Student Financial Support for Students
Resident in **England**
Part Time Higher Education 2026-27

Year 1 Students (Level 4) Hereford College of Arts Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for 2026-27 for all part time Higher Education Undergraduate courses has been set at £4,780.

Support Available from Student Finance England (SFE)

Tuition Fee Loan

A Tuition Fee loan is available for part-time English students who are studying for their first undergraduate degree to cover their tuition fees in full (there is no upper age limit). The amount you borrow does not depend on your household income. The Student Loans Company pays this directly to the College.

Part Time Maintenance Loan (2025-26 Rates)

All English students studying for a first undergraduate degree are eligible to apply for a Maintenance Loan to help with accommodation and living costs (how much loan you receive depends on your household income, course intensity and where you live while studying). The study intensity for part time courses at Hereford College of Arts are 50% of a full-time course. The maximum loan available is £5,272 if living away from home and £4,439 if living at home.

Maintenance Loans for part time students are paid directly into student's bank accounts 2 weeks after the start of each term.

Students aged 60 years or over on the first day of the academic year are not eligible for a maintenance loan for part time study. Students studying full time only are eligible for a Special Support Loan of £4,461.

To get an estimate of how much maintenance loan you could receive, please use the Student Finance Calculator at: www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

All loans have to be repaid but you will not start paying them back until you have left College and are earning more than the repayment threshold. The amount you repay is 9% on earnings above the repayment threshold and is made through the UK tax system. For more information about repaying your student loans, please visit www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan

Disabled Students' Allowance

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSAs) is funding to cover study related costs if you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty and can include support for dyslexia. DSA's do not depend on your household income and what you receive depends on your individual needs. For further information about DSA's please visit www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa or contact the College Academic Mentoring Team on (01432) 273359 or email academicmentoring@hca.ac.uk

Support Available from Hereford College of Arts

Cash Bursary (First Years Only)

Students may qualify for a Cash Bursary of £500 in their first year only. To be eligible for this bursary a student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The student must be ordinarily resident in England
- The student must be liable to pay the full £4,780 tuition fee for their course
- The student must be a new undergraduate starting Higher Education for the first time in 2026
- To be eligible, a student must have a declared residual household income of less than £25,000

Progression College Bursary
All students who have achieved a full level 3 qualification at Hereford College of Arts or one of its Partner Progression Colleges within the last two academic years are eligible for a Progression Bursary of £250 in their first year only.

All bursaries are paid directly to students in three instalments: 25% is payable in the Autumn Term, 25% in the Spring Term and 50% in the Summer Term. Satisfactory work, attendance and progress during the year are required to ensure all payments are made.

Higher Education Hardship Fund
The purpose of this fund is to provide exceptional support to students who are experiencing financial difficulty whilst studying. This support may provide assistance with travel, material costs, rent or living expenses. Students requesting assistance will be required to complete an application form detailing their financial circumstances and be able to show evidence of hardship. Applications are assessed each term and not all applications will be successful as the College has a limited fund available.

Academic Year 2027-28
Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) – New Students Starting Higher Education from September 2027
New students starting a course from September 2027 - LLE will replace the existing system of undergraduate student finance. LLE loans will be available to students up to the age of 60 years. Students aged over 60 years may still be eligible for a maintenance loan but not a tuition fee loan. Please refer to our website for further updates.

Contacts at Hereford College of Arts
For more information about tuition fees, loans or bursaries, please contact Jenny Roberts on (01432) 273359 or email finance@hca.ac.uk

For any other information or enquiries about Higher Education, please contact Dawn Pemberton or Leon Oldman on (01432) 273359 or email registry@hca.ac.uk

Students from Ukraine
Students granted leave under one of the Ukraine Residency Schemes are eligible to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan from Student Finance England.

Students from the European Union
Undergraduate EU students with Settled Status will generally be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan if they have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least 3 years prior to starting their course. Students who have pre-settled status may be eligible for a tuition fee loan only. For more information, please visit Studying in the UK: guidance for EU students

Students from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
Students who normally live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland will receive financial support for Higher Education from the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government or the Northern Ireland Executive. For more information, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk, www.saas.gov.uk (Student Support Scotland) or www.studentfinanceni.co.uk (Student Support Northern Ireland)

Useful websites include:

- Student Loans Company www.slc.co.uk
- Student Finance www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- UCAS www.ucas.com
- National Union of Students www.nus.org.uk

The information provided is subject to change at any time. Please visit our website for up-to-date information at www.hca.ac.uk.