# How Much Does It Cost To Go To University

Advice on the costs you may incur during your life as a Student







# **Cost of Going to University**

This Guide sets out to give you an idea of what costs you may incur during your life as a Student at the University of Worcester.

It will help you identify where your money is going so you can take control of your finances. Tracking what you spend, even for a couple of weeks, can help you to work out where you can make savings.

It also offers you advice on how to plan your budget, and what financial support is available to Students here at the University.

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# **Cost of Living**

#### **Tuition Fees and Everyday Expenses**

Tuition fees and living costs are the main areas to consider when allocating your finances, and working out a budget.

You need to remember that you will have to buy things you may have taken for granted at home (such as food and washing powder) and it's wise to think about all these issues when devising your budget.

This guide will give you an idea on the costs of living.

#### **Living costs in Worcester**

The cost of living in Worcester is comparatively very reasonable. Rent and many other costs are lower than larger cities.

The proximity of our campuses and halls of residence to each other and to the city centre means that you shouldn't need to spend additional money on transportation if you are living locally.

If you are living further afield, you will need to factor travel (and parking) costs into your budget.

# **Covering Costs at University**

#### **Home Student**

Most Home students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance. The loan is paid directly to the University or College. Home students can also apply for a Maintenance Loan from Student Finance to help with their living costs. Students with children may also be eligible for additional support from the Parent's Learning Allowance and Childcare Grant. www.gov.uk/student-finance

For Home students, your student loan, parental contribution (see page 6), part-time job and maybe scholarship or trust funds can help support you while you are at University.

#### **Healthcare Students**

Students on a Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health Professional course may be eligible for additional financial support from the NHS Learning Support fund.

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund

#### **Teacher Training Students**

In addition to funding from Student Finance, students on teacher training courses who are training in certain subjects may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship.

https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support/scholarships-and-bursaries

#### Social Work Students

Nominated eligible social work students will receive an additional social work bursary in years 2 and 3. www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students

#### **Postgraduate Students**

Eligible postgraduate students may apply for a Postgraduate Masters Loan.

www.gov.uk/masters-loan

#### **EU Students**

Financial support from Student Finance England will be available to eligible EU students if their course in England started in the 2020/2021 academic year or before, or they have settled or pre-settled status.

Eligible students with pre-settled status can receive a Tuition Fee Loan and students with settled status will receive the same funding as Home students. The support will be available for the duration of the course, provided the required residency criteria are met.

If you are self funding you will need to cover your costs with help from your family, part-time job or maybe bursaries / trust funds.

Check what undergraduate student finance you can apply for depending on your nationality and residency at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-what-undergraduate-student-finance-you-can-apply-for-depending-on-your-nationality-and-residency">www.gov.uk/check-what-undergraduate-student-finance-you-can-apply-for-depending-on-your-nationality-and-residency</a>

#### **International Students**

If you are an international student, you should ensure that you have enough funds to cover your tuition and living costs for the duration of your course before you apply for a visa.

If you cannot provide an official letter from a sponsor stating that they will cover all of your fees and living costs for the duration of your course, you must be able to prove that you have sufficient funds to be able to cover the cost of your course and your stay in the UK.

# **Additional Financial Support**

#### **Scholarships**

www.worcester.ac.uk/study/fees-and-finance/scholarships.aspx

#### Part-time Work

www2.worc.ac.uk/careers

Access to Learning Fund (University Hardship Fund)

www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/accesstolearningfund

#### Trust Funds and Charities

www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds

www.turn2us.org.uk/

If you are concerned about money, you should get advice on alternative sources of help from the University's Money Advice Service through <u>firstpoint</u>.

Tel: 01905 542551 / Email: firstpoint@worc.ac.uk



# **Parental Contribution**



The current student finance system uses your parents' income (if you are under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially) to determine how much money you get to live off while you're studying ie. your Maintenance Loan. This means it is means-tested.

The higher your parents' income, the lower your Maintenance Loan. The government therefore expects parents to cover the shortfall.

To help you work out how much your parents are expected to contribute MoneySavingExpert has developed a University Maintenance Contribution Ready Reckoner at:

#### www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loan-parental-contribution-tool/

However, parents are sometimes not in the position, or not willing to contribute the expected amount to top up the Maintenance Loan, so you may need to source additional funds elsewhere.

