Cardiff University
A Guide to Living in University Residences

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A few Insiders reflect back on what living in residences was like for them:

Nina: Talybont Court
“In my first year I stayed in Talybont Court. It was one of the more expensive halls but it was worth it to have your own bathroom, especially in the first year when everyone is still learning how to clean up after themselves! We had really nice, spacious communal areas which was great for mingling with your flat and anyone else who came over.”

Dan: Colum Road
“Living in University accommodation has plenty of great points as well as no complicated bills (everything is included in 3 easy payments) and if any problems arise you can deal with the university directly, not landlords. I lived in Colum Road. Everybody passed here on their way to lectures, which meant I got 10 minutes extra sleep in the morning!”

Toby: Senghenydd Court
“My first Cardiff residence was Senghenydd Court and it was a great introduction to University life. Although it’s really daunting living with four people you’ve never met before, everyone is in the same situation and halls make it really easy to form new friendships and meet new people. Loads of people even end up living with their original hall-mates for a full three years.”

Freya: Talybont South
“Moving into halls of residence is the best possible thing a new student in a new city can do. Living in Talybont South you have 20-something other houses to go and visit as well as the sports centre. so there was always plenty to do. I can’t really put into words what a good time I had in halls, all I can say is that I strongly recommend it!”

Aimee-Louise: Talybont Court
“Living in Talybont Court was great; it’s close to the sports centre and only about a 10 minute walk to the university. Living in halls is an amazing experience and you meet so many new people. The payments are really simple, just 3 payments in a year and no bills on top and if you have any problems you can just pop down to reception and they get them sorted really quickly.”

Want to know what life at Cardiff is really like? Our Insiders are real students studying a range of subjects. You can read their blogs, post comments and message them on Facebook and Twitter.

To find out more, go to: www.cardiff.ac.uk/insiders
Introduction

For the majority of you, attending university will mean living away from home for the first time. Settling in and making friends are important first steps at the start of your university life. Living in University residences gives you an ideal opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds studying a wide range of subjects.

A Guarantee of Residence: Undergraduate
All firm and insurance undergraduates are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences provided that they meet certain deadlines*.

Postgraduate
All international/EU students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences, provided they meet certain deadlines*. This includes making a non-refundable pre-payment.

* For session 2017/18, full details of our accommodation guarantee and associated deadlines can be found on our website.

Choice
There are a variety of residences, many with ensuite bathroom facilities within each single occupancy study bedroom and most are situated within a short walk or cycle ride of the academic buildings, the University Students’ Union and Cardiff’s magnificent civic centre.

If you are made an offer to study at Cardiff University, you will be sent details of how to apply for University residences online. As far as possible, the University aims to give you a choice of residence, however, obtaining your higher preferences cannot be guaranteed.
Disability/medical information
Some residences have been specifically adapted for students with a disability/medical condition. We are also willing to make reasonable adjustments for disabled students.

Welsh speakers
Some of the flats at Senghennydd Court and Talybont North are reserved for Welsh speakers and learners of Welsh who wish to be grouped together.

Quiet Living
You can request a room in a shared flat/house with other students who have also expressed an interest in a quiet living environment.

Families and couples
A very limited number of University flats and studios are available for students in their first year of study.

Private accommodation
We can also offer help to students seeking accommodation in the private sector and maintain regularly updated lists of flats and houses.

Places to eat
Reasonably priced meals and snacks are available at coffee shops and restaurants across the campus and in the Students' Union.

Sport
The University offers a combination of facilities and a diverse range of sports clubs giving students the opportunity to pursue formal and informal sporting interest at three sites across the University campus.

Residences Fees

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Residencies fees and associated charges are payable by Direct Debit in three instalments (usually in October, January and April). All fees refer to single occupancy residences.

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What the Guides say...
“Cardiff is one of the best UK cities for young adults because of its low cost of living, good job opportunities and decent wages.”
The Complete University Guide 2015

“The cost of living for a student in Cardiff is generally lower than elsewhere in the UK.”
The Independent A-Z University Guide 2015

Cardiff is ranked 3rd amongst the UK’s top cities for quality of life. Research by moneysupermarket examined factors such as cost of living, average disposable income and life satisfaction in the UK’s twelve biggest cities.

