# *BA (Hons) Acting Birmingham School of Acting*

## **Additional costs for this course**

We have provided you with a breakdown of the essential costs and the optional costs which are dependent on your budget.

Please note that your marks are not a reflection of how much you spend, so a student who spends less than the estimated costs won’t be marked down, compared to a student who spends more.

### **Materials and consumables**

The cost of materials and equipment is not included on the course, but we tend to find that students spend about £1,500 during the course, although some spend more or less than this amount.

You may spend more during your final year, when you’ll require accommodation, travel, a professional photoshoot and clothing.

**Clothing**

You are advised in the joining instructions that you will need to provide appropriate movement and rehearsal clothing. The school has a policy that students should wear plain, loose fitting, black clothing for skills classes.

In addition, women need to have their own floor-length practice skirt (we provide you with a garment pattern in the joining instructions if you wish to make your own), which should be black, and a pair of black character shoes. (We send a photo and links of where these can be sourced in the UK).

Men need to by a pair of Cuban heeled practice shoes (again, a photo is provided in the joining instructions) and a pair of Oxfords (black dress shoes). You’ll also need a pair of black trousers, a white shirt, and a plain black jacket.

You’ll need to budget up to £100 for the garments specified, although you may choose to spend more or less dependent on your budget.

There are several optional costs on the course such as: Stage Combat 2 Exam, additional clothing and vocal coaching/speech therapy with an average cost of £300-£500.

**Photographs**

You need to provide headshot photographs for front of house purposes for productions in your final year, and you would also be required to provide these as part of your Professional Studies in your second year. The costs of these vary depending on the photographer you opt to use, and professional headshots can be expensive. These can cost anywhere from £100 to £500.

### **Books**

Most books needed whilst studying the course are available in the university library or our [digital library](http://diglib4.bcu.ac.uk/webgate/dlib/templates/UCEEL/index.asp), although you may wish to budget about £50 for purchases.

## **Laptops and Software**

It is not essential for you to purchase your own laptop (PC or Mac), as you can also borrow a laptop from the university or use one of our shared computer rooms. Laptops may be borrowed for free for up to six hours and may be found at the following locations: Curzon building, Millennium Point, Parkside building, the School of Jewellery and Margaret Street (Birmingham School of Art). Most students do prefer to have their own laptops, and we suggest you allow about £300 to £1,200 for this, dependent on your preferences and budget. Apple also offer a discount on laptops for UK students: [go to Apple for Education for more details](http://www.apple.com/uk_edu_5000618/shop).

You’ll also be provided with a free account for [Lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com/) worth £227.40.

Microsoft Office 365 and 1TB of OneDrive cloud storage space is provided free to all students.

### **Printing**

Our on-campus print shop can produce high-quality prints for your portfolio, assignments and dissertation on an at-cost basis.

In previous years, students have budgeted up to £50 for printing.

**Field trips**

We offer theatre trips each year that are included in the fee.

We also pay industry competition nominees to attend competitions such as Carleton Hobbs, Wannamaker Competition and Sondheim. Return fares to London. £50-£100 for each student.