See page 20 of this guide for ideas on how to boost your income and page 5 for ideas of other sources of income including:

- Part Time Jobs
- Educational Trust Funds
- University's Access to Learning Fund

# What Do Students Spend Their Money On?

#### **National Student Money Survey 2024**

On this page you'll find the results of the National Student Money Survey 2024

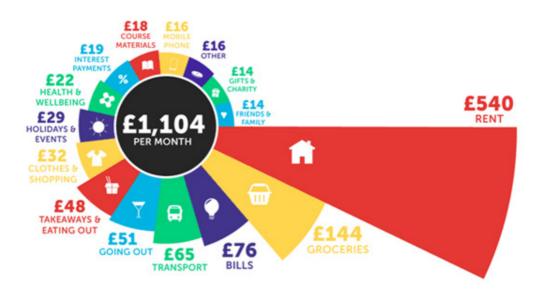
You can view the full results at: www.savethestudent.org/money/surveys/ student-money-survey-2024-results.html

This survey is ran by "Save the Student", and polled 1010 University Students living in the UK and ran between April and August 2024.

Students were asked about where their money came from and what they spent it on. On average, students in the survey spent £1,104 per month.



See Chart below for the breakdown of the average monthly spend.



Obviously costs differ across the country and between students, but they will give you an idea on costs you may incur and the importance of trying to stick to a budget.

# **Accommodation Costs**



#### Halls of Residence

Many first year students choose to live in halls of residence. In 2025/26 prices range from £131 to £228 per week. Most students pay for 40 weeks but those taking longer courses, such as nursing or teaching, pay for the length of the course.

#### University of Worcester Accommodation Fees for 2025/26

Accommodation	Campus	Price per week
Traditional Halls	St Johns	£131
Classic Halls	St Johns	£151
Classic Plus Halls	St Johns	£171
Ensuite Halls	St Johns	£202
Ensuite Plus Halls	St Johns	£216
Ensuite Plus Halls	City Campus	£216
Ensuite Premium Halls	St Johns	£228
Postgraduate Halls - non ensuite	St Johns	£184
Postgraduate Halls - ensuite	St Johns	£202

The charges for accommodation include, gas, electricity, water, free internet access, contents insurance and gym membership. All of the prices listed are for self-catered accommodation. A damage deposit of £300 will be required in advance and you will be able to pay your accommodation fees in six instalments from October to March or three instalments in October, January and April. If you have any queries about making payments you should contact the University's Finance Office by emailing: creditcontrol@worc.ac.uk

www.worcester.ac.uk/campaigns/accommodation-guide#halls

#### **Private Rented Accommodation**

Whether you are a first year, returning student or postgraduate student, there is plenty of accommodation available within walking distance of the University. With privately rented accommodation you can expect to pay an average of £110-£150 per week for a room in a shared house, plus bills (if not included in the rent). The University works closely with private landlords and Worcester City Council to ensure all student shared houses are licensed and meet with current legislation.

As a student off campus you still have access to the same facilities as students living on campus, including the support of the Accommodation Team who offer advice on housing matters such as tenancy agreements. Please remember agreement lengths, deposit amounts and arrangements for paying bills vary from property to property. Take advice from the Accommodation Team if you are unsure about any of these important details.

The University's Accommodation Service can be contacted on 01905 855300 or email: <a href="mailto:accommodation@worc.ac.uk">accommodation@worc.ac.uk</a>

#### **Deposit**

Your deposit will usually be equivalent to one month's rent, and around £300 is usually payable at the same time, to retain your room during the summer. You will need to pay both the deposit and your first month's rent in advance of moving into the property.

#### REMEMBER TO PUT MONEY ASIDE EARLY FOR THESE COSTS

The deposit is there to cover any damage you might do to the property, and landlords must protect it using one of the three Tenancy Deposit schemes: Deposit Protection Service, MyDeposits (including deposits that were held by Capita) and Tenancy Deposit Scheme.

If everything is ok when you move out, you will receive the whole deposit back, however, your landlord can deduct money from your deposit if there is damage to the property, unpaid rent, etc.

