*BA (Hons) Costume Design and Practice
School of Fashion and Textiles*

**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 for technical modules**

You will work on two projects that will require an investment of specific materials in your final year pathway if you selected the Design for Performance pathway.

Your first project tends to require about £1,000 on materials, although some students spend more or less than this amount.

Your second final project is a collaborative ‘live’ project with industry and/or clients and materials are often covered by your collaboration. However this needs to be discussed with them at the point of securing your collaboration.

Many clients will offer to pay for materials as they are supporting new young designers. However, should this not be the case it would be a similar budget as the first project, but this depends upon the individual design briefs.

The total cost for art supplies, such as sketchbooks, portfolio cases and consumables is likely to be about £250.

## **Laptops and software**

It is not essential for you to purchase your own laptop (PC or Mac), as you can 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: Curzon, Millennium Point, Parkside, Jewellery Quarter and Margaret Street. Most students do prefer to have their own laptops, and we suggest you allow about £300 to £1000 for this, dependent on your preferences and budget.

If you purchase a laptop (PC or Mac):

We recommend a computer with over 1GB memory and a large enough hard drive to access relevant software. For Apple computers a budget of £1000 to £1500 is typical.

You’ll require a laptop computer (PC or Mac OS), capable of running Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator.

We recommend [a student subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud for these applications](http://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud/buy/students.html) that costs approximately £185.90

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

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

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).

### **Printing**

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

In previous years, students have budgeted up to £500 for printing, although you can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online.

### **Field trips**

You’ll enjoy trips to fashion shows, museums and retailers across Europe and the UK.

Each year, our students attend an international field trip, usually to the [PremiereVision Paris Show](http://www.premierevision.com/). The average cost of the trip is £360, which includes accommodation, travel and ticket.

On top of this, you’ll also get to visit a number of fashion shows, exhibitions, and retailers throughout each year. Past visits include the [V&A](http://www.vam.ac.uk/), [Bath Fashion Museum](http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/), and specialist London retailers. We recommend budgeting £400 for these trips.

In the final year, students frequently visit London (from 1 hour 24 minutes by train) to buy fabrics and for further research.

The average overall spend on these travel costs is £300 in total.