

## UK tuition fees for international students

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Tuition fees for international students vary hugely across universities, courses and levels of study. As such, it's difficult to calculate an exact cost.

Although there are no exact rules, here are four things you'll want to take into consideration when pricing up your degree:

- The more prestigious a university, the more expensive it will likely be. Check out the list of the top 10 UK universities to get an idea of which are considered the best.
- Medical and science degrees will generally cost more than lecture-based degrees. This is especially the case for courses that require expensive equipment or access to laboratories.
- The length of your course will affect its overall cost. This is because tuition fees are charged on a yearly basis.
- The level of study might also affect the cost. Although it's not always the case, postgraduate and doctoral degrees can be more expensive than undergraduate.

However, while we can't give you a precise figure, what we can do is give you some averages. This will give you a rough idea of what to expect. For exact prices, you should contact the individual universities you're interested in.

### International undergraduate tuition fees

Most undergraduate courses run for three years, although some can run for longer. For example, 'sandwich courses' have an additional year in the industry. And in Scotland, it's the norm for undergraduate degrees to last four years.

In 2021/22, annual tuition fees for international undergraduate students in the UK started at £11,400 (US \$14,130). This rose to as much as £32,081 (US \$39,770). For undergraduate medical degrees, the tuition fees fell between £9,250 (US \$11,470) – £67,892 (US \$84,170). However, most universities' fees for the majority of subjects fell somewhere between £10,000 – £20,000 (US \$12,400 – \$24,800). So the cost of an undergraduate degree for an international student sits between £11,400 (US \$14,130\*) and £67,892 (US \$84,170) per year. Obviously, these costs vary per university and whether you study a medical degree or not.

If we take the cost of tuition in isolation, this means the average degree will cost between £34,200 (US \$42,400) and £203,676 (US \$252,500) over three years. This would be even more for a four-year course.

2021-2022 - annual tuition fees for international students	<i>From ...</i>	<i>To ...</i>
undergraduate degrees		
undergraduate medical degrees		
Average		

## International postgraduate tuition fees

If you decide to study for a postgraduate degree, you can generally expect to pay higher fees. This is particularly the case for master's or PhDs, which are popular and well-sought-after postgraduate courses.

Annual tuition fees for international postgraduate students ranged between £6,500 (US \$8,060) and £51,360 (US \$63,670). Postgraduate medical degrees ranged between £7,500 (US \$9,300) – £54,500 (US \$67,560). Fees for MBAs started at £8,500 (US \$10,540) and rose to as much as £63,000 (US \$78,100). But as with undergraduate fees, most fall within a certain range. The majority of postgraduate courses at most universities charged between £12,000 – £25,000 (US \$14,880 – \$30,990) in 2021/22.

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postgraduate degrees		
postgraduate medical degrees		
MBA		
Average		

Times Higher Education calculated the average cost of tuition in 2020/21 as shown in the table below. And as master's degrees tend to just last for one year, these averages also represent the total cost of tuition.

### Average postgraduate tuition fees for international students

Type of degree	Tuition fees (£)	Tuition fees (US \$)**
Classroom-based	16,081	19,940
Laboratory-based	18,613	23,070
MBA	21,754	26,970

Source : <https://www.savesthestudent.org/international-students/international-student-fees.html#tuition>