#### **Studentpad**

Full details and more information about off-campus student housing can be found by visiting the Worcester Student Pad website. Call the University's Accommodation office on 01905 855300 to pick up the password.

www.worcesterstudentpad.co.uk/Accommodation



# **Household Bills**



Household bills include energy bills for gas and electricity, water rates, TV licence and telephone and internet charges.

Check to see which bills are included in your rent - sometimes private landlords will cover the cost of bills too. Make sure you know what is and isn't covered when you choose your accommodation.

#### **Guide to Costs - Gas & Electricity**

The average household's yearly gas and electricity bill, according to Ofgem is approximately £1,720 (June 2025). This obviously varies by the size of the house/flat.

#### Reduce energy bills (and help the environment!)

- Turning the thermostat down by even 1°C can cut your heating bill significantly.
- When a room is empty, make sure that the lights are turned off.
- Close the curtains at night so you don't lose heat through the windows.
- Stop draughts from badly fitting windows and doors.
- Set your heating to come on around half an hour before you come home rather than leave it on all day while no one is in the house.
- Leaving your appliances on standby wastes energy. Make the effort and turn them off.
- Don't put the heating on if you don't have to. Warm jumpers can work too!
- Baths use more energy than showers as long as you're not spending 20 minutes in the shower.
- Use most economical household fuel provider where relevant.

Check out comparison sites for the best deals:

www.comparethemarket.com

www.moneysupermarket.com

www.uswitch.com

www.gocompare.com

#### **TV Licence**

If you have a television at University then you must pay an annual TV Licence of £174.50 per year (@ April 2025)

You need to be covered by a TV Licence if you:

- watch or record any live TV online
- download or watch BBC programmes on BBC iPlayer live, catch up or on demand

This applies to any device and provider you use.

If you have a joint tenancy, several TVs are covered by one licence, so you can share the costs, but if you have a separate tenancy a licence is needed for each set.

If you go home for the summer holidays, you may be able to get a refund on your TV licence for the remaining months.

www.tvlicensing.co.uk

#### Water

The average annual bill for household water & sewerage bills in England and Wales is £603 in 2025/26. If you have a water meter, you will be charged based on how much water you use. If not, you will pay a fixed amount each year.

#### **Council Tax**

- Full-time students are exempt from Council Tax unless living with non-student adults. Exemption certificates can be printed from the student SOLE page.
- Where a student is sharing a house with a non-student adult the Council Tax bill for the household will be liable to a 25% reduction.



# **Home Phone & Broadband**



#### **Home Phone and Broadband**

Most broadband connections will require a home phone line, but this is often included in the broadband package. Prices start from around £22/month for Standard broadband. Faster fibre-optic connections cost more, but may be more suitable if there are lots of people sharing one connection. Check out Money Saving Expert's tips on how to get cheap broadband at: <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/broadband-and-tv/cheap-broadband/">www.moneysavingexpert.com/broadband-and-tv/cheap-broadband/</a>

#### **Mobile Phone**

Think about your mobile deal. It's easier to keep track of your spending on 'Pay-as-you-go', but things can really add up if you're making a lot of long calls, plus you'll probably have to buy the handset as well. It's normally cheapest to buy a package of minutes, texts and internet data each month. Check the different networks to get the best offer. If you get a contract with a 'free' phone, you'll pay for it with a higher monthly bill.

Shop around for the best deal, but read what you're signing carefully, and factor those monthly fees into your budget. Read the small print in mobile phone and internet contracts. Some can be expensive once the free offers have finished and costly to end the contract before the due date.

#### **Reduce Phone Bills**

Use free video calling via apps such as WhatsApp, FaceTime, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet etc.

#### International Students

if you need to call home often, you might save money using a network like Lebara which specialises in international calls. www.lebara.co.uk

Check out comparison sites for the best deals:

www.comparethemarket.com www.uswitch.com www.moneysupermarket.com www.gocompare.com

# **Food & Other Essentials**

It depends on what you buy, but an average shopping budget is about £30-£40 per week.

