

The Real Costs of Studying Abroad

This podcast gives students and their families a practical comparison of the costs of studying abroad, using the UK, Cyprus, Hungary and hybrid study as examples. The key message is simple: look beyond tuition fees and understand the full cost before deciding where to study.

Study option	Tuition	Living, visa and travel costs	Approx. total
UK, one year Master's	£17,000	£15,000	£32,000
Cyprus	€9,000	€9,500	€18,500
Hungary	US\$7,000	US\$7,500	US\$14,500
Hybrid/Online undergraduate degree	Around £8,000	Depends on study route	From around £8,000
Online MBA	Around £8,000	Depends on study route	From around £8,000

United Kingdom

A one-year master's degree in the UK is estimated in the podcast to cost about £32,000 in total: approximately £17,000 for tuition, £12,000 for living expenses, £2,000 for visa and healthcare fees, and £1,000 for flights.

Students may normally work part time during their studies, subject to their visa conditions. The podcast also highlights the Graduate Route as a potential post study option, subject to the immigration rules in force at the time.

Cyprus

Some study options in Cyprus provide the opportunity to obtain a UK degree at a lower overall cost. The podcast estimates an annual cost of around €18,500, including €9,000 for tuition, €8,000 for living expenses, €500 for the visa and approximately €1,000 for flights.

For students who want a British qualification but cannot meet the higher costs of studying in the UK, these options in Cyprus can provide an alternative.

Hungary

The podcast presents Hungary as another affordable European study destination. For a non-medical programme, the estimated total annual cost is approximately US\$14,500. This comprises around US\$7,000 for tuition, US\$6,000 for living expenses, US\$500 for the visa and US\$1,000 for flights.

The podcast presents this as an opportunity to obtain internationally recognised education at a lower overall cost than the UK example given.

Hybrid and Online Study

Students with a more limited budget can also consider hybrid or online study. Online Business School programmes allow students to begin their studies online, with options to progress to a recognised university. An undergraduate degree can cost around £8,000, with an MBA available at approximately the same cost.

The Key Message

The cheapest option is not necessarily the best option for every student. When comparing countries and universities, students should consider the complete financial commitment, including tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses, visas, healthcare and travel.

WorldStudentAdvisors can help students and their families compare these options and identify a study route that fits both their academic ambitions and their available budget.

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