# *MA Acting Birmingham School of Acting*

## **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 and consumables**

The cost of materials and equipment is not included on the course. During the MA you’ll need to budget a minimum of £500, although some students spend more or less than this amount. This figure includes, clothing, printing, professional photoshoot and stationery.

**Clothing**

You’ll require about £145 for clothing for the course. A stage make-up kit will cost from £25 upwards dependent on preference. You are advised in the joining instructions that you will need to provide appropriate movement and rehearsal clothing. The school has a policy that students should wear plain, loose fitting, black clothing for skills classes.

In addition, women need to have their own floor-length practice skirt (we provide you with a garment pattern in the joining instructions if you wish to make your own), which should be black, and a pair of black character shoes. We send a photo and links of where these can be sourced in the UK.

Men need to buy a pair of Oxfords (black dress shoes). You’ll also need a pair of black trousers, a white shirt, and a plain black jacket.

### **Photographs**

You need to provide headshot photographs for front of house purposes for productions and showcase, and you would also be required to provide these as part of your Professional Studies business plan. The costs of these vary depending on the photographer you opt to use, and professional headshots can be expensive. These can cost anywhere from £100 to £500.

**Memberships**

UK/EU students will need to budget £200 for the essential cost of Spotlight/Equity membership.

**Books**

Most 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). However, you may wish to budget about £40 for purchases.

## **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).

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 £75 for printing,.

We also suggest you budget for binding, so another £50 for this will be sufficient.

**Field trips**

For the showcase which takes place in London, you’ll need to budget £120 for accommodation and about £6 for a travel card on the day.

### **Optional – evening class**

An optional extra is the stage combat exam/evening class, which costs £175