



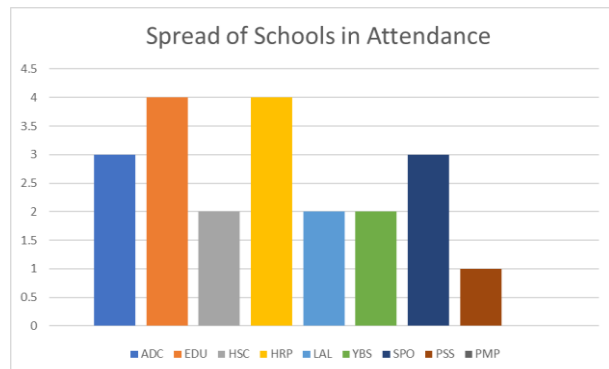
Referencing and Hidden Costs

Referencing

All students present knew what referencing style they were meant to use

Do you feel you are marked consistently on referencing on your assignments?

Whilst 56% of students present felt they were marked consistently on referencing, students in **York Business School** felt unsure, alongside some students in **Art, Design and Computer Science**. Students in **Humanities, Religion and Philosophy** noted that despite using the same format for referencing in every assignment, different lecturers marked them differently on referencing. Students in the **School of Sport** did not feel they were marked fairly.



Do your assessment guidelines include clear information on referencing?

Irrespective of school most students voted 'YES'. **Design** students said that they had no assessment guidelines given to them at all. **History** students also said that referencing guidelines were not included in assignment guidelines. Students in the **School of Education** and **York Business School** both said that referencing guidelines usually were given to them in the form of the assessment marking grid and so were quite vague "good", "poor", "excellent" descriptors did not help students to improve their referencing.

Where do you go to get help on referencing?

Art, Design and Computer Science	Library Tutors YSJ Website
School of Education	Leeds uni library website Ysj referencing guide pdf Lecturers Academic liaison librarians Cite this for me
Health Sciences	Online YSJ APA referencing guide Ysj Reference booklet online
Humanities, Religion and Philosophy	Leeds university referencing guide RPE group chat Refworks The referencing guide provided by ILS The tutor marking it Harvard Reference Guidebook ILS Academic Liaison Librarian
Languages and Linguistics	Tom Peach Tom Peach Librarians in fountains
York Business School	Library Reference guide Online



	Reference guide online/physical copy
School of Sport	Academic Liaison Librarian Harvard Referencing Guide Academic liaison librarian Harvard referencing guide/LRC Info Sheets
Psychological and Social Sciences	Moodle ILS Workshops Lecturers
No school selected	ILS referencing guide Academic library liaison Module tutor Moodle help sheet

Students using the University of Leeds referencing guide did so as they found it was more comprehensive than the YSJ guide and included how to reference more resources – particularly policy documents, speeches and history primary sources.

How would you sum up referencing?

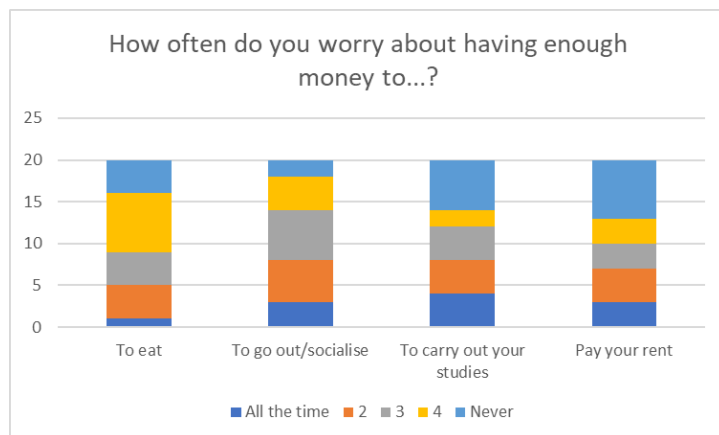
Students all said that they would find a single website that provided help for all referencing styles would be beneficial. Tips for Microsoft word such as how to order references with the A-Z tool would be particularly useful.



Hidden Costs of Studying

School of Sport noted that in first year as a fresher you feel pressured to spend a lot of money all at once on events to socialise. It would be good if the university could provide budgeting tips.

School of Education students noted that the uni do this with Black Bullion, however if you have no money to budget then it is not a helpful tool. How much you worry about money is



dependant often on your loan and how much parents can support you. The Hardship fund should be publicised more, so students know that they have something to fall back on.

Students in **Humanities, Religion and Philosophy** said that they found it difficult trying to have a work life balance as they were having to work so much outside their studies so they could afford to live.

Students in **School of Education** and **York Business School** also highlighted issues around Learning Support Plans. Even when there was provision in LSPs for printing to be done for the student buy the lecturer it often did not happen in practice, so students incurred the added cost of printing and the added cost of purchasing specific coloured paper. Students across other schools highlighted that they were not aware of what support was available.



