*PgCert/PgDip/MMus Music Technology  
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.

### **Equipment and consumables**

Our postgraduate course in Music Technology provides an opportunity for composers and composer-performers to experiment with and develop expertise in the creative application of established and new music technologies.

You’ll need to budget about £1,500 for course materials and equipment, as you’ll require a computer, portable hard drive, headphones, cables and software. Some students may spend more or less, although this depends on the quality and price of the products you purchase.

You’ll also require two external hard drives, on average between £100-£150, and high-quality headphones (about £240).

DAW software is also recommended (about £130), plus you’ll need to budget for ongoing licensing fees which may cost around £9 per month

**Professional Association Membership**

We recommend you become a member of the [ISM](http://www.ism.org/) (Incorporated Society of Musicians) for £15 per year and/or [Musicians Union](http://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/Join) for £20 per year.

Any other professional association membership fees may cost you about £200, although this is an optional cost.

## **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.

**Field trips**

For general travel costs throughout the course we suggest a budget of £200. Many students live within walking distance of the Conservatoire so you may not spend this amount.