#### **Shopping costs**

Try to avoid doing your grocery shopping in independent corner shops, which tend to be more expensive than supermarket chains. Prices can also vary considerably between supermarkets, for example every month "Which" compare how much the UK's biggest supermarkets charge for a trolley of groceries. Find the current costs on their website at: <a href="https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/supermarkets/article/supermarket-price-comparison">www.which.co.uk/reviews/supermarkets/article/supermarket-price-comparison</a>

See below the average cost for a shopping list of 82 popular groceries in May 2025:

Supermarket	Average Price for 82 items
Aldi	£135.48
Lidl	£135.82
Asda	£149.94
Tesco	£152.35
Sainsburys	£155.59
Morrisons	£156.71
Ocado	£168.48
Waitrose	£184.03

#### **Money Saving Tips**

- Try to avoid buying take-away food which is a lot more expensive than cooking your own
  or buying a pre-cooked meal from a supermarket. For example, a take-away pizza can
  cost between £8 and £24 but one from a supermarket can cost as little as £2 to £5.
- Making your own sandwiches can cost less than 50p a day but ready-made ones cost between £3 and £4.
- Buy supermarket own brands and check out reduced items usually available at the end
  of each day.
- Buy fruit and vegetables from a greengrocer or market.
- Avoid impulse buying and don't shop when you're hungry.



# **Travel Costs**

According to the Student Money Survey 2024 (see page 7) students are spending an average of £65 per month on transport costs.

#### Rail Travel

Student Rail cards cost £35 a year or £80 for 3 years, and can save you up to a third off rail travel costs and are available to anyone between 16 and 25, and to full-time students aged 26 and over.

#### www.16-25railcard.co.uk

Disabled persons' railcards entitle you to a third off most rail fares across Britain for you and a companion and currently cost £20 a year or £54 for 3 years.

#### www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk

See also student discounts offered by West Midlands Railway

## www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/tickets-discounts/discounts/student-train-tickets

#### **Bus Travel**

Local First buses drop off outside the University and also pick up at the St John's Campus. Simply download the First Bus App and you'll be able to buy tickets on your phone any time of day. Weekly and monthly tickets also available. For further information visit www.firstbus.co.uk/

Disabled people fulfilling the relevant criteria are entitled to free bus passes for bus travel in the city of Worcester. For eligibility visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk

# **National Express**

A Young Persons Coachcard is available to anyone aged 16 - 26 and to full-time students. It gives you 1/3 off all their Standard and Fully Flexible fares, £15 day return anywhere in the UK (Tues, Weds and Thurs) and 15% off travel to events and festivals, all for just £15 a year or £35 for three years.

www.nationalexpress.com/en/offers/coachcards/young-person





#### **Car Parking Costs**

The majority of students do not need a car for most of their time at University. However, there are a limited number of car parking places and students can apply for a car parking permit to park on campus although you are not guaranteed a parking space if you purchase a permit.

Parking permits in 2025/26 range from £46 per annum (off peak permit) to £371 per semester - see <a href="www2.worc.ac.uk/facilities-staff/car-parking.html">www2.worc.ac.uk/facilities-staff/car-parking.html</a> for full price list. Apply online at: <a href="www.worcester.ac.uk/life/our-community/car-parking-information.aspx">www.worcester.ac.uk/life/our-community/car-parking-information.aspx</a> PARKING PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE FREE TO DISABLED STUDENTS.

#### **Cycling**

Cycling is another alternative to bringing a car to university and plenty of bike stands are available on campus. Students can also hire a bike from Worcester's bikeshare scheme which was launched by Beryl in 2024. There are bay locations all around the city, including on the University campuses, where users can hire a pedal bike or e-bike using the Beryl app. More information about the scheme and how to sign up is available on the Beryl website at <a href="https://beryl.cc/">https://beryl.cc/</a>

# **Study Costs**



#### Books, printing and photocopying

There are day to day costs and expenditure for students on basic books, stationery, printing and photocopying and the amounts vary between courses.

You won't need to buy all the books on your reading list, just the core texts. Ask your tutor which are the most important ones. Remember the Library has an excellent collection of books.

Some can also be bought second hand from second year students, or on eBay or Amazon.

#### **Equipment**

**Vital equipment and materials** - the University has excellent facilities, computer access for all students and your academic lecturers will let you know of the best place to buy any extra equipment.

#### **Field Trips**

Attending compulsory field trips or placements – you might have to pay for transport and/or accommodation. There can be a fee for optional trips.

#### **Independent Study**

If your course includes producing an Independent Study in its final year then additional costs are likely to be incurred. These costs will depend very much on your course and the project you have chosen to undertake and you are advised to talk to your tutor about potential expenses.

