

Estimating University Costs for International Students

At Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE) students must pay their tuition and fees by a deadline set in section 2.0 of the [Academic Calendar](#). Outside of tuition, fees, and health insurance, international students are also required to pay for their living expenses and textbooks. Each student is responsible for ensuring they can afford their living expenses for the full duration of their studies.

The information provided below is a general guideline of estimated living costs. Actual costs may vary due to a variety of factors such as choice of housing, personal preferences, etc. Students will need to make their own calculations to determine specific costs based on their needs and are recommended to contact service companies, landlords and view applicable websites for precise costs.

When you are planning your budget as an international student in Canada there are some important expenses to consider:

- Housing
- Utilities (water, heat, electricity)
- Internet & Mobile Phone
- Food
- Clothing
- Transportation
- Textbooks
- Miscellaneous

Sample Cost of Living Estimates

Note: estimates are only a guideline. Living costs vary based on the type of housing (e.g. sharing with roommates or living alone) and your lifestyle. All amounts are in Canadian dollars (CAD) and they exclude tuition costs and student fees.

	Single Adult	Two Adults (one child)
Item	Monthly fee	Monthly fee
Housing (off-campus)	\$900 - \$1,200 (one bedroom)	\$1,400 - \$2,000
Housing (on-campus)*	\$531.25 - \$787.50	NA
Utilities (water, heat, electricity)	\$200 - \$400	\$240 - \$450
Internet & Mobile phone	\$100 - \$200	\$150 - \$250
Food	\$300 - \$400	\$600 - \$750
Clothing	\$100	\$300
Transportation	\$73 - \$100	\$200
Miscellaneous (recreation, holiday, etc.)	\$50 - \$100	\$100 - \$200
Cost of Living Total (excluding tuition)	\$1,693 - \$2,500	\$2,840 - \$3,650

*Please refer to the section on Student Residence below for more information.

Textbooks (per semester)

Textbooks	\$150 - \$700
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Note: These figures are estimates only. Costs may change due to inflation or other factors.

Student Residence

Students who would like to live on campus in student residence must apply. Concordia University of Edmonton does not accept international students under the age of 17 in its Residence Program.

More information may be viewed here: <https://concordia.ab.ca/student-services/housing-services/student-residence/>, residence fees; <https://concordia.ab.ca/student-services/housing-services/student-residence/residence-fees/>.

Note: The declining balance meal plan is mandatory for students living in undergraduate residence halls.

Taxes in Alberta

All purchases in the province of Alberta are charged a 5% GST so the price you pay will be slightly higher than the printed price in most cases. Alberta is the only province in Canada without a provincial sales tax. It is a good idea to go to the websites of grocery stores and restaurants/fast food chains to get an idea of how much things cost in Canada.

Other Resources

- **Study in Canada– prepare your budget:** <https://www.educanada.ca/live-work-vivre-travailler/prepare-budget-preparer.aspx?lang=eng>
- **Study in Canada:** <https://studying-in-canada.org/cost-of-studying-in-canada-for-international-students/>
- **Cost of living in Edmonton:** <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Edmonton>.