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Undergraduate 1st Year – Science and Engineering Programmes

Maximum Cost of Living Expenses 2026/2027

| Items | Weekly £ | No. of Weeks | Total Academic Year GBP | Total Academic Year USD |
|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rent/ Housing | 160 | 35 | £5,600 | \$8,120 |
| Utilities | 40 | 35 | £1,400 | \$2,030 |
| Food | 80 | 35 | £2,800 | \$4,060 |
| Local Travel Expenses | 27 | 35 | £945 | \$1,370 |
| Personal | 85 | 35 | £2,975 | \$4,314 |
| Books/ Computer Equipment/ Printing | - | - | £700 | \$1,015 |
| Return Flights (2 per year) | - | - | £3,000 | \$4,350 |
| Loan Origination Fees | Sub/Unsub | Parent Plus | Approximate Total | |
| 1 st Year (Dependent) ** | £41 | £584 | £625 | \$906 |
| 1 st Year (Independent) ** | £70 | n/a | £70 | \$101 |
| 1 st Year (Private loans) * | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Visa | - | - | £558 | \$809 |
| Healthcare Surcharge (4 year degree) | - | - | £3,492 | \$5,063 |
| Healthcare Surcharge (5 year degree) | - | - | £4,268 | \$6,188 |
| Conversion Rate *** | | | 1.45 | |
| Maximum Living Expenses 1st year (4 year degree) | | | | |
| Dependent Student (Sub, Unsub, Parent Plus & Private Loans) | | | £22,095 | \$32,037 |
| Independent Student (Sub, Unsub & Private Loans) | | | £21,540 | \$31,233 |
| Private Loans only | | | £21,470 | \$31,132 |
| Maximum Living Expenses 1st year (5 year degree) | | | | |
| Dependent Student (Sub, Unsub, Parent Plus & Private Loans) | | | £22,871 | \$33,162 |
| Independent Student (Sub, Unsub & Private Loans) | | | £22,316 | \$32,358 |
| Private Loans only | | | £22,246 | \$32,257 |

- This is an example. You will be emailed with a financial aid package that is specific to your situation.
- Visa and Healthcare Surcharge fees are included for 1st year students for the duration of their degree.
- * Private Loans are not eligible for origination fees to be included in the Cost of Attendance calculation.
- ** This is an approximate value. Actual origination fees will vary with the type and value of your loan(s). Origination fees for 2026/2027 will be available on the following link once determined by the US Department of Education. <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates>
- ** Exchange rate information is available here <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/finance/us-student-loans/cost-of-attendance/>
- If additional funds are required to support a disability or learning difference, please email usaloans@abdn.ac.uk to discuss.



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