

GRIFFITH COLLEGE

Cost of living: What to expect



Introduction

Studying abroad is an exciting adventure, but managing your finances effectively is key to a stress-free experience. Whether you're moving to Dublin, Cork, or Limerick to study at Griffith College, it's important to understand the cost of living in Ireland and how to budget accordingly.

This guide will break down the average expenses you can expect as an international student, including **accommodation, transport, food, and social activities**.

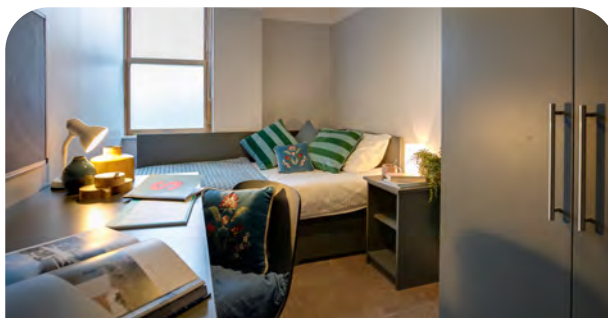
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Accommodation

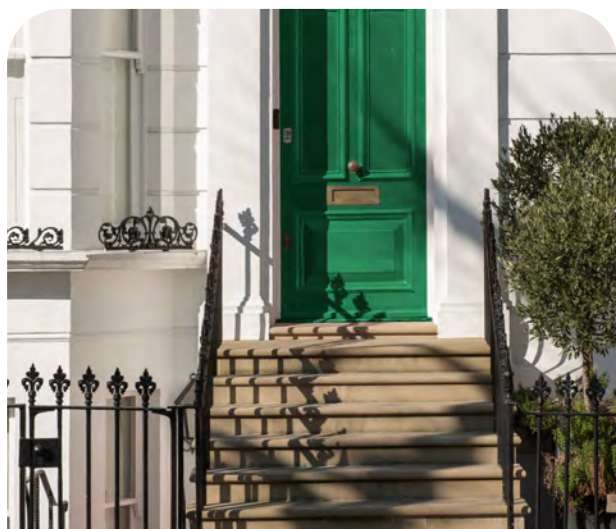
Your biggest expense as a student will likely be accommodation. Griffith College Dublin offers **on-campus housing** at the **Griffith Halls of Residence (GHR)**, but many students also choose **off-campus accommodation** depending on availability and personal preference.

Griffith College Dublin On-Campus Accommodation

Griffith Halls of Residence provides student-friendly housing with modern facilities. Further details are available [here](#).



A single room in
Griffith Halls of Residence



Off-campus accommodation

All campuses Off-Campus Accommodation

If you prefer to live off-campus, rental costs will vary depending on location, amenities, and whether you share with housemates. Here's what you can expect:

- **Single room in a shared apartment:**
€600 - €1,000+ per month
- **Private studio apartment:**
€1,200+ per month
- **Shared house (cost split among housemates):**
€500 - €900+ per month

The Irish rental market is competitive, so it's essential that you try to secure accommodation before arriving. More details on off-campus options can be found in our Accommodation Guides available [here](#).

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Transport: Getting Around the City

Ireland has a reliable public transport system, and as a student, you can **save money with a Leap Card** - a discounted travel card for students.

- **Monthly transport costs:** €50 - €60
- **Annual estimate:** €600 - €720 (academic year)

The **Leap Card** provides discounted fares on **buses, trams (the "Luas" in Dublin), and trains**. Registration costs **€5**, and you can top up the card based on your usage.

For more details, visit [Leap Card](#) and watch our [short information video](#).

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Food & Grocery Expenses

Your food budget will depend on whether you cook at home or eat out frequently. Shopping at budget-friendly supermarkets like **Lidl, Aldi, Tesco, and Dunnes Stores** will help keep costs down.

- **Monthly food/grocery costs:** €250 - €400
- **Annual estimate:** €3,000 - €4,800

Cooking at home is significantly cheaper than eating out, where the cost of a meal in a restaurant can vary from **€10 - €40 and more**, depending on where you go. Many students find a balance by preparing meals at home and dining out occasionally. Ordering takeout through popular apps such as Deliveroo, Just Eat and Uber Eats can be a good compromise!



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Social Life & Entertainment



Studying in Ireland isn't just about academics, you will want to enjoy your time here too. From weekend trips to live music events and student meetups, budgeting for social activities is important.

- **Monthly estimate:** €80 - €150
- **Yearly estimate:** €960 - €1,350

Many student events and cultural activities are free or discounted, so there are plenty of ways to **enjoy Irish life on a budget**.

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Stationery & Books

Course materials and books can be expensive, but students can save money by **buying second-hand books or using online resources**. You can start by checking the Griffith College Library Resources [here](#).

- **Monthly estimate:** €100 - €150
- **Yearly estimate:** €1,200 - €1,350

Certain courses may require additional resources. Contact international@griffith.ie for more information.



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Total Estimated Cost of Living*

Expense Category	Average Monthly Cost	Average Yearly Cost	Maximum Monthly Cost	Maximum Cost (9 months)
Accommodation	€600	€7,200	€1,000	€9,000
Transport	€600	€1,440	€150	€1,350
Food	€600	€2,160	€250	€2,250
Social Activities	€600	€960	€150	€1,350
Stationery & Books	€600	€1,200	€150	€1,350
TOTAL	€1,080	€12,960	€1,700	€15,300

**Please note that these totals are only meant to be used as a guide and that a student's actual cost of living will depend on their own individual circumstances and preferences*

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Budgeting Tips for Students

- **Apply early for accommodation** to secure lower rent.
- **Use a Leap Card** for discounted transport fares.
- **Cook at home** to save money on food.
- **Take advantage of free student events** to explore Ireland on a budget.
- **Look for second-hand books** or digital resources instead of buying new textbooks.



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Final Thoughts

Planning your finances before arriving in Ireland will help you make the most of your experience at Griffith College. By budgeting wisely and making use of student discounts, you can enjoy your studies and social life without unnecessary financial stress.

If you have any questions, Griffith College's International Office is always available to help.

Start preparing today and we look forward to welcoming you to Griffith College!

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