A Guide to Living in University Accommodation
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Cardiff University
your home from home

Going to university can feel exciting and nerve-wracking in equal measure, so we’re here to support you every step of the way. When you join us, our goal is to help you find your home from home, and we have a range of comfy accommodation options to meet your needs.

All our accommodation is within walking or cycling distance of the city centre and the hub of student life. We’ve got 16 residences sites spread across both our Cathays Park Campus and our Heath Park Campus, which means that no matter what you’re studying there will be a living space that’s conveniently located for you.

Cardiff is a smart choice for your bank balance too. We strive to make our accommodation affordable for you, with options to suit different budgets. Regardless of which accommodation you choose – you’ll be joining a tight-knit and vibrant community where you’ll find friends for life. Cardiff was recently voted the UK’s friendliest city (Conde Nast, 2023) – come and visit us and you’ll soon see why.
University accommodation

What our students say

Our student blogger Ellie has written you the complete checklist of what you need to pack when moving into university accommodation for the first time.

I remember that feeling very well. The feeling of complete pre-un panic surrounding what I will bring with me to my room in my halls of residence. Needless to say that panic was basically for nothing seeing as I only lived two hours away and was either home or had visitors every few weeks. However, I will compile a list of all the essential items you will need for when you move away from home for the first time. If worst comes to worst and you do forget something don’t worry, believe it or not there are shops in Cardiff (and plenty of them!)."

Ellie’s Uni checklist

- Bed Linen
- Towels
- Kitchen items
- Clothes hangers (this is a good one to remember)
- Extension lead
- Umbrella (definitely a must in Cardiff)
- Stationery
- Printer
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Chargers
- Laptop
- Cleaning stuff
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Pin board and pins
- Personal items like photos
- Essential documentation – letters of confirmation, passport, ID
- Desk lamp
- Music speaker and headphones
- Room diffuser
- Diary
- Boxes and big storage bags
- Textbooks
- Reading books
- Hair-dryer
- Small mirror
- Water bottle
- Laundry bag
- Backpack
- Food to last you for the first few days
Accommodation is guaranteed

Everything you need to know

Undergraduate
You are guaranteed a place in our accommodation if you have a firm or insurance offer and meet our deadlines.
You’ll live in a single occupancy room in a residence shared with other first year undergraduates as you start your journey with us in Cardiff.

Postgraduate
International postgraduate applicants are guaranteed a single occupancy place in our accommodation if they meet our deadlines and make a non-refundable pre-payment.*

*For session 2024/25, full details of our accommodation guarantee and associated deadlines can be found on our website at www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

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

Your choice
We have a variety of accommodation options available to you, with buildings spread across both our Cathays Park and Heath Park Campuses – so no matter where you study, there will be accommodation that’s convenient for you. We have many ensuite bathroom options and most of our buildings are a short walk or cycle away to the Students’ Union, Cardiff’s city centre and our range of facilities.

Once you are made an offer to study at Cardiff University, you will be sent details of how to apply for accommodation online. You are able to choose your accommodation preferences, however, your preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Disability/medical information
Some accommodation has been specifically adapted for students with a disability/medical condition. We are also willing to make reasonable adjustments for disabled students.

Welsh speakers
We have flats at Senghennydd Court and Talybont North reserved for Welsh speakers and learners who wish to be grouped together to socialise in Welsh.

LGBT+
Some flats at Talybont North and Talybont South have been reserved for LGBT+ students who would prefer to live with other LGBT+ students.

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.

University accommodation fees

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<th>Type of residence for 2024/25</th>
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Rent is payable by Direct Debit in three instalments (usually in October, January and May). All rents refer to single occupancy accommodation.

Places to eat
There are plenty of cafes and restaurants across the campus and in the Students’ Union, offering reasonably priced meals with plenty of vegan and vegetarian options too.

Sport
Our campus offers a combination of exercise facilities and a diverse range of sports clubs giving you the opportunity to enjoy keeping fit in a way that suits you. It doesn’t matter if you’re super sporty or a complete beginner, there’s something for everyone to be found across campus.

Private halls of residences
We may have referral arrangements in place with private providers to supplement our accommodation provision. See our ‘Browse accommodation’ web pages for further details: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

Voted 2nd most affordable city for students. Natwest Student Living Index 2023
Our Residence Life Team are dedicated to enhancing your student experience in University accommodation.