Moneysupermarket.com - Quality of Living Index 2015
Aberconway Hall

Aberconway Hall is situated next to Cardiff Business School and is only a short walk from the John Percival Building (for humanities subjects), Cardiff Law School and the Main Campus. The hall is made up of flats for 3-6 students.

Facilities:
- 72 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities (mostly shared between each pair of rooms)
- Self-catered, grouped into flats of 3-6 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation on the ground floor
- Quiet living option
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry

Nearest:
- **Shop:** Maindy Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- **Bicycle sheds:** Colum Hall

"Aberconway Hall is situated very close to necessary amenities. It only takes 5 minutes to reach shops or bars and transport facilities are nearby as well. The living environment is good and it’s easy to socialise and find people who share common interests."

Ayasta Pokharel

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✗
Couples ✗
Families ✗
Main Building 0.5 miles

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Aberdare Hall is a traditional women’s hall adjacent to the main campus and offers both catered and self-catered accommodation. Built in 1893, the hall retains many interesting period features and a semblance of Victorian charm.

Undergraduate ✔
Postgraduate ✔
Couples ✗
Families ✗
Main Building 0.2 miles
Heath Park Campus 1.5 miles

Facilities:
- 132 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Self-catered and catered
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- One bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Music library
- Gardens
- TV lounge/common room
- Laundry
- Common Room Student Society
- Bicycle sheds

Nearest:
Shop: Maindy Road
Fast food: City Centre
Bar: Students’ Union
Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre

“I really enjoyed the communal living with fellow students and the variety of people you live with. It is very easy to meet new people, and the fact that Aberdare Hall is catered is particularly helpful in this way. It is in a great location - only 5 minutes from the Students’ Union and 10 minutes from the city centre.”

Vanessa Platt

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Cartwright Court

Cartwright Court is a self-catered hall located in a residential area. The hall accommodates 172 students.

Facilities:

- 15 flats each with 6 single occupancy study bedrooms and shared bathroom facilities (shared between each pair of rooms)
- 16 houses each with between 4 and 6 single occupancy study bedrooms and shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- 4 flats for couples/families
- Quiet living option
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 45 parking spaces

Nearest:

- **Shop:** Crwys Road
- **Fast food:** Crwys Road
- **Bar:** Crwys Road
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre

It is very easy to meet and get to know people. The rooms were comfortable, clean and enjoyable to live in.

Lavonah L. Ditlhako

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✗
Couples ✓
Families ✓
Main Building 1 mile
Heath Park Campus 1.5 miles
Colum Hall

This is a self-catered hall situated opposite Cardiff Business School and a short walk from the Main Campus area. The hall is divided into 14 flats, each providing accommodation for 8 students.

Facilities:
- 112 single occupancy study bedrooms
- All rooms have ensuite toilet/shower facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Self-catered, grouped into flats of 8 students
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- 2 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Bicycle sheds

Nearest:
- **Shop:** Maindy Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- **Laundry:** Aberconway Hall

Undergraduate: ✔
Postgraduate: ✗
Couples: ✗
Families: ✗
Main Building: 0.5 miles

"Colum Hall was great as I liked being in the middle of the student area and it meant I was able to meet lots of new people. The facilities are good and I had everything I needed. It is in the perfect location, with nearby shops and pubs and the city is a 10 minute walk away. Colum Hall is an experience like no other!"

Vini Holden

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Gordon Hall

Gordon Hall is a part-catered hall. It is a small hall located in a residential area and is particularly convenient for those studying Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, Engineering or Computer Science.

Facilities:
- 80 ensuite single occupancy study bedrooms
- 11 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Evening meals provided Monday to Friday during term time at the nearby Trevithick restaurant in the Queen’s Buildings
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- 1 study bedroom with accessible ensuite bathroom
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 23 parking spaces

Nearest:
- Shop: Salisbury Road
- Fast food: City Centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre

"At Gordon Hall you’re only 5 minutes walk away from the city centre and 10 minutes away from the Students’ Union so everything you need is literally on your doorstep! Everyone talked to everybody else and eating dinner together meant it was very easy to meet new people. I made some of my best friends at Gordon Hall!"

