# *BA (Hons) English and Journalism School of English*

**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**

We tend to find on average that you’ll spend about £600, although some students spend more or less. This amount covers the cost of printing, trips, travel and books required.

We have a comprehensive library of online books and journal articles, including the Early English Books Online archive (EEBO), the Literature Online archive (LION), and the international digital library JSTOR.

The School of English subsidises the cost for one essential textbook per student, for each core module studied. You may purchase a few of your own books, particularly those you may use during your studies, as many of our students do. However, it is an optional cost dependent on your individual budget. You’ll also find that most books needed while studying the course are available in our well-stocked University library, which has a range of physical and digital resources for you to use.

Most of the equipment you need to complete the course is provided by the university and the Hires & Loans department within the School of Media. However, please be aware that the priority for hiring out equipment will be given to the students within the School of Media.

## **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).

Depending on the modules you choose, you are advised to invest in a laptop computer (PC or Mac), capable of running **Adobe Creative Suite**.

We recommend [a student subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud for these applications](http://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud/buy/students.html#close). The above are also available on campus within the computer suites.

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 £40 for printing, although you can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online.

### **Optional – Field trips**

You will be given a number of opportunities to attend field trips as part of your course. While these trips are optional, they’ll enrich your overall university experience.

Previous trips have included visits to the archives at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. It’s recommended that you budget about £120 for field trips for the duration of the course.

**Work Placements**

You will need to budget for travel costs to and from your work placements.