*BA (Hons) Product and Furniture Design  
Birmingham School of Architecture and Design*

## **Additional costs for this course**

We have provided you with a breakdown of the essential costs and also 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**

The practical nature of any three-dimensional design specialist course demands a certain outlay on materials and equipment. We aim to provide some basic materials through the standard workshop induction programme and some board materials will be available during prototyping stages of modules/projects.

If you require specialist materials, such as 3D printing material, specialist fixings, coloured vacuum forming plastic, hardwoods, and some non-ferrous metals, you will have to purchase them at your expense.

**Equipment and consumables**  
You won’t be charged for the use of CNC processes such as laser cutting and CNC routing, but you may use outside processes that will incur charges such as plating/powder coating/3D printing/casting. You might spend between £200 and £600, depending on how many outside processes you require.

The total cost for art supplies, such as sketchbooks, markers, drawing equipment and consumables is likely to be between £120 and £300.

**Laptops and software**

You will require use of a Laptop, PC or Mac however, 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.

If you do wish to 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.

Most software is free via educational licences but not all. You may wish to purchase supporting software for 3D visualisation at an average cost of £100.

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).

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.

You’ll also be provided with a free account for Lynda.com worth £227.40.

### **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.  
  
[More information on printing and laptop costs can be found on our School website](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/)  
  
**Field trips**

While studying you’ll go on trips throughout the three years, from London day trips to international study trips. UK trips average about £50 per trip and international trips average £400 per trip; that includes accommodation and travel.