Emma Harris

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Hodge Hall

Hodge Hall offers self-catered accommodation for postgraduate students only. It is a small hall accommodating only 60 students and is close to the Main Campus.

Facilities:

- 12 flats each with 4-6 single occupancy study bedrooms
- Shared bathroom facilities (shared between each pair of rooms)
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 9 parking spaces

Nearest:

- **Shop:** Maindy Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students' Union / Woodville Road
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre

"I would definitely recommend Hodge Hall as it’s a fantastic way to meet new people, and provides an easy way to introduce you into student life and living independently. It is really close to the university, allowing me to roll out of bed 10 minutes before my lectures!"

**Matt Beckett**
Liberty House is located next to the University’s Heath Park Campus providing an ideal location for students studying Nursing and Healthcare courses.

**Note:** Cardiff University is working in partnership with this private Hall of Residence which is owned and managed by Liberty Living.

**Facilities:**
- 184 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite bathroom facilities and 3/4 bed (4 feet)
- 7 studios (self-contained)
- Self-catered, grouped into flats of 4 - 6 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bicycle racks

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:** Whitchurch Road
- **Fast food:** Whitchurch Road
- **Bar:** Allensbank Road
- **Sports facilities:** Heath Park Campus

"Liberty House was a great place to live as it was very close to the hospital where I had my lectures. The location was also ideal because it was close to local shops and also easy to get to the city centre. It was very sociable which made it very easy to make new friends who were doing similar courses to me."

**Steph Hemming**

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Roy Jenkins Hall

Roy Jenkins Hall is a small self-catered residence less than a mile from the Main Campus. It is close to a good local shopping area which includes two supermarkets.

Facilities:
- 6 flats each with 5 single occupancy study bedrooms
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Shared bathroom facilities
- 12 studios
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Bicycle sheds
- 20 parking spaces

Nearest:
- **Shop:** Crwys Road
- **Fast food:** Crwys Road
- **Bar:** Crwys Road
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- **Laundry:** Cartwright Court

"One of the best things about Roy Jenkins Hall is that shops and public transport are close by which means everything you need is easy to get to. I found it fantastically easy to meet new people and make friends and the facilities were great."

Eliot Murray

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Senghennydd Court

This is a large residence close to the Main Campus area, the Students’ Union and the City Centre. It is particularly convenient for students studying Mathematics, Engineering, Physics and Astronomy or Computer Science.

Facilities:

- 490 single occupancy study bedrooms for undergraduate students grouped into flats of 5 students with shared bathroom facilities
- Some flats reserved for Welsh speakers and learners of Welsh who wish to be grouped together
- 120 single occupancy study bedrooms for postgraduate students with ensuite toilet/shower facilities grouped into flats of 5 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Quiet living option for postgraduates
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Self-catered or part-catered
- One bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Postgraduate ‘Plus’ option
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 20 parking spaces

Nearest:

- Shop: Salisbury Road
- Fast food: Salisbury Road
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre

"I felt right at home at Senghennydd Court as there is a really friendly atmosphere. We had a dining room which was great for socialising. It is very close to the city centre as well as a number of smaller shops in Cathays."

Lindsey Connelly

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Facilities:

- 102 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite toilet/shower facilities
- 1 studio suitable for a couple
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Quiet living option
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Evening meals provided Monday to Friday during term time at the nearby Trevithick restaurant in the Queen’s Buildings
- 3 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Bicycle sheds

Nearest:

- **Shop:** Salisbury Road
- **Fast food:** Salisbury Road
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- **Laundry:** Senghennydd Court

"I really enjoyed the social aspects of staying at Senghennydd Hall. It is a brilliant place to make friends for life and is a useful transition between living at home and living alone. It helped that everyone else was in the same boat so everyone is friendly and looking to make new friends."

