



Student Money Saving Tips - Leisure, Sport & Entertainment

Whilst socialising and spending time with friends is an important part of student life this is an area of expenditure where you can really cut costs. If your money is running out this should be one of the areas of expenditure that you reduce first.

- Use your NUS card and you will be able to receive discounts in loads of high street stores and online retailers: <http://www.nus.org.uk/en/NUS-Extra/Discounts/> Always carry your NUS card and don't be afraid to ask for discounts.
- Try and have a 'kitty' or joint fund with your friends for a night out. This will limit how much you spend and once the kitty runs out it reduces the temptation to pop to the cash point to take more money out.
- You could try setting yourself a spending limit for a night out and only take this amount of cash out with you. By leaving your debit or credit cards at home it will take away the temptation to spend any more money. Be sure to set aside enough money to make sure you can get home safely though! If things go wrong and you find yourself stranded without any cash remember the [Emergency Taxi Service](#) run jointly by the Students' Union and the Student Wellbeing Service.
- During fresher's week don't get carried away and sign up for lots of clubs and societies. It will cost you money to join, to buy equipment and the novelty may soon wear off. If you want to try a new activity why not take a look at the Students' Union '[Give it a Go](#)' and [Go Play](#) programmes which offers taster sessions for a whole host of different activities which are either free of charge or at a discounted cost.
- Stick to student nights out where there may be promotions and discounts available.
- If you are heading out for a meal check before you get to the restaurant to see if they have a happy hour, offer student discount or have any special promotions on.
- Take a look at [Student Beans](#) for details of the bars, clubs and restaurants in Newcastle which have special offers or promotions available for students.
- Sometimes by becoming a member or signing up for a newsletter for a particular restaurant or bar you will be notified of special offers or be sent money-off vouchers.

- Keep an eye out for money off vouchers and discount codes. Websites like [Money Saving Expert](#) provide up to date information about money saving offers on a variety of activities and products.
- There are plenty of free things to do around Newcastle and the surrounding area if money is tight but you still want to get out and about. Most of the museums and galleries in Newcastle have free admission. There are also lots of parks and tourist attractions to explore. Take a look at the [City Council's web site](#) for more details.
- For more ideas about free activities and days out you could also take a look at <http://dofreestuff.com/> for inspiration.
- The [University's Centre for Physical Recreation and Sports](#) has a variety of sporting activities available.
- Volunteering can be a great way to meet new people, develop new interests and do something worthwhile in your spare time which can also enhance your CV. [The Students' Union Get Involved](#) web page is a great place to start if you are thinking of getting involved with volunteer work.
- If money is tight but you don't want to stay in on your own, invite friends round for a home-cooked meal or to watch a DVD. For the best online DVD hire or streaming deals take a look at: www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/cheap-dvd-rental