# *BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture*

*Birmingham School of Architecture and Design*

## **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 models**

Most students spend a minimum of £100 up to £300 on materials for technical models during the course, with most likely to be spent in their final year.

Currently materials supplied in our workshop are free (with some specialist, and/or highly expensive exceptions)

### **Equipment and consumables**

We suggest budgeting about £150 for additional equipment and materials, such as knife pens and scale rulers. We have an excellent on-campus shop where you can purchase many of these materials:

[Download our recommended equipment list for this course](http://ww.bcu.ac.uk/)

[More information on laptop costs can be found on our school website](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/)

### **Plotting and printing**

As a landscape architect, you’ll often need to print large-scale maps and plans for plotting.

Our industry-standard, on-campus print shop and [Digital Print Services](http://dps.bcu.ac.uk/) can produce large, high-quality prints for your projects and assignments on an at-cost basis.

We suggest budgeting £500 for print plotting over the duration of your course.

For everyday printing, such as notes and readings, most students spend about £100 during the course.

### **Books**

We have an extensive reading list on our course, the vast majority of which is available for free from the university library and our [digital library](http://diglib4.bcu.ac.uk/webgate/dlib/templates/UCEEL/index.asp).

However, you may wish to budget £50-200 for special book purchases.

Per year

## **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: Curzon, Millennium Point, Parkside, the School of Jewellery and Margaret Street. Most students do prefer to have their own laptops, and we suggest you allow about £300 to £1200 for this, dependent on your preferences and budget. You’ll require a computer (PC or Mac), capable of running graphics software such as Adobe Creative Suit and 2D / 3D design packages. A computer with higher than average amount of RAM and graphics card RAM.

We recommend [a student subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud for these applications](http://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud/buy/students.html#close), along with [Google Earth](https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/) (free), [SketchUp](http://www.sketchup.com/education) (discounted for students) and [AutoCAD for students](http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/autocad) (free for students). The above are also available on campus in 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.

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).

### **Optional – Field trips**

For first-hand experience, you’ll get to visit four or five UK urban and rural landscape projects in first and second year, each costing about £20-50 on average.

In addition, you’ll have the option of joining an annual field trip to a European city – past trips have included Paris, Amsterdam and Berlin. This optional trip costs £400-£800, depending on the destination.

### **Optional – Subscriptions**

Although optional, you may benefit from [becoming a Student Member of the Landscape Institute](http://www.landscapeinstitute.co.uk/membership/student.php), which includes a quarterly journal and costs £25 per year for student membership.