How much money do you think you spend on your studies?

Art Design and Computer Science

- £50-100 per year
- £100 plus per year
- £50 per month on software and at least £30 for printing
- Nothing for Computer Science as everything is provided that is required

York Business School

- Unsure
- It varies dependant on the module and the textbooks

School of Education

- £100 per year

Health Sciences

- £20 per year

Humanities Religion and Philosophy

- At least £55 per year plus £250 replacing a laptop
- £100 per year
- Set textbooks can be £25. Must print off weekly readings. Sometimes essay questions are so specific the library won't have the books, so you have to buy them as well
- Nothing. So many amazing resources online/books (in the library and online)/databases etc when you search specifically for history and spend the time looking. Printing is where I spend my money.

Languages and Linguistics

- Nothing. There's an app I use called CamScanner to scan pages of a book then turn it into a PDF file instead of buying the actual book

Psychological and Social Sciences

- £10 per year

No School Specified

- £80 per year
- Nothing at the moment

What hidden cost have you incurred whilst studying your degree?

<p>Art, Design and Computer Science</p>	<p>Printing, certain software Sketchbooks, drawing equipment, wood, building materials! £80 budget does not cover hardly anything! The expect too many models for the small amount of money I cant say I ever thought that uni would cover the little things I have to spend I just assumed I would have to.</p>
<p>School of Education</p>	<p>Travel to and from placement Buying Textbooks Printing Cost of food at uni outlets Circuit laundry - £45 per month to do my washing</p>

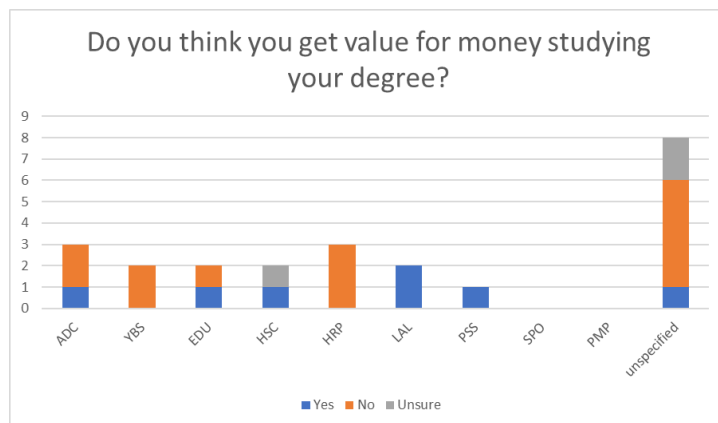


	<p>Mobile Data as uni Wi-Fi doesn't work</p> <p>Travel to and from placement for some student teachers far more than anticipated.</p> <p>Printing costs (lesson plans) adds up very quickly if can't print at school.</p>
Health Sciences	<p>Printing charges</p> <p>Price of food on campus</p> <p>Printing</p>
Humanities, Religion and Philosophy	<p>Printing</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Laundry prices</p> <p>Cost of moving house</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Anyone should be able to use aspire funds to buy food, if you have a full day of lectures it's necessary to get food from the canteen</p> <p>Laundry should be included in uni managed housing</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Books</p> <p>Extra books</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Uni trips not being funded</p> <p>Extra books</p>
Languages and Linguistics	<p>Extra books I guess? Because there's only limited amount of books for each module available in the library. Some don't even have e-book versions</p>
York Business School	<p>Books, printing and food on the university campus.</p> <p>Textbooks</p>
Psychological and Social Sciences	<p>Printing and Books</p>
No school selected	<p>Printing textbooks</p> <p>Food on campus prices</p> <p>Laundry in halls</p> <p>Printing textbooks</p> <p>Placement</p> <p>Although texts are amazing I expected more copies or books. Saying that, ILS are amazing and have purchased books for me but I now this isn't always possible!</p> <p>Printing!</p> <p>Food at uni e.g Costa, canteen, Starbucks. Should not be high prices for students. Would prefer less big brands (e.g Costa) at uni and cheaper food/drink as you don't always have time to go into the city centre between lectures</p> <p>That third years don't get an aspire card!!</p> <p>Laundry Prices</p> <p>Laundry Prices</p> <p>Canteen Prices</p> <p>Price of food at uni</p> <p>Sodexo</p> <p>Printing, canteen costs, laundry and extra text books</p> <p>Wi-Fi in the accommodation</p>



Do you think you get value for money for studying your degree?

3rd year students in the **School of Education** did not feel they were getting value for money now they were looking for graduate jobs. Despite being told when entering university that a degree from any university was worth the same, was now finding that many graduate jobs were advertising for Russell group graduates only.



School of Education students studying Primary Education and PGCEs said that as there was no free printing studying became very expensive as lots of printing required for the course.

