

Study Costs

Alongside your basic living costs, when budgeting for your studies you are also asked to factor in some additional costs for trips and materials. We always endeavour to keep these to a minimum, but the following will be necessary expenses during the course of your first year of study.

Educational Visits

A core element within our curriculum is our annual visit to London, which in the next academic year will take place in March 2019. This week-long trip includes study visits to photographic studios and production agencies, an industry symposium event providing an opportunity to meet with industry professionals, and additional practical workshops supported by visiting lecturers.

To read more about this key event in our curriculum, please have a look at some of the news features on the College website:

<https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/latest/blog/industry-symposium-attracts-award-winning-photographers>

<https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/latest/blog/students-hit-the-streets-with-award-winning-portrait-photographer-peter-zel>

In addition to the enrichment activities outlined, the trip includes return coach travel to London and 4 nights accommodation in shared rooms. The full cost of the trip is subsidised by the college, but students are asked to contribute approximately **£275** each. Additional budget should also be set aside for food and drink while in London, and you should allow approximately **£100** for these expenses.

Equipment

The college has an exceptional equipment resource centre and you will not need to make any investments in photographic equipment. As you progress in your studies you will eventually want to own your cameras, lenses and lighting equipment, but you are encouraged to refrain from making any purchases until your practice develops in your 2nd and 3rd year.

In the immediate term the most useful item of equipment is a portable hard drive to store all of your digital files. A typical 2TB device can be purchased for approximately **£75**

Materials

Our curriculum is digitally based so there are no film or paper costs. Many assignments require a digital submission, but some also require photographic prints to be submitted. These can be produced through our own subsidised Print Lab. In your first year of study you should budget for approximately **£100** in printing costs.