Kate O’Connor

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate X
Couples ✓
Families X
Main Building 0.5 miles
Student Houses / Flats

The University has a number of student houses located along Colum Road, Colum Place and in the Cathays and Roath areas. They are conveniently located close to the Main Campus.

Facilities:
- Houses for 4 to 11 students
- 364 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- 6 flats for couples/families
- Quiet living option
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access

Nearest:

- **Shop:** Maindy Road / Salisbury Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:** Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- **Laundry:** Aberconway Hall / Hodge Hall

"The facilities in our student house were great - large rooms, a well equipped kitchen and a comfortable house to live in! You are able to enjoy more independence and freedom and you are a short walk away from the city centre. It is a new experience that allows students to meet new people and enjoy a great place to live."

Hallam Nash

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Talybont

Talybont is the largest of the University’s self-catered residences. Close to large areas of parkland and a short walk or cycle to most of the academic buildings including the Heath Park Campus.

Social/study space
- Learning space with a networked printer/copier/scanner

Cardiff University Sports Training Village
- Fitness Suite
- Sports halls which host the majority of indoor sports clubs
- Outdoor tennis/netball courts, hockey pitch and all weather 3G pitch

On-site Facilities:
- Social/study space
- Cardiff University Sports Training Village
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds

Nearest:
- Supermarket, KFC and McDonalds restaurant next to Talybont Gate/Talybont North. Small supermarket and Subway also on North Road

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## Talybont Court

### Facilities:
- 511 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 4-7 students
- Shared kitchen/dining/lounge areas
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- All rooms suitable for people with a hearing impairment
- 2 houses for families

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### Map Reference
- Undergraduate: ✓
- Postgraduate: ✓
- Couples: ×
- Families: ✓
- Main Building: 0.75 miles
- Heath Park Campus: 1 mile

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“I really enjoyed the community feel to Talybont Court - it’s like a mini student village and everything you need is within walking distance. The halls themselves are of a really high standard: comfortable, spacious, and just what you need if you miss home!”

John Mason

## Talybont Gate

### Facilities:
- 179 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities and ¾ bed (4ft)
- Flats for 6-10 students
- Shared kitchen/dining/lounge areas
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Each flat has a Freeview TV with licence paid

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### Map Reference
- Undergraduate: ✓
- Postgraduate: ✓
- Couples: ×
- Families: ×
- Main Building: 1.5 miles
- Heath Park Campus: 1.5 miles

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Talybont North

Facilities:
- 972 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 6 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Postgraduate ‘Extra’ option
- Some flats reserved for Welsh speakers and learners of Welsh who wish to be grouped together
- Quiet living option
- 130 parking spaces
- 3 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment

“The best part of living in Talybont North was the feeling of independence from living in a mini student village. With lots of things going on all the time it was easy to meet a variety of people. The rooms were modern, clean and well-maintained. Living in Talybont North is the perfect start to university.”
Rosi Young

Talybont South

Facilities:
- 1252 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 4 - 8 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- 2 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment

“These halls are so big and university sports facilities on site. It is easy to walk to lectures and with so many people you cannot fail to find someone living there on your course.”
Sara Wilson
University Hall is a large self-catered hall located less than 2 miles from the Main Campus and just over 1 mile from the Heath Park Campus. It stands in its own pleasant, extensive grounds overlooking the city. The hall accommodates 673 students and also has a small amount of residences suitable for couples and families.

Facilities:

- Variety of single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite or shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Quiet living option
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- 93 parking spaces
- Study bus service to Main and Heath Park Campus area at no extra cost (for information on dates/times, please check our website)

- 2 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Social lounge with Skype pods
- Outdoor multi-use games area (MUGA)

Nearest:

**Shop:** Penylan

**Fast Food:** Wellfield Road

**Supermarket:** Colchester Avenue

"University Hall has just the right amount of people. Everyone becomes a familiar face which contributes to the close community feel. Although it is located further away from the main university, a free bus is provided for getting to and from class and the local convenience shop is only a short walk away."

Emma Benson
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