#### **Retakes**

There is no charge for having a module REASSESSED but if it needs to be RETAKEN then the student will be charged the cost of the module by the University Finance Office. Tuition Fee Loans are not available through Student Finance England to pay for retakes.

# **Healthcare Costs**

#### **Help with Healthcare Costs**

Students in full-time education who are under the age of 19 are automatically entitled to full help with health costs (except travel costs, in which case they can apply to the Low Income Scheme). Students aged 19 and over, entering higher education can apply to the NHS Low Income Scheme to see if they qualify for help (see below).

#### **NHS Low Income Scheme**

The scheme covers:

- NHS prescriptions
- NHS dental treatment
- Eye care costs sight tests, glasses and contact lenses
- Travel costs to receive NHS treatment
- NHS wigs and fabric supports

To apply for help with any of the above costs you need to complete a HC1 Form, available from Jobcentres, GP practices, pharmacies and Citizens Advice. You will also need to supply information about your income and living costs.

You may be able to apply online at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-low-income-scheme

#### NHS Prescription Costs (@April 2025)

- The current prescription charge is £9.90 per item
- A three monthly Prescription Pre-payment Certificate (PPC) is £32.05 and could save you money if you need 4 or more items in 3 months
- A 12 month certificate is £114.50 and could save you money if you need more than 12 items in a year

#### www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/help-nhs-prescription-costs

#### NHS Dental Charges (@April 2025)

- Band 1 £27.40 This covers examinations, diagnosis (including X-rays), advice on how to prevent future problems, scale and polish if necessary and preventative care
- Band 2 £75.30 This covers everything listed in Band 1, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or if your dentist needs to take out one or more of your teeth
- Band 3 £326.70 This covers everything listed in Bands 1 and 2, plus crowns, dentures, bridges and other laboratory work

#### www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/help-nhs-dental-costs



# **Socialising & Shopping**



#### **Average Spend**

The Student Money Survey 2024 (see page 7) showed that Students, on average, spent per month:

- £51 on Going Out
- £48 on Takeaways and Eating Out
- £32 on Clothes and Shopping
- · £29 on Holidays & Events

#### **Shopping**

- Keep track of your spending patterns, little things like coffee, fast food, downloads, Spotify and so on can soon add up.
- Sign up for reward cards in your most frequent shops for savings &bonuses.
- Shop in Charity Shops, or wait for the Sales it'll save you fff's.
- Don't buy anything you can't afford! If you really need it, save up.

#### **Student Discounts**

- You can save money by taking advantage of student discounts, and also by getting a NUS TOTUM Card see page 19.
- Student discounts are available on nights out, eating out, entrance fees, entertainment, tickets, fashion, health and fitness and much more. Find the latest discounts on websites such as <a href="https://www.savethestudent.org/student-discounts">www.savethestudent.org/student-discounts</a> and <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/student-discounts/">www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/student-discounts/</a>

#### **Socialising**

Study life balance means putting enough effort into your academic work while also taking time to enjoy the social, sporting and cultural aspects of being a student.

There are lots of clubs and societies that you can join at the Students' Union and there are many student nights at the University and at various venues in the city.

# **TOTUM Card**

#### **About Totum**

TOTUM is the number 1 student discount card and app giving you access to huge offers on food and essentials, tech, travel and home delivery. Plus fashion, beauty and a whole lot more. TOTUM is the only student discount platform endorsed by the National Union of Students (NUS). TOTUM is also available with PASS-accredited proof of age ID, perfect for proving you're over 18 on a night out.

#### **TOTUM Memberships**

#### **TOTUM**

TOTUM Student is a free digital student discount membership providing access to 100s of online offers.

#### TOTUM+

TOTUM Student+ is a paid membership for students, professionals and apprentices which offers exclusive discounts not available to free members. This membership also includes a physical TOTUM+ card to redeem discounts in store. Plus, enjoy other benefits such as; reduced supermarket bills with TOTUM Cashback, FREE government approved 18+ ID, and 100.000s of discounts in over 90 countries worldwide.

12 month membership costs just £14.99.

#### www.totum.com



# **Help With Budgeting**



It is important to monitor your spending in order to ensure that you have enough money for essentials like rent and fuel bills and to prevent overspending.

