*MA Musicology
Birmingham Conservatoire*

## **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.

### **Books**

Birmingham Conservatoire library is well equipped, with excellent access to electronic resources. However, whilst studying for the MA Musicology, you should expect to spend some money on resources relevant to your area of specialism. The amount will vary from student to student, but you should be prepared to spend up to £500: this may include personal copies of key texts, scores and recordings, digitized primary source materials from research libraries, and purchases of other resources not available on inter-library loan.

## **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.

While Sibelius software is available within Birmingham Conservatoire, students may prefer to purchase their own if their work involves the production of musical scores or examples. With an educational discount, buying the latest version from scratch currently costs just under £300.

### **Printing**

Our on-campus print shop can produce high-quality prints for your portfolio, assignments and dissertation on an at-cost basis, although you can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online.

In previous years, students have budgeted up to £300 for printing, including the production of your Dissertation.

**Field trips**

Your research interests may require some travel to other libraries to consult subject-specific materials (e.g. British Library in London). A budget of £300 should be ample