

# University accommodation

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# All about accommodation

## This presentation will cover:

- Accommodation overview
- Timeline/ key dates
- Location
- Types of accommodation available
- Costs and how to pay
- How to apply for your accommodation
- Arriving
- What to bring
- Your questions





## Accommodation overview

- Guaranteed for each year of your degree providing certain deadlines are met
- Walking distance to lectures/city
- A wide range of options available
- Dedicated blocks for postgraduate students

# Accomodation

- Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for all international students\*.
- The University has 17 residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs.
- Almost half the cost of renting in London.
- Most residences being less than 2km to either the Cathays Park Campus or Heath Park Campus.
- 4 hour assistance – provided by Security. Your accommodation also has a dedicated Residence Reception open during normal business hours.
- Residence Life team is a fun and friendly community to your university student accommodation with an exciting blended calendar of social events, drop-in sessions and helpful workshops throughout the year.

\*Providing you meet the required deadlines.



# What do university residences provide

Every student has their own bedroom.

Each room has:

- a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and storage
- if you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower
- highspeed Wi-Fi network
- a shared kitchen/dining room



# Accommodation timeline (undergraduate)



# Accommodation timeline (postgraduate)



Apply online and make a £250 non-refundable pre-payment

By 24 July

Receive & accept unconditional offer

By 31 August

Accommodation is allocated

Mid-July to September

Accept your room offer

Within 5 days of your room being allocated

# Cardiff campus

Cardiff University is made up of two large, well-located campuses.

## Cathays Park:

- Home to 22 of our 24 Academic Schools
- Several libraries including some 27/4 study facilities
- Location of the main Students' Union building
- Less than half a mile from Cardiff city centre
- Short walk from several halls of residence

## Heath Park:

- Home to Healthcare-related courses (excluding Pharmacy and Optometry)
- Dedicated healthcare campus shared with the University Hospital of Wales
- Next to 100 acres of parkland and playing fields
- Students' Union and support services on site
- Sport and fitness facilities (including swimming pool)
- 24/7 study areas and IT facilities
- Lecture theatres, seminar rooms, libraries and operating theatres are also on campus.



# Types of accommodation

We have a variety of halls and houses to suit your preferences, interests and budget:

**Accommodation for** ▼

- Postgraduates
- Undergraduates
- Undergraduates studying healthcare courses starting in January
- Undergraduates studying healthcare courses with an extended duration

**Suitable for** ▼

- Couples
- Disabled students
- Families
- LGBT+
- Quiet living (undergraduates)
- Welsh speakers and learners

**Catering** ▼

- Part-catered
- Self catered

**Accessibility** ▼

- Hearing impairment facilities
- Wheelchair access

# Types of accommodation



## Talybont Court

Part of the Talybont complex which is the largest of the University's residences.

Walking time to Main Building: 🚶 15 mins  
Walking time to Heath Park campus (hospital): 🚶 30 mins

**From £171.78 per week**  
Total cost from  
£6871.20

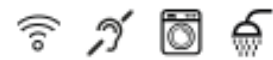


## Senghennydd Court

A large hall of residence very close to the City Centre and Cathays Park campus.

Walking time to Main Building: 🚶 10 mins  
Walking time to Heath Park campus (hospital): 🚶 35 mins

**From £137.69 per week**  
Total cost from  
£5507.60



## Student Houses (Colum Road/Place)

Perfect for the Cathays Park campus and the City Centre.

Walking time to Main Building: 🚶 10 mins  
Walking time to Heath Park campus (hospital): 🚶 30 mins

**From £126.35 per week**  
Total cost from  
£5054.00



## Student Houses (Village)

Perfect for the Cathays Park campus and the City Centre.

Walking time to Main Building: 🚶 15 mins  
Walking time to Heath Park campus (hospital): 🚶 35 mins

**From £126.35 per week**  
Total cost from  
£5054.00



# 360-degree tours

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## Aberconway Hall

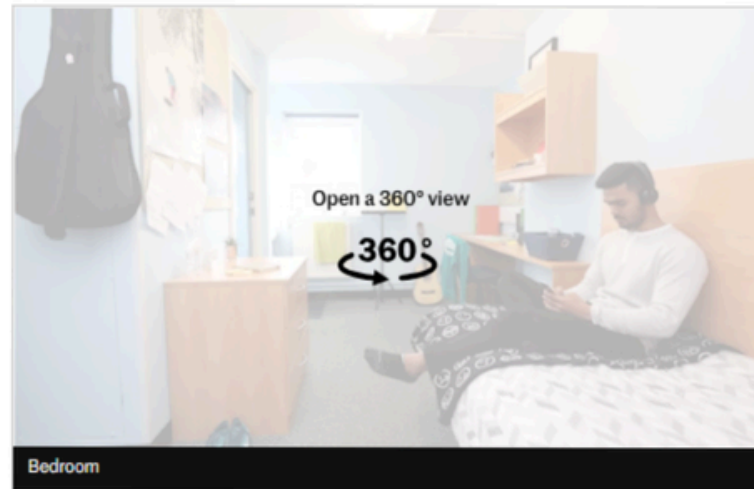
Price: From £149.10 per week (Total cost from £5964.00)  
Available to: undergraduates  
Students: 72

### Key facilities

WiFi   Wheelchair Access   Laundry   Self-catered

[See all facilities and room options](#)

Aberconway Hall is situated next to Cardiff Business School and only a short walk from the John Percival Building, Cardiff Law School and the Cathays Park campus.



[View 360° image of room](#)

### Living spaces

- Flats with shared kitchen (3-6 students)

### Parking

No car parking within a 3 mile radius unless in designated public parking spaces

### Rooms suitable for

- Disabled Students

### [How to apply](#)

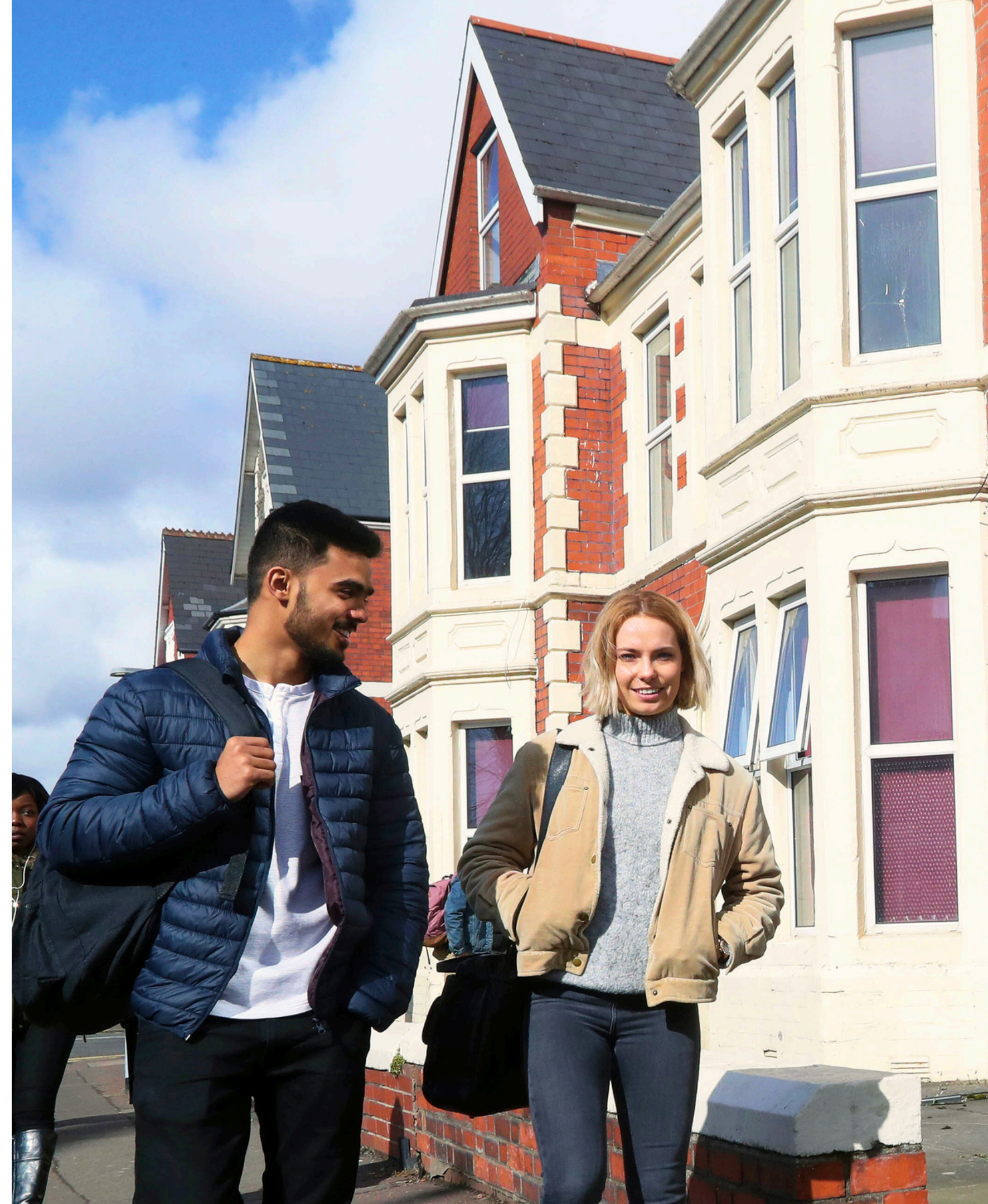
Learn how to apply and if you're eligible for guaranteed accommodation.

You can find 360-degree tours of typical rooms and kitchen facilities on the website at [Browse accommodation](#) by clicking on the link for each residence.

# Renting in the private sector

For information on all aspects of looking for a house or room to rent in Cardiff, take a look at the [Students' Union Advice team housing guide](#). Information there includes:

- where to look for private accommodation
- the different areas around the university
- short-term accommodation
- viewing properties
- deposits and fees
- contracts
- inventories
- Council Tax
- moving out.





# How to apply



To apply for your accommodation, you'll need your **Cardiff Applicant Portal/SIMS** username and password



You will receive an email via Cardiff Applicant Portal/SIMS with information about applying for residences



You can apply via the Cardiff Applicant Portal/SIMS portal **after you have firmly accepted your offer** to study



You can indicate your preferred residences (however these cannot be guaranteed)



Rooms are allocated by highest preference available wherever possible but this is dependent on availability



You will receive an email advising you to view/accept your room offer online (**5 days to accept**)

# How to pay

In most cases (except for sponsