# *MA Creative Writing School of English*

## **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**

On this pathway you will benefit from the work of the [Institute of Creative and Critical Writing](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/english/institute-of-creative-and-critical-writing), which operates from within the School and provides opportunities for masterclasses and workshops with our Fellows and other visiting writers, in addition to our own highly qualified staff.

We have a comprehensive library of online books and journal articles, including the Early English Books Online archive (EEBO), the Literature Online archive (LION) and the international digital library JSTOR.

We also have a well-stocked university library with both physical and digital resources for you to use.

Most books needed whilst studying the course are available in the university library (although you should expect to purchase a few of your own books)

Whilst on the course, we tend to find on average you’ll spend in the region of £800, although some students spend more or less than this amount. This amount covers the cost of books, printing, trips and supplies required.

## **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 £40 for printing, although you can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online.

**Field trips**

You will be given a range of opportunities to attend field trips as part of your course. Whilst these trips are optional, they enrich your overall university experience.

Previous trips have included visits to the archives at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, theatre and cinema trips, a nuclear bunker and the Birmingham botanical gardens. It’s recommended that you budget around £120 for field trips.