

Student Welfare

A Guide to Living Costs

- Full time students are exempt from Council Tax. Council Tax Exemption Certificates can be requested from your Faculty Office and you will need to present them to your local Council.
- Don't forget to factor in for all utility bills when creating your accommodation budget if you are not living in halls. Remember that gas bills will be more expensive during winter months. Allow £15 per week for basic utilities (gas, electric, water rates) and it is advisable to ensure that the names of all the tenants are on each utility bill when sharing a property so that the liability for payment is shared.
- If a property is rented on a shared basis then only one TV Licence will be required, if you have an individual tenancy for your room then you will require your own licence. Further information can be found on the [TV Licensing website](#)
- If you're a student living in halls of residence or if you live in rented or shared accommodation, you may wish to protect your valuables with contents insurance. [Endsleigh](#) is an insurance provider recommended by the [NUS](#).
- Allow £50 per week for grocery shopping (including all food and toiletries). It can be cheaper to use local markets and supermarkets (especially own-brand products). Loyalty card schemes from supermarkets can also be a good way to save money.
- [Transport for London Student Oyster Photocards](#) can save you 30% on adult Travelcards and Bus & Tram Passes valid for seven days, one month or up to one year.
- For tips and advice about budgeting and funding check out the **NASMA** website.
- You can find more information on **funding support** on our website and from our **Student Advisers** at the Student Welfare Office.