About the team
The Residence Life Team (RLT) are a team of students and staff who want to ensure that you have the best possible time settling into your accommodation from the very first day. The RLT is committed to providing a warm welcome and helping you to make a smooth transition into university. The RLT will be there to greet you upon arrival to Cardiff University, helping you to make your way to your room.

Once there, you’ll find welcome gifts in your flats and kitchens from the Team. Look out especially for local vouchers and freebies, as well as the Freshers’ calendar of events to help you settle in, have fun, and make friends. Oh, and don’t miss all the free food!

The RLT care about you and want to work with you to build a strong sense of community in your halls. Through a wide range of social events and cultural activities, like board games evenings and crafts and coffee for a chilled night in. The team also provide peer support, and signposting to Student Support and Wellbeing should you ever need it. Our RLT are dedicated to being here for you in whichever way you might need.

“Residence Life was a home away from home for me. One of the most difficult aspects of moving to a new country was the different culture. However, thanks to the diverse Residence Life Team, not only did I meet people who I could relate to in terms of courses and cultures, but I also made wonderful friends with whom I could have meaningful bonds with, making my first year as comfortable as it is.”

Sajid
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.

- 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 with shared kitchen/dining areas
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation on the ground floor
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry

Facilities

Nearest

- Shops: Maindy Road
- Fast food: City centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre
- Bike shed: Colum Hall

Map reference 58

| Undergraduate | ✔ |
| Postgraduate | ✗ |
| Couples | ✗ |
| Families | ✗ |
| Main Building | 0.5 miles |
| Heath Park Campus | 1.25 miles |

"Aberconway Hall is situated very close to necessary amenities. It only takes five 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

Aberdare Hall

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

- 192 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Self-catered and part catered
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- 2 bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Garden
- TV lounge/common room
- Laundry
- Common room student society
- Bike shed

Facilities

Nearest

- Shops: Maindy Road
- Fast food: City centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre

Map reference 60

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

"The overall vibe of Aberdare Halls was very classy. The architecture of the building was beautiful. The rooms are older. And it’s very quiet. It was a lovely environment that you could work in and feel like you have your own space.”

Hannah
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)
- 36 houses each with between 4 and 6 single occupancy study bedrooms and shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- 4 flats for couples/families
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bike shed
- 34 parking spaces

Nearest
- Shops: Crwys Road
- Fast food: Crwys Road
- Bar: Crwys Road
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre

I loved being a little further from uni in Cartwright Hall, the distance allowed me to separate work and home. The morning walk gave me some time to think or listen to music and get ready for the day.”

Beth

Clodien House
Clodien House is located next to the University’s Heath Park Campus providing an ideal location for students studying healthcare/medical courses.

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

Facilities
- 184 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite bathroom facilities and ¾ bed (4ft)
- 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
- 1 bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Laundry
- Bike racks

Nearest
- Shops: Whitchurch Road
- Fast food: Whitchurch Road
- Bar: Whitchurch Road
- Sports facilities: Heath Park Campus

Clodien 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.”

Steph
Colum Hall

Colum Hall 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
- 4 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Bike shed

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

"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. Colum Hall is an experience like no other!"

**Vini**

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
- Laundry
- Bike shed

**Nearest**
- **Shops**: Salisbury Road
- **Fast food**: City centre
- **Bar**: Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities**: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre

"At Gordon Hall you’re only five minutes walk away from the city centre and 10 minutes away from the Students’ Union so everything you need is literally on your doorstep!"

**Emma**
Hodge Hall offers self-catered accommodation for postgraduate students only.
It is a small hall accommodating only 60 student 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
- Self-catered
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bike shed
- 9 parking spaces

**Nearest**
- Shops: Maindy Road
- Fast food: City centre
- Bar: Students’ Union / Woodville Road
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning 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."

Matt

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 - undergraduate only
- 12 studios - couples and postgraduates only
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Bike shed
- 20 parking spaces

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

"It’s perfect for nipping to the shops or food as they are all on its road. The rooms have so much storage and space, which is a bonus."

Molly
Senghennydd Court

Senghennydd Court 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
- Self-catered or part-catered

Nearest
- Shop: Salisbury Road
- Fast food: Salisbury Road, city centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre
- Laundry: Senghennydd Court

My favourite thing about Senghennydd Court was its location! It was so close to lectures, and the libraries. It was really close to the student union clubs as well as being close to the city centre clubs.”

Martina

Senghennydd Hall

Senghennydd Hall is a part-catered residence situated within a very short distance of the main campus and ideal for students studying mathematics, physics and astronomy, engineering or computer science.

