

International Christian College Costs of Study Non – EU & Visa BA (Hons), CertHE or DipHE Theology

In March 2009, the Borders Agency implemented a points system for overseas students who require a visa. You will be required to score 40 points: 30 points from the Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies which the College gives you if you are offered an unconditional place; 10 points for Maintenance and Funds test, which means you can prove that you have sufficient funds to cover all of your costs. They will be insisting that you have at least £600 per month, for 9 months, on top of the college fees, and the money will need to be available up front in your own bank account. The money needs to be in your bank account for at least 28 days before applying for a visa. It will no longer be acceptable for sponsors to pay in instalments and they will need to give you the money to deposit in your bank account. The College and the visa authorities require written confirmation from you that the funds are available. This is in the form of a letter backed up by bank statements. You will need copies for the College and another set for the visa authorities.

Recent UK Border Agency regulations state that students in a Tier 4 student visa, studying at Independent Colleges such as ICC, are not allowed to bring their dependants with them or take paid employment.

Basic Costs

The following is the estimated cost for one person for one year of study at the College in 2012-13:

Tuition fees	£ 5250
Student amenity fees	200
Annual registration fee to the University of Aberdeen (approx.)	145
Maintenance fee required by the Borders Agency for accommodation, living expenses and travel (for 9 months)	<u>7200</u>
Total	<u>12795</u>

This will include a return airfare each year.

College Accommodation

The accommodation in College is either in single rooms or shared rooms, most with en suite facilities. The accommodation costs include gas and electricity charges, but exclude food and laundry. Accommodation in Glasgow would be approximately £400 per calendar month, but quite often does not include heating & lighting bills. We have a list of possible accommodation in and around Glasgow that you may find useful, but we have not checked any of them and we do not accept any responsibility for accommodation outwith the College.

The summer vacation

The programme runs from the beginning of September to June (with graduation service during June in your last year). This allows you a choice as to what you do over the summer. We encourage overseas students to return home at least once a year. However, it is possible to stay in College accommodation through the summer break. If you return home, you will need to purchase a return ticket home and cover any living costs at home. If you are not living in the College's own accommodation, you may have to pay for accommodation over the summer even if you are not using it. Prices apply to 2012/13 and may increase in subsequent years.