Try using the Money Advice online Student Budgeting Calculator to help you see whether you need to cut your spending on non-essential items and/or increase your income. www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/online-resources.html

#### **Budgeting Tips**

- Ensure that your budget includes extra or irregular expenses such as birthdays, Christmas, car maintenance etc.
- Once you have put together a budget, make sure that you stick to it.
- Prevent overspending by using cash rather than debit cards.
- Avoid using credit cards, storecards etc. which charge interest.
- Do not use credit as a source of income the idea of a budget is to spend within your means.
- Don't use PayDay loans because the interest rates are notoriously high, and the debt can mount up very quickly.
- Get household and other goods for free by enrolling with your local Freecycle scheme, for more information visit www.freecycle.org
- Get items repaired at your local Repair Café instead of throwing them away better for your pocket & the environment. <a href="https://repaircafe.org/en">https://repaircafe.org/en</a>
- Don't expect to be able to afford as many luxuries as you did before you became a student e.g. Sky TV, foreign holidays, gym membership

#### **Boost Your Income**

- Get a Part-time Job whilst you are at University, at least in your first and second year.
- Sell unwanted items on sites such as eBay, Gumtree or Facebook.
- Sell unwanted cds, dvds and games through sites such as CEX, Ziffit or Music Magpie.
- Use cashback sites when shopping online.
- Make money online find tips at: www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/make-money-online

If you are struggling financially you can contact the University's Money Advisers for advice through firstpoint on 01905 542551 or by email at: <a href="mailto:firstpoint@worc.ac.uk">firstpoint@worc.ac.uk</a>

# **Dealing With Debts**

Don't Ignore Debts - if you are experiencing problems paying a bill, don't ignore it - get in touch with the creditor. You may be able to negotiate smaller payments.

#### **Priority Debts**

Priority Debts include Rent, Council Tax, Utilities (Gas, Electricity and Water) etc. It is important to remember that when making payments, Priority Debts come first.

#### **Non Priority Debts**

Non Priority Debts include credit cards, catalogue debts, loans, store cards etc. These can be dealt with by seeking debt management assistance from free agencies - see below.

## **Free Debt Advice Agencies**

Citizens Advice Bureau www.citizensadvice.org.uk

National Debtline www.nationaldebtline.org

StepChange www.stepchange.org

#### **Never pay for Debt Advice!**

There are several companies who offer FREE advice and support. However, watch out for the companies who offer free advice, but charge you high fees for setting up and administering your debt management plan.



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# **Useful Resources**



Knowing that your finances are under control will allow you to relax and enjoy your time at University.

The following resources are available to help you:

**Budget Sheet:** Using a budget sheet will help you to see where you can cut your spending on non-essential items, and whether you need to increase your income.

**Sharing Household Bills:** Some useful tips and practical solutions to help you and your housemates organise and pay your household bills, in a way that is fair to everyone involved.

These resources are available to download from the Money Advice webpage at: <a href="https://www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/online-resources">www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/online-resources</a>

**Online Budgeting Calculator:** You can also find an online calculator on the same webpage to help balance your budget. Just input all your income and expenditure and it works out your weekly budget.

#### **Budgeting Tips**

For budgeting advice and tips see: www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/budgeting-tips

#### **International Students**

Additional advice and support (including an international student calculator to help you work out a budget) can be found on the "UK Council for International Student Affairs" website: www.ukcisa.org.uk

#### **Mobile Phone Apps**

There are also lots of budgeting apps available to download on your phone. Make sure it's a reputable app as you'll be divulging financial information. **Which** lists the following free student budgeting mobile apps:

Emma - https://emma-app.com/

Plum - https://withplum.com/

Snoop - <a href="https://snoop.app/">https://snoop.app/</a>

www.which.co.uk/money/money-saving-tips/budgeting/open-banking-budgeting-and-saving-apps-aLl3e0g9I7Ft

Find more information on student budgeting at:

www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-budgeting-planner/

# **University of Worcester Money Advice Service**



The University of Worcester's Money Advice Service is here to provide students and potential students at the University of Worcester with welfare and financial advice and support.

We do not give legal advice but we can help you to identify major elements of your welfare or financial difficulties and provide information, advice and help to resolve them.