Facilities
- 102 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite toilet/shower facilities
- 1 studio suitable for a couple
- Shared kitchen/dining area
- 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
- 5 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Bike shed

Nearest
- Shop: Salisbury Road
- Fast food: Salisbury Road, city centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre
- Laundry: Senghennydd Court

I really like the location of Senghennydd Hall, it’s incredibly close to the main Uni building and very close to the city centre.”

Sneha
Student Houses

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
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access

Nearest

- Shops: Maindy Road / Salisbury Road
- Fast food: City centre
- Bars: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities: Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning Centre
- Laundry: Aberconway Hall / Hodge Hall

“... 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.”

Hallam

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.

On-site facilities

- Social/study space
- Laundry
- Bike shed
- Amazon lockers

Cardiff University sports training village

- Fitness suite
- Sports halls which host the majority of indoor sports clubs
- A range of floodlit outdoor sports facilities

Nearest

- Large supermarkets (Tesco and Aldi), KFC and McDonalds restaurant next to Talybont Gate/Talybont North.
- Small Tesco, Greggs and Subway also on North Road.
**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
- 5 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Two houses for families

*“I am so glad that I picked Talybont Court to be my home for the first year of university! Since the Talybont Complex is teeming with lots of students, it is super easy to make friends! The flat itself is also perfect for socialising thanks to its big kitchen/sitting area and the rooms are spacious, fitted with a study space, unlimited Wifi and an ensuite!”* Katie

**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
- 1 study bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment

*“If you want a space that you can concentrate and study in, with great rooms and an en-suite, while also getting to enjoy the social sides of Talybont South and North – Talybont Gate is great.”* Courtney
Talybont North

Facilities
- Single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 6 students
- Shared kitchen/dining/lounge 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
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation (Postgraduate)

I was very glad I picked Talybont North because I found it to be in the centre of most things. The sports centre and gym are also within the accommodation area which was very convenient for me during evening training sessions.

Sunaina

Talybont South

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

Talybont South is best for meeting new people and it is close to other campuses as well. Our flat has all the facilities we need. The kitchens are a great space to socialise before heading out. There are always groups walking to lectures and into the city.

Monica

University Hall

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 number of residences suitable for couples and families.

I love living at University Hall because there is a great community of people. I have made so many friends all from different blocks. It’s a great location for scenic walks like Roath Park.

Sylvie

Map reference [53]
Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✓
Couples ×
Families ×
Main Building 0.5 miles
Heath Park Campus 1.75 miles

Map reference [54]
Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✓
Couples ×
Families ×
Main Building 0.5 miles
Heath Park Campus 1.75 miles

Shop: Penylan
Bar: Weilfield Road
Fast food: Weilfield Road
Supermarket: Colchester Avenue

Nearest

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
- 65 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)

I love living at University Hall because there is a great community of people. I have made so many friends all from different blocks. It’s a great location for scenic walks like Roath Park.
Campus map

The academic buildings, libraries, Students’ Union, most of the student residences and the city centre are within a short walking distance of each other.

University buildings (*indicates main site)
- Architecture 6
- Biosciences 1, 2
- Business 28, 29, 30
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- Centre for Student Life 11
- Chaplaincy 10
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- Geography and Planning 7
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- Journalism, Media and Culture 35
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Directions
For door-to-door directions to Cardiff, go to: cardiff.ac.uk/visit/directions

Satnav Postcodes
- Cathays Park – Main Building: CF10 3AT
- Heath Park campus: CF14 4XN

Scan our QR code for information on how to find us.
Your next steps

Applying for university accommodation

Now you’ve had a flavour of our accommodation options and which one might be right for you, you know what to pack and you’re excited to meet our residence life team – what are your next steps?

We guarantee accommodation for full academic session undergraduate students who have a firm offer, and international postgraduate students arriving in September, providing certain deadlines are met.

If you have accepted an offer to study with us, you can now apply for your accommodation at Cardiff University and send us your preferences. You can do this via the SIMS online portal and you’ll need your username and password, which was emailed to you shortly after we received your application. Scan the QR code to get started.

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Great things happen at Cardiff University

But you don’t have to take our word for it. Our team of Student Bloggers are real students bringing you their best tips and advice for moving to university, navigating student life and making the most of this incredible city. While you wait for September, give our blog a read so you can start building your Cardiff bucket list.

We look forward to you joining us.