colby-Sawyer College will be evaluated by the Registrar on an individual basis.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

This program does not apply to 100% online programs because they do not have a residential component.

APPEALS AND REINSTATEMENT

Students who fail to meet a requirement for continuous participation in this program may appeal for reinstatement once they have satisfactorily remediated the conditions that made them ineligible for participation. Remediation does not guarantee readmission to the program, and each student’s appeal and circumstances will be carefully reviewed by the college for the student’s likelihood of success and resources available for the program.

Colby-Sawyer College reserves the right to make changes to the Colby-Sawyer College Price and Graduation Promise Program.

[1] Students who elect to participate in a college-approved affiliated study away program will be responsible for covering the cost of the program as outlined in the Colby-Sawyer College Study Abroad FAQ’s on the mystudyabroad site. The cost for studying abroad in college-approved affiliated programs varies significantly so be sure to discuss the financial implications of a semester abroad with the Office of Financial Services.