

Budgeting for your course **Bachelor of Design – Interior Design**

Computer

It is not compulsory to have your own computer, as we have computers available in our laboratories as well as in the library. However you may find it easier to complete your work if you have regular access to one. An internet connection is also highly recommended. If unsure of your needs, you should wait until the course has begun before making a decision about what to purchase.

When purchasing software, you should take care to buy software versions compatible with those available at the college. Consult your lecturer and the software retailer. Most programs used by Raffles College are available at “educational” prices.

Raffles College strongly condemns software piracy.

USB Drive

Raffles College does not guarantee the safety of files left on its computers. You should keep your work on your own USB drive.

Further Equipment

During the course of your studies you will be required to carry out a lot of research and design many Interior Design projects. To do them properly, you will need to prepare and document them well and eventually you will be doing quite a few presentations. This means you will need to allow for further expenditure to complete your course.

It is recommended that you budget for the following extra items:

- Presentation boards, normally foam boards, sizes varying from A2 to A1 size for the preparation and presentation of your research and design projects
- Foam boards, cardboards, plastic sheets and balsawood sheets for architectural models of your design projects
- Printing electronic colour images ranging from A4 to A3 and A2 sizes
- Printing/plotting A2 size to A1 size colour images for your major projects
- Plotting/printing plans, sections and elevations for your design projects and 3D images
- Costs vary but you can expect to spend approximately \$500 per year for these kinds of things.

Miscellaneous

You will be required to take notes and will need note books or lecture pads. You will need to have “log books” for several subjects. “Log books” are used by students to develop ideas and plan projects. Well kept log books can enhance a student’s employment prospects. Your lecturer will tell you what you need. From time to time you will also need to purchase other materials or go on excursions. These may involve a nominal cost.

Text Books

While one copy of each prescribed textbook is kept in the Library, it is compulsory that all students make sure they have organised access to these books for the duration of their course, either by borrowing, purchasing or photocopying the relevant sections. This is your responsibility. It is therefore strongly recommended that you purchase required texts to avoid disappointment, as the library's open reserve system is heavily in demand, and cannot always guarantee that you will be able to access books at the very time you require them.

It is highly recommended that you buy the "Metric Handbook, Planning and Design Data", edited by David Littlefield, and published by the Architectural Press, London. It is not only very useful throughout the duration of your course; it will also be very useful for you when you begin practising as a professional Interior Designer.