

# Cost of Living Advice Sheet 2011-2012

This advice sheet provides basic information on the cost of living in Newcastle, which is low compared to most other regions and cities in the UK. However, the quality of life and the quality of the student experience at Newcastle is high.

Whilst you are at university, the money you spend may be very different from what you have spent up to now. It can, therefore, be difficult to work out how much you are likely to spend as a student. On the back of this sheet is a brief estimate of some of the main expenses. You will, however, need to think about your own personal spending habits in order to make more accurate budget estimates.



## Estimated Costs

**UNDERGRADUATE - £7,500 - £8,000** (9 month academic year) **£833-£888** (per month)

**POSTGRADUATE - £9,000 - £9,500** (12 month academic year) **£750-£791** (per month)

The above estimates cover the basic living costs, which include: accommodation and utility bills, food, clothing, study costs, entertainment and other miscellaneous costs. Costs are based on an average single student living in a University hall of residence.

## Example Costs

### University Accommodation - £279-£466 per month

The University offers both catered and self-catering options. In catered accommodation some meals are provided (and included in the price). In self-catering, you prepare your own meals. Rents vary depending on factors such as distance from the University, room type and facilities provided. Energy and water bills will usually be included in your rent.

Students also have the option to live off the campus in private accommodation. Costs are variable, again depending on location, type and facilities, and can range from £230 - £300 per month. You also need to budget for energy, water, internet bills which are not usually included in the rent - allow approximately £50 per month. If you are planning on coming to the UK with a spouse, partner or dependants, then you will need to budget for additional living costs to cover their expenses.

### Food - £140 per month

The amount you spend will depend on how much you eat and how expensive your tastes are. If you live in catered halls of residence, some of your meals will be included in your rent.

### Travel Costs - £45 per month

Most students live within walking distance of the University. However depending on where you choose to live, you may need to budget for daily bus or Metro journeys. There are discount annual/term passes available for students from local transport operators.

### Study Costs - £45 per month

Costs will depend on the subject you are studying and can include books, stationery, photocopying, field trips, specialist materials or equipment.

### Leisure & Sport - £130 per month

How much you actually spend will depend on your interests and how much socialising you do. The University also has over 100 student societies and over 55 sports clubs you can join; most have a small membership fee.

### Phone - £35 per month

Different options are available, mobile phone contracts range upwards from about £20+. For this price, a limited number of calls/text messages are included with additional minutes charged for. International calls from mobile phones are considerably more expensive – and you are advised to check rates with the network provider. Phone cards for international calls are widely available which can work out significantly cheaper.

### Miscellaneous - £80 per month

You need to factor into your budget new clothing and laundry costs, toiletries, insurance and unexpected bills, etc.

**These figures given above represent a comfortable standard of living and should only be used as a guide.**

## Further Information

Listed below are a series of links which provides further information on University related costs:

Tuition Fees - [www.ncl.ac.uk/international/finances/fees/](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/finances/fees/) - Provides information on our fees and a link to a searchable database of fees.

Accommodation - [www.ncl.ac.uk/international/life/accommodation](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/life/accommodation) - You can download a copy of the accommodation brochure. This gives all costs for University accommodation.

Scholarships - [www.ncl.ac.uk/international/finance/scholarships](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/finance/scholarships) - We offer a large number of partial scholarships to international students from all over the world.

INTO Newcastle University Centre - [www.ncl.ac.uk/into](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/into) - Provides information and costs for English Language courses, Foundation pathways and Diploma programmes offered by the University.

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