



## Student Money Saving Tips – Travel Costs

You might be lucky enough to live within walking distance from the University campus, if this is the case your spending on travel costs will probably be quite low. However, you will still need to think about travel costs for journeys back home during the vacations and also about how to get around on those rainy days when walking isn't quite so appealing.

- If you have a car, think seriously about whether you really need it. They are expensive to run and in addition to the initial outlay of buying a car you will also need to think about the running costs such as petrol, insurance, tax and an MOT. These costs are in addition to any *ad hoc* repairs and maintenance costs. Parking costs are also another expense for car owners to think about – and parking can be difficult around the University.
- Newcastle has reasonably good transport links with the Metro system and numerous bus services operating. You can buy a:
  - Metro annual student card:
    - all zones for **£410 (£386 online)**
    - inner Newcastle for **£290 (£275.50 online)**
  - Metro monthly student card:
    - all zones for **£48.50 (£46.20 online)**
    - inner Newcastle for **£31 (£30 online)**
  - Stage Coach Unirider
    - Annual Unirider for **£235**
    - Termly Unirider for **£100**
    - Term 2 & 3 Unirider for **£160**
    - Summer Unirider for **£70**
  - Arriva Student Saver
    - Full North East - Academic Year **£720**/Termly **£250**
    - Tyne & Wear - Academic Year **£470**/Termly **£175**
  - Go North East Get Around
    - Daily - **£3**
    - 7 Day - **£13**

- 28 Day - **£52**
  - 16 Week - **£189**
  - Annual - **£520**
- Network Ticketing
    - Unlimited transport across the region with multi operator public transport ticketing
    - Termly - **£191**
- For those trips back home don't forget you can save money on rail fares by obtaining a Young Persons Railcard which will cost you **£28** to buy but will save you a 1/3 off rail fares for a year. You can also purchase a 3 year pass for £65.
  - If possible plan your journey well in advance and take advantage of very cheap fares. Sign up to National Rail Enquiries for details of special fares to save you money or take a look at [www.trainline.co.uk](http://www.trainline.co.uk)
  - If you don't fancy getting the train you can save up to 30% on coach fares if you get a Young Persons Coach Card from National Express at **£10** for one year or **£25** for 3 years.
  - You could also take a look at [www.megabus.com/uk/](http://www.megabus.com/uk/) which provides cheap coach services to a number of locations around the UK.
  - Newcastle City Centre is relatively compact and most things are within walking distance from the campus. Not only will walking benefit your wallet but it is also a good form of exercise.
  - If you would rather not walk why not try cycling. The campus has lots of places for securing your bike and it has it's very own Bike Users Group [www.societies.ncl.ac.uk/bug/](http://www.societies.ncl.ac.uk/bug/)
  - If you are thinking about buying a bike why not consider purchasing a second-hand bike. RecykeyBike based at Byker have a selection of reconditioned second hand bikes at low prices: [www.recyke-y-bike.org/](http://www.recyke-y-bike.org/)