# *MA Landscape Architecture**Birmingham School of Architecture and Design*

## **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 models**

During the course, you will spend about £800 on materials and software.

Most students will purchase a camera, which may cost about £120. We suggest you take out contents insurance for valuable items such as your camera – a budget of about £40 to £80 is sufficient, although it depends on your location, value of item(s) and insurance requirements.

On average you’ll spend £155 on sketchbooks, drawing materials and stationery such as marker pens, pencils, rulers. We recommend a budget of £40 for sketchbooks and £40 for marker pens with a budget of about £75 for drawing aids. A further £250 on average is required for reprographics.

### **Books**

It’s important to have an understanding of the course, so books are a necessary part of your studies. We do offer an extensive reading list on our course, the vast majority of which is available for free from our university library and digital library but you may want to purchase some of your own books. On average a budget of about £100 for books is sufficient.

**Design process**

On the course we use blogs for design studio to cut down on printing during the design development process. It’s faster and cost-effective, meaning you can store your work online and collate it for tutorials and design presentations.

### **Printing**

Our industry-standard, on-campus print shop and [Digital Print Services](http://dps.bcu.ac.uk/) can produce large, high-quality prints for your projects and assignments on an at-cost basis.

For everyday printing, such as notes and reading, most students spend about £100 during the course, although some students may spend more or less dependent on their assignments or projects.

## **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 purchase a Laptop, PC or Mac:

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, along with [Google Earth](https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/) (free), [SketchUp](http://www.sketchup.com/education) (discounted for students) and [AutoCAD for students](http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/autocad) (free for students). The above are also available on campus in computer suites.

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.

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).