The Money Advisers offer phone, teams and in-person appointments, and are based in the Peirson Study & Guidance Centre, University of Worcester, Henwick Grove, St Johns, Worcester WR2 6AJ

See the University's Money Advice Service website for money saving and budgeting tips plus funding information and more at:

www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice

To arrange an appointment with a University of Worcester Money Adviser, please email <a href="mailto:firstpoint@worc.ac.uk">firstpoint@worc.ac.uk</a> or phone 01905 542551

# **Support at the University of Worcester**



Listed below are a few of the support services available at the University.

## firstpoint

The first point of contact for all student enquiries, helping students access information and support during their studies. www2.worc.ac.uk/firstpoint

# **Careers & Employability Service**

The Careers Team support students and graduates with the planning and management of their careers and development of employability skills. <a href="https://www2.worc.ac.uk/careers">www2.worc.ac.uk/careers</a>

#### **Counselling & Mental Health**

Staffed by professionally trained practitioners who are experienced in helping with a wide range of personal and life issues.

www2.worc.ac.uk/counselling

## **Disability & Dyslexia Service**

Offer support, advice and guidance to students who have a disability, medical condition or Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD).

www2.worc.ac.uk/disabilityanddyslexia

#### **Money Advice Service**

Advice on Student Loans & Grants, University's Hardship Fund, Welfare Benefits, Debt Management, Budgeting etc..

www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice

## **Student Support and Wellbeing**

Provide a confidential support service on a broad range of pastoral and welfare issues and any concerns that are affecting your time at the University of Worcester.

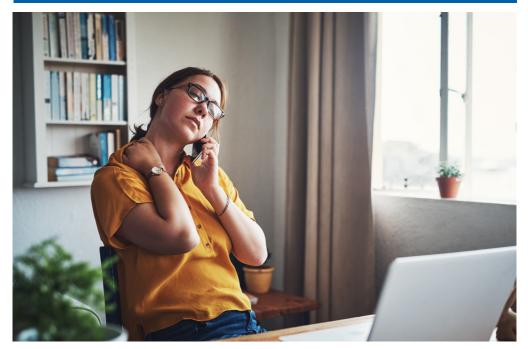
www2.worc.ac.uk/studentsupport

#### **Worcester Students' Union**

An independent charity, devoted to the educational interests and welfare of all students studying at the University. Advice is available on academic, housing, health, personal problems, etc. <a href="https://www.worcsu.com/">www.worcsu.com/</a>



# **Additional Sources of Help & Advice**



# **Free and Impartial Money Advice**

#### StepChange

#### www.stepchange.org

Free help and advice with debt management.

Tel: 0800 138 1111

#### **National Debtline**

#### www.nationaldebtline.org

Free debt advice & support.

Tel: 0808 808 4000

#### **Money Helper**

#### www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en

Free unbiased advice and information to help people manage their money.

Tel: 0800 138 7777

# **General Finance and Consumer Rights**

# **Money Saving Expert**

#### www.moneysavingexpert.com

Journalistic website created by Martin Lewis which provides free guides, tips, tools & techniques on how to save money.

# The Financial Conduct Authority www.fca.org.uk

Offers advice on all aspects of consumer rights and issues.

#### **TaxAid**

#### http://taxaid.org.uk/

Free advice on tax to those on low incomes.

Tel: 0345 120 3779

# **Additional Sources of Help & Advice**

#### Tax and Benefits

Universal Credit Helpline www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Tel: 0800 328 5644

Tax Credits Helpline www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit

HM Revenue & Customs
www.gov.uk/government/
organisations/hm-revenue-customs
Information on Tax, including Child
Benefit and Tax Credit.
Tel: 0300 200 3300

# Job Centre Plus www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus

For welfare benefit claims as well as help finding work.

#### **Worcester Local Services**

Worcester Citizens Advice Bureau <a href="https://citizensadviceworcester.org.uk/">https://citizensadviceworcester.org.uk/</a>

Provide information/advice and direct people to the best source of help for their issue.

Tel: 0808 278 7891

Worcester Job Centre Plus www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus

Tel: 0800 169 0190

Worcester Hub (Worcester City Council) www.worcester.gov.uk

Local council contact point for information on a variety of issues.

Tel: 01905 722233





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