*BA (Hons) Photography
School of Visual Communication***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’ll need to budget about £300 per year for materials, such as printing, film, processing, framing.

In your final year you will need to budget for your Degree Show. This could be about £400 but will vary depending on your final ideas.

Some of your assignments are submitted digitally, and all students should have external hard drives for their work. These are roughly £70 depending on capacity.

**Equipment and consumables**As a photography student you will be expected to have a camera. An entry level DSLR will suffice, so long as it shoots RAW files. These are about £500.

Everything else you need to complete the course is provided by the university and the Hires & Loans department within the faculty.

For security purposes we advise you to take out some sort of insurance to cover equipment, if you choose to purchase your own. We suggest a budget of £75 for this.

**Books**
All essential 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).

There are a few core reader design books which you may want to purchase during your course. A recommended budget of about £200, with an estimate of about £25 per book, for the duration of your studies is sufficient.

**Laptops and software**
You will require a laptop (PC or Mac), although we recommend that you buy a Mac, which is usually about £750-£1200 depending on specifications. 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 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, Jewellery Quarter and Margaret Street.

We recommend [a student subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud for applications](http://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud/buy/students.html#close) such as Photoshop and InDesign.

You’ll also be provided with a free account for [Lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com/) worth £227.40, which allows you to use their industry training videos.

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.

You can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online. This will vary depending on your requirements and approach whilst studying the course.

**Optional – Field trips**The school usually pays for obligatory field trips, but we suggest you budget about £50 per optional trips, as it is valuable to visit photography exhibitions and galleries.

In the past we have offered the following across all the Visual Communication courses, but they are all optional and based on recent prices, so these will probably fluctuate from year to year. Example prices:

Berlin field - £320
Venice Biennale - £397
Paris Photo - £280
New York - £650
Thailand exchange - £120