

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.

For Students from Wales support is available from Student Finance Wales (SFW) and the Student Loans Company (SLC)

A Tuition Fee loan is available to all Welsh students who are studying for a 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 the loan directly to the College.

Welsh Government Learning Grant and Maintenance Loan (2025-26 Rates)

All Welsh students studying for a first Undergraduate Degree are eligible for maintenance support, which is a mixture of grant and loan of up to £4,553 to help with course related costs such as books and travel. How much you receive is based on your household income and study intensity.

Students aged 60 years or over on the first day of the academic year are not eligible for a Maintenance Loan but would be eligible to apply for a means tested Special Support Grant of up to £3,000.

The Tuition Fee Loan and any Maintenance Loan has to be repaid but you will not start paying anything back until you have left College and are earning £25,000 or more per annum. The amount you repay is 9% on earnings above £25,000 and repayment is made through the UK tax system.

Extra Help Available from Student Finance Wales (based on 50% course intensity) (2025-26 Rates)

Childcare Grant

The maximum Childcare Grant available if you have one child is £96 per week and £164 per week if you have more than one child.

Parents Learning Allowance

Parents Learning Allowance is extra help to cover some additional costs if you have dependent children. The maximum award for this allowance is £972 per year. The amount you get depends on your household income and your course intensity.

Adult Dependents Grant

You can apply for the Adult Dependents Grant if you have a partner or another adult who is financially dependent on you. The maximum award is £1,703 per year and the amount of grant available to you depends on your income and that of the adult who is dependent on you.

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 see: www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsa.

For additional information, please contact the Academic Mentoring Team on (01432) 273359 or email academicmentoring@hca.ac.uk

To apply to Student Finance Wales for funding, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Support Available from Hereford College of Arts

Progression College Bursary

All students who have achieved a full level 3 qualification at Hereford College of Arts or at 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. This bursary is paid directly to students in three instalments, one each 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.

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 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 Finance Wales www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
- National Union of Students www.nus.org.uk/nus-wales
- National Association of Student Money Advisors www.nasma.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.