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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COST OF LIVING

Northern Ireland is the most affordable region for international students in the UK to live, work and study with the lowest student cost of living in the UK. (Which? University, 2018). It is also over £5,000 per year cheaper for international students to live in Belfast compared to London. (Which? University 2018)

Belfast in comparison to London (Numbeo.com 2021):

- Consumer prices (including rent) are 72.4% cheaper than London
- Restaurant Prices are 22.28% cheaper than London
- Groceries Prices are 12.18% cheaper than London

Northern Ireland Student Cost of Living Guidelines

Below is an outline of what you can expect to spend as an international student at Ulster University.

As a guide, we estimate you should allow a sum in the region of £5,500-£7,500 to cover your expenses for one academic year.

Please note for UKVI 2021 requirements, students will be asked to evidence £1,023 per month (for up to 9 months) for courses outside London. Total cost £9,207 (Gov.uk). Actual costs below:

ITEM	AVERAGE WEEKLY/ MONTHLY COSTS
University Accommodation	
Jordanstown/Belfast (single room, private ensuite bathroom)	£118 per week
Magee (single room, shared bathroom)	£83 per week
Coleraine (single, private ensuite bathroom)	£115 per week
Booking fee	£100 (one off payment)
Average private rent (monthly) (Ulster Bank Student Living Index 2019)	£325.90 per month One third less than the UK average of £486 Students do not pay rates or council tax Utilities such as gas and electricity can average £35-80 per month depending on size of household.

Utilities	£0 Included in University accommodation
Food/ Groceries/ Takeaways	£45 per week
Personal Expenses - costs depend on social life	£35-50 per week
Books - can be borrowed from the Library. Costs vary per course and modules chosen.	£5 per week
Phone	£5 per week
Travel (Bus/Train)	£5 per week (depending on campus)
Gym (Ulster)	Student rate approximately £4-6 per week or FREE for students staying at Jordanstown on campus accommodation
Cinema Ticket	£5-7

Affordable Accommodation

Did you know that Belfast is the cheapest major city in the UK for rented student accommodation – over £35 per week less than the national average?

Our accommodation is well priced, clean, comfortable and modern. We offer 2,200 places across and nearby all four of our campuses to cater for every budget and taste.

Flexible Payment

To help spread the cost of your studies, tuition fees can be paid in five monthly instalments during the academic year.

Scholarships & Discounts

Ulster supports international students by giving all applicants a £2,000 international student scholarship. This is automatically awarded and no separate application is needed. For more information visit www.ulster.ac.uk/scholarships