Fees and living costs

We understand that studying in the UK is a significant financial commitment. This page will help you work out approximately how much it will cost for you to study at Sussex.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees vary according to the course. To check the tuition for your course, please refer to the course listings on pages 22-29. If your course is longer than one year, there are two types of fee options:

- Normal fee option (quoted in course listings)

 this means your tuition fee will increase slightly each year in line with inflation
- Fixed fee option this means you pay a higher fee, but your tuition fee will remain the same for each year of your course.

Paying for tuition and housing

You can pay your tuition fees and housing costs online, by telephone (using a credit card) or by bank transfer. You can choose to make a single one-off payment or pay by direct debit installments when you open a UK bank account. For more details, visit:

www.sussex.ac.uk/finance/studentaccounts

Living expenses

Before you arrive in the UK you need to ensure you have adequate finances to cover your entire period of study. While costs vary from student to student, we estimate you should allow between $\pounds 6,000$ and $\pounds 8,500$ to cover living expenses for one academic year (in addition to your tuition fees).

Above right is a general breakdown of how your living expenses might be allocated, on a monthly basis. However, you may find you need more or less money, depending on your lifestyle. The cost of University-managed accommodation varies considerably but most single rooms (ie not shared) cost at least £300 per month.

You may find some rents are slightly cheaper in the private sector, but you will normally need to pay more for utility bills, such as gas, electricity and internet.

Expense me	Estimated onthly cost
Rent (eg University-managed accomodation, including shared rooms)*	£200-£420
Utility bills (not always payable in student housing)	£0-£50
Mobile phone contract/top up	£10-25
Food/household items	£140
Local travel	£40
Insurance	£5
Books/stationery	£40
Clothing	£40
Socialising/leisure	£100
Miscellaneous (including healthcare, etc)	£40
Estimated total monthly living expenses	£615-£900

* Guideline rents are for the 2008/09 academic year. There may be a slight increase for 2009/10 – you can find up-to-date costs on the Housing Office webpages at www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices

