



Student Money Saving Tips - Course Materials & Equipment

Course costs are an unavoidable part of university life but if you are organised and plan ahead there could be a number of ways to save money on these:

- Before you start your course check if there are any hidden course costs such as compulsory field trips or essential equipment. Ask about costs and if the School provides any funding towards these costs.
- Don't rush out and buy every text book on your reading list – check which ones are recommended core texts and which ones are suggestions for wider reading.
- Use the University libraries and try to be organised and plan ahead when you get your reading lists. Visit:

Robinson Library, Jesmond Road West
Law Library, Windsor Terrace
Walton Library, Catherine Cookson Building
- Buy books second hand – check out your School notice boards for students who are selling their books. You might be able to purchase second hand books from [Amazon](#) & [Sell Student Stuff](#).
- Consider setting up a pool for sharing text books with course mates which will allow you to spread the cost of purchasing books.
- Remember that however useful and convenient, it is not essential to buy a laptop. You can use the [University IT Cluster Rooms](#) at no cost.
- Take advantage of the [laptop and equipment loan scheme](#) offered by the Library.

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