

## READING 1 - How much does university cost in the UK?

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The cost of university in the UK is something that worries students and parents alike. But, how much does uni actually cost, and do you have to pay for it upfront? Allow us to explain.

People say that your time as a student will be the best three years of your life. And we agree – it definitely can be. But, it can also be a very expensive time. With tuition fees and living costs, the costs add up. To help you separate the fact from the fiction, we've broken down the numbers to work out the cost of going to university in the UK.

The cost of tuition for the majority of students in the UK is around £9,250 a year. And, most courses tend to last for three years. So let's say that tuition fees alone will cost most students about £27,750 over the course of their degree.

### How much are tuition fees in 2023/24?

Students from	Studying in England	Studying in Scotland	Studying in Wales	Studying in N Ireland
England		£9,250		£9,250
Scotland	£9,250			
Wales				£9,250
Northern Ireland		£9,250		
Republic of Ireland			£9,000	

Source : <https://www.savethestudent.org/student-finance/university-study-cost.html>

#### How to get funded?

Most full-time and part-time home undergraduates will receive a tuition fee loan from the government to pay for their course fees. Maintenance loans are also available to cover living costs. However, finance for international students is more complicated as loans are available only to students who have lived in the UK for at least three years prior to starting their course.

There are plenty of scholarships, bursaries and grants available for overseas students. All of them are extremely competitive but UK universities are always looking to boost their international student numbers so time should be taken to consider all the options. The scholarships on the British Council database are funded by the UK government and external organisations. It's also worth checking your university of choice's website to see whether they have an appropriate scholarship.

Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com](http://www.timeshighereducation.com)