



Learning in England ∞ the cost of going to Uni

20 > What will it cost me to go to University?

Firstly, you must pay TUTION FEES which in 2018-2019 were £9,250 for courses in England. International students will have to pay fees which are significantly higher than this.

Secondly, you will need to pay EXTRAS such as Field Trips, which you are required to attend for your course and may not be included in the FEES.

Thirdly, you will have to pay for your

- > ACCOMMODATION in the most expensive parts of England @ £200 pw = £7,800 for 39 weeks. Rent for 39 weeks a year – 3x13 week terms, and not paying rent in the holidays. Rooms may have to be vacated in the holidays.

And

- > LIVING EXPENSES
 - * Bills, whether for utilities or a mobile phone
 - * Transport, which may be discounted with Travel Cards
 - * Food and things that make life worth living!

“I studied History at University, a course that develops exactly the sort of skills that a journalist needs. My University experience was about a lot more than just learning though. It taught me how to deal with problems, friendships, time... It taught me how to captain a football team, how to think on my feet and how to analyse events with a level head. It was the most formative experience of my life. It’s not for everyone, but it’s crucial for many.”¹

¹ <https://news.sky.com/story/is-going-to-university-worth-the-average-57k-debt-it-saddles-you-with-11045081>



So how do I go about funding all this?

Firstly, if you are a British passport holder, you may get a LOAN to cover the full fees each year and about £4,000 for living expenses. The loan is administered by the Student Loan Company and is repayable after graduation, if you are earning enough to do so. The interest is compound, which means that it accumulates on the amount owed.

This is a complex area which is a political hot potato. There are plenty of useful websites which comment on this which are current and accurate. So we would recommend that research is done at the time of reading this, in case the situation has changed. See the Complete University Guide or Money Saving Expert as a couple of examples.

Secondly, many students will undertake PART TIME WORK during term and FULL TIME WORK in the holidays.

Thirdly, some students may qualify for GRANTS or BURSARIES

Fourthly, SPONSORSHIP - the Armed Services may support students studying required courses, as will the NHS and some Companies, such as Siemens.

Fifthly, The BANK of MUM and DAD.

This is a simple summary giving a starting point for research. Paths to Learning can give more personal and detailed support to people thinking about going to University.



Is it worth going to University when the average student graduates with a debt of £57,000?



It depends on what you studied. Few students can afford the luxury of studying, just for interest. Most have an eye to a vocation or employment in a field related to their Degree. From a financial perspective 54% think it was worth the expense.