

THINKING ABOUT ACCOMMODATION AT UNIVERSITY



THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT!



Student accommodation contract dates are typically around 40 weeks in uni halls, cutting off during the summer holidays. For private accommodation providers, it's typically around 44-45 weeks. You do, however, still have to pay for your accommodation during half term or Christmas holidays, regardless of whether it is unoccupied or not during this time.

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How to find the right accommodation for you

1. DO THE RESEARCH

Check course provider websites – they could have pictures of what their halls of residence look like, and you may be able to reserve a room online. They'll list the facilities available and any costs associated with them.

2. LOOK AT ALL THE ALTERNATIVES

Think about private student accommodation – these are often similar to course providers' halls, but you won't always be living with people who go to your course provider. There may also be different facilities available, and you might have more freedom as to what you can and can't bring with you. Private halls are often owned by companies who build halls of residence near course providers all over the country, so a quick internet search will provide you with reviews on a national scale.

3. READ THE SMALL PRINT

Most accommodation providers have strict guidelines and rules on what you can and can't bring/have with you. There might be other important things you'll need to know too, like parking restrictions and health and safety issues.

4. CHECK WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR (INCLUSIVE OR ADDITIONAL COSTS)

What bills you'll need to pay – the cost of living in halls of residence usually includes electricity and water bills, but you'll still need to pay for things like insurance and a TV licence.

5. WHAT ITEMS DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE AND WHAT IS PROVIDED

You'll need things for your bedroom and kitchen. If you move into halls of residence, check what's there already so you don't buy things unnecessarily.



Many students worry about where they will live when studying. Most Universities provide halls for the first year of study and there will be links to housing departments on all university sites. There are also many independent agencies that offer student accommodation. The following slides highlight some of the largest and most reputable.

As lockdown eases allowing more movement, visiting the university and seeing both halls and other student accommodation can help you make your decisions. If you are interested in sharing a house rather than living independently or in halls then most universities will have accommodation chat sites where new students can meet fellow accommodation seekers. Virtual tours of accommodation are available on most university sites.

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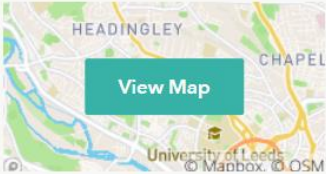
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There are a range of student accommodation options and where you choose to live will impact your student experience. There is no right or wrong decision - you just need to choose what's best for you

'It can be a little scary leaving home and moving to a new place with new people,' says Claire Henshaw, accommodation co-ordinator at the University of Northampton.

To make the move as smooth as possible, it's worth investigating where you could be living and which type of accommodation will best suit your needs.

Student accommodation is regulated and should comply to a set of industry accepted standards you can find out more about these at <https://www.nationalcode.org/>

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