

## Cost price academic year 2023-2024: Social Sciences programme – Bachelor 1

To give future Social Sciences students an indication of the possible cost price of the programme during Bachelor year 1, we provide an estimate of the various costs. Hereby the overview of fixed costs, but also the estimated cost of variable and indirect study costs for an entire academic year. **Please note: your actual costs may differ from the estimate below. The amounts are guide prices, based on the previous academic year (with the exception of tuition fees and the rent of a standard student room at the VUB).**

FIXED STUDY COSTS <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Tuition fees academic year 2023-2024 (for 60 credits)</b>	Non-scholarship	€ 1092,10
	Reduced	€ 576,10
	Scholarship	€ 128,80
<b>Study materials</b>		
<i>The costs below are based on the prices of new books and study materials in the Standaard Student Shop (at VUB). There are also platforms where you can buy second-hand books such as VUBook.be, Stubooks.be and the facebook page "VUB second-hand book sale". Always check whether the second-hand book is the correct edition.</i>		
<b>Attention:</b> always wait until the first lesson before buying study material. The teacher will clarify exactly what you will need.		
Total costs of study materials <sup>2</sup> <i>Handbooks</i>		€ 213,07

OTHER COSTS		
<i>Please note: This is not a definitive list. Wait until the first classes to get a clear overview.</i>		
<b>Prints and copies</b> <i>Rates from Crazy Copy Center, the copy shop on the Etterbeek campus</i>	A4 black-and-white (100 pages)	€ 5
	A4 color (100 pages)	€ 30
<b>ICT and accessories</b>	Computer (one-time)	€ 700
	Internet connection (monthly)	€ 25 /month <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Figures are from BVO Studiekost. For more information on fixed costs, please visit the VUB website: [Student administration | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](https://www.vub.ac.be/en/studiekost)

<sup>2</sup> These costs have been calculated based on academic year 2022-2023 prices.


<sup>3</sup> Through an application to Social Legal and Financial Support, an internet subscription of €10/month can be requested if the student is in need of it.

LIVING COSTS		
<b>Housing costs</b>		
Standard student room	VUB (including all costs)	€ 408,30 /month
	Private market <sup>4</sup> (average, excluding extra charges)	€ 525 /month
<b>Transport costs to and from the VUB</b>		
<i>The rates below apply up to the age of 24-25. Be aware that standard subscriptions are more expensive. Check which subscriptions are most advantageous for your route</i>		
MIVB (metro, trams and buses in Brussels)	School subscription (18-24 years + registered for at least 27 credits)	€ 12 /year
NMBS (trains across Belgium)	Student Multi (18-25 years, for dorm students who travel the same route every week)	Max. € 2,25 per trip Calculate the exact price at <a href="http://www.belgiantrain.be">www.belgiantrain.be</a>
	Student Abonnement (18-25 years, for students who travel the same route every day)	€ 234 - € 618 /year Calculate the exact price at <a href="http://www.belgiantrain.be">www.belgiantrain.be</a>
De Lijn (buses in Brussels and Flanders)	Buzzy Pazz 18-24 years	€ 215 /year
TEC (buses in Brussels and Walloon region)	Express subscription 18-24 years	€ 12 /year
BRUPASS-combinatie (entire net of MIVB, NMBS, De Lijn and TEC in Brussels)	BRUPASS-school subscription	€ 52 /year
<b>Average living costs<sup>5</sup></b>		
Food		€ 190 /month <sup>6</sup>
Clothes		€ 48 /month
Health and personal care		€ 49 /month

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The staff at **Social Legal and Financial Support** can provide you with financial, social and practical support. All your questions will be handled discretely and your specific situation will always be taken into account. Scan the QR code for detailed contact information.

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<sup>4</sup> Figures are from "[Het belang van de huurprijs - Kotbaas in Brussel](#)" - Brik (2023).

<sup>5</sup> Figures are from "[Studeren in het hoger onderwijs, hoeveel kost dat?](#)" - CEBUD (2022).

<sup>6</sup> For your information, the price of a warm meal at the VUB restaurant is €6.30 - €6.80