Students in **Design subjects** did not feel they got value for money as they were only timetabled 10-20 one day a week and were often sent away by lecturers to get on with their work after half hour or so.

3rd year NHS funded students in **Health Sciences** thought their course was value for money but only as it was funded. They noted that if they were a 1st or 2nd year (who are no longer funded) they would not think their course was value for money.

Overall, students thought that perceived value for money was quite course specific. Many students linked high levels of contact time and resources to value for money. Many students across courses noted that they only had approximately 6 contact hours a week (A student in the **School of Education** noted that this meant each hour cost approximately £60).

Students in the **School of Education** and **Humanities, Religion and Philosophy** thought that they got value for money from their lecturers as they were easy to contact. However, students in both schools noted that it was often dependant on the lecturer as some members of staff don't reply. **Religion and Philosophy and Ethics** students also highlighted that January deadlines meant that they couldn't contact lecturers for guidance on assignments due to the Christmas break which left them at a disadvantage. **History** and **English Literature/Creative writing** students said they were often required to print out material for lecturers or seminars.

Students across the schools said that they would feel they got more value for money if there were less hidden costs.

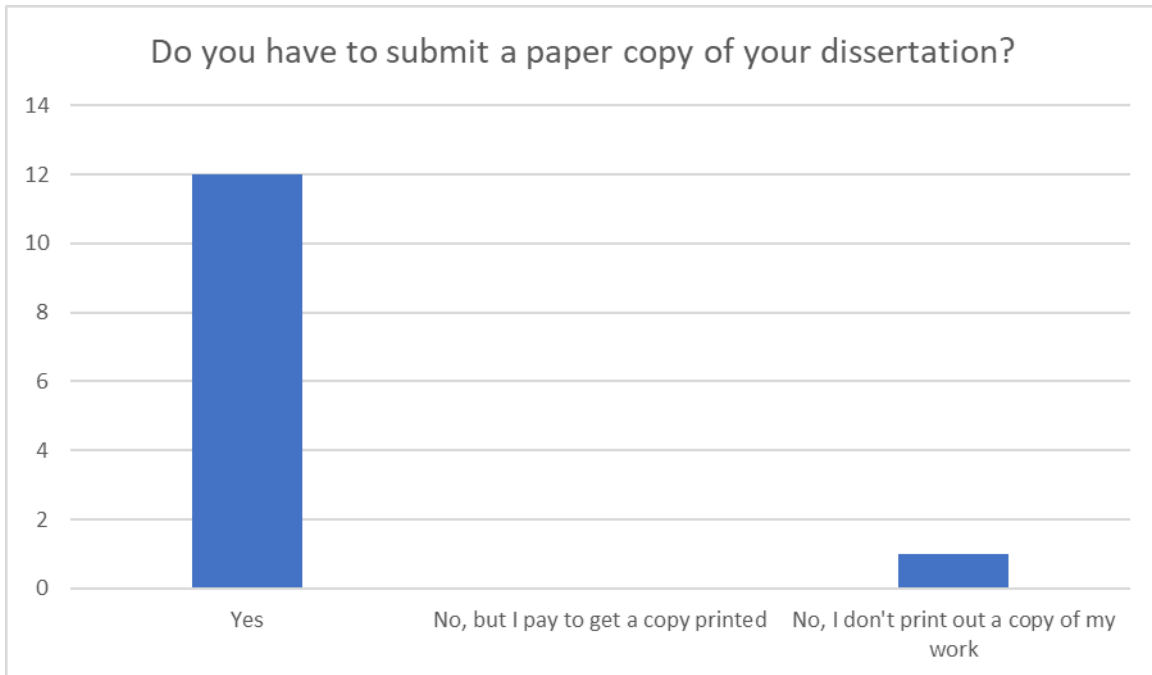
3rd year Students also highlighted that on campus food has got more expensive over the 3 years they have been at university. Costa and Starbucks claim to be cheaper than their in-town equivalents but it is still far too expensive. Students said that they could not get cheap food on campus – it is cheaper to go to Tesco or Coop and get a meal deal – but there is not always time. 1st and 2nd year students noted that being able to use their Aspire card to pay for food was helpful. However it was also noted that Aspire cards could only be used to purchase food if students received the additional £400 and said it would be more beneficial if everyone could use them to purchase food.

Students living in university managed accommodation also highlighted that Laundry was very expensive and it often broke down which added to their costs.



Do you have to submit a paper copy of your Dissertation?

All students except **Psychology** were required to print a paper copy of their dissertation to hand it



Any Other Business

PE signposted that the NSS was active for 3rd Year students to complete

The Learning Analytics focus group was noted and students interested were told to contact PE

The Learning Analytics competition information was passed to ARSS to send out to reps

PE reminded everyone that election were coming up to remember to vote