

A Guide to UK Living Expenses

It can be difficult to calculate the amount of money you need when coming to a new country but it is very important that you have a clear idea of how much it will cost to live and study in the UK.

The cost of living can vary considerably depending on your accommodation cost and lifestyle. Below is a summary of the estimated minimum cost of living in Coventry:

Accommodation:	£200-£280 per month
Bills (Electric/Gas/Water):	£30-£50 per month
Food/Housekeeping:	£150-£200 per month
TV Licence:	£126.50 per year (mandatory with TV)

The following is an average cost of additional monthly expenses as suggested by the British Council:

Mobile/Landline Phone:	£21 per month
Clothes/Shoes:	£31 per month
Leisure/Sport:	£21 per month
Books/Stationary:	£21 per month
Travel/Transport:	£52 per month
Socialising:	£103 per month

It is therefore estimated that you will need approximately **£500 per month** to cover your accommodation and living expenses in Coventry.

The cost of living for one year in the UK based on the British Council Guideline is between £6000 and £7000

Further Information and websites

Education UK budget planner

www.educationuk.org

British Council education information sheet

[Tuition fees and the cost of living](#)

UKCOSA guidance notes

Fees and student support

Preparing for study in the UK

Council tax and international students

www.ukcosa.org.uk/pages/guidenote.htm