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Budget Guide

Housing / Accommodation

- Students can use the **Maynooth Studentpad** to assist them in finding suitable off-campus accommodation. **Please note that on-campus accommodation is not available.**
- The cost of rent in Ireland for students is approximately **€500 - €700 per month**, or **€2,250 - €3,150 per semester**.
- **Utilities** (electricity, heating, broadband, etc.) may or may not be included in the rent cost. Taken separately, utilities can cost between **€60 - €80 per month**, or **€270 - €360 per semester**.



Medical / Travel Insurance

- Students must have travel insurance that covers **repatriation** (assisted transfer of a person back to their home country).
- An insurance policy can be purchased from a private insurance company in your home country, or can be obtained from your home university.
- Medical costs for students can cost approximately **€75 per month / €337.50 per semester**.



Meals

- There are a number of **cafes and restaurants on the university campus**, such as Phoenix in the Phoenix Building, Griolladh in the John Hume Building, Nourish in the Arts Block, 53.3 Degrees in the TSI Building, Starbucks in the Library and Pugin Hall in St. Patrick's House. There is also plenty of cafes and restaurants around the town of Maynooth to choose from!
- For groceries, Maynooth has a variety of **supermarkets**: Dunnes Stores, Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and SuperValu. Dunnes, Lidl, Tesco and SuperValu all have a loyalty card system so customers can avail of discounts on their shopping.
- The approximate cost of food is **€220 per month / €990 per semester**.

Books and Materials

- Books and other materials can be purchased in the **campus bookshop**. **Second-hand books** can be borrowed from the MSU Building. There is also a large selection of books available in the **Library**.
- **Stationary** can be purchased in the campus bookshop, or off campus (Eason, Dunnes Stores, Flying Tiger Copenhagen, Tesco, SuperValu, The Range, The Maynooth Bookshop).
- The estimated cost of books, materials and printing is **€60 per month / €270 per semester**.

Public Transport

- There is a range of public transport, such as **Bus Éireann** (Irish Bus), **Dublin Bus** and **Iarnród Éireann** (Irish Rail) for getting to and from Maynooth.
- Fares can cost around **€50 per month / €225 per semester**.
- Students can obtain a **Leap Card** for discounts on fares. To apply for a Leap Card, visit **LeapCard.ie**.



Personal Expenses and Spending Money

Personal expenses for students may include things such as a **mobile / cell phone plan**, **socialising** and various other items or activities.

Mobile / Cell Phone Plans

- Students are advised to have their phones **unlocked to other networks** when they arrive in Ireland. It is also advisable to shop around for the best **pay-as-you-go top up plan**. These can vary.
- There are five main networks in Ireland: **48**, **GoMo**, **Tesco Mobile**, **Three** and **Vodafone**.
- A plan with **48** will cost **€12.99 per month / €51.96 per semester**.
- A plan with **GoMo** will cost **€14.99 per month / €59.96 per semester**.
- A **Tesco Mobile** plan will cost **€15 per month / €60 per semester**.
- A plan with **Three** will cost **€20 per month / €80 per semester**.
- **Vodafone** offers a range of different pay-as-you-go plans. Depending on which one you choose, this could cost **€20, €25 or €30 per month**. These costs would add up to **€80, €100 and €120 per semester respectively**.



Social Life

- There is a wide range of pubs, bars, clubs, cafes and restaurants in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There is also an abundance of places perfect for sightseeing as well as other events and activities to take part in!
- On average, a student can expect to spend approximately **€128 per month** on socialising and other miscellaneous items and activities, or **€576 per semester**.



Travelling

- Some students may wish to take advantage of cheap Ryanair flights and travel around Europe. However, costs may vary greatly, depending on where exactly students wish to travel to. **It is strongly advised that students do their own research on costs and other items regarding travel to the continent beforehand.**

Total Cost

- On average, the total cost for an exchange student to come to Maynooth University could be between approximately **€1,222.66 and €1,295.42 per month**, or between **€5,492.15 and €5,448.15 per semester**.



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