*PgDip/MMus (Choral Conducting)  
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**

On this course you’ll advance your skills in conducting, providing you with the technical training, collaborative opportunities and podium time necessary to launch a career as a professional conductor.

You'll spend about £500 on music which you may require. However, most of the resources you’ll need are available within the Conservatoire and our library.

For your performances you’ll require special concert dress and will need to budget about £250 to purchase all the necessary garments.

You’ll need to budget about £400 for specialist equipment such as recordings for study or Sibelius computer software. However, you may spend less as many of the course resources are provided by the Conservatoire.

**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.

## **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.

We encourage you to attend as many concerts as possible whilst studying this course as attending concerts will support your development and learning. A budget of £600 is sufficient, although you may find that with student discounts you’ll spend less than the suggested amount.