# *HND Jewellery & Silversmithing School of Jewellery*

**Additional costs for this couse**

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**

Throughout your course you’ll find you will be required to purchase a number of additional items, which will not be included within your course fees.

We appreciate that resources can be expensive, so you’ll be provided with the best advice and guidance on where to buy materials and tools.

The initial outlay for a tool kit accounts for about £250. We collaborate with the local tools suppliers to provide our students with 10-15% discount. You will be required to buy additional tools and consumables throughout the course.

Base metal such as copper and gilding metal is provided free for specified learning exercises but you will need to buy additional metal to create your individual design proposals. You can opt to use non-precious metal, although many students choose to work in precious metals such as silver and gold, the price for which varies depending on the scale of individual designs.

Over two years you will purchase metals, gemstones and various art materials for designing and making jewellery and silversmithing pieces. You will also be required to pay for services such casting, stone setting, and plating dependent on your designs. We tend to find that students will spend about £1,500- £2,500 on specialist tools and materials over the two years.

## **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).

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We would recommend a laptop 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).

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 and assignments. In previous years, students have budgeted up to £250 for printing, although you can reduce print costs by submitting some assignments online.

**Field trips**

You may want to put aside a budget of about £100 per year for general UK events and exhibitions to cover travel and entrance fees. You’ll also be able to take advantage of student discounts.

In previous years, we’ve organised a visit to Munich, which is an optional trip. This costs between £300-£400, inclusive of travel and accommodation, as long as it is booked well in advance.