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Don't buy any books until you have checked that you really need them – borrow them from the library first.		
If you have to buy books, check out the noticeboards or departmental newsletter and the internet for cheap, second-hand copies.		
Try to avoid using expensive eating places on campus. This sounds obvious, but frothy, expensive cappuccinos can be very tempting; just two cups a day could cost you £300 for the term.		
Time is money: even on a full-time course you can often arrange your on-campus activities so that you reduce the number of days you have to attend, thus freeing up more of your private study time and reducing your travelling costs.		
Share lifts where you can, and remember that students of all ages can get student discount cards for all sorts of things, including travel. An international student card might also give you cheaper flights, so you might save in other ways, too.		
If you are distance learner, try to be as disciplined as you can about arranging your studying into blocks of time, as this will free up time in which you could earn money.		
If you are required to undertake an expensive field trip or study outing, find out if your institution can offer any help with the costs, and try to reduce the cost as much as you can at the outset.		
Don't join any student group or society unless you know that you will really benefit from it and have time to get involved. Your membership fee is only worth it if you are an active member of the group.		
If you are working on a group project, having some virtual meetings over the internet can help to reduce your travel costs and move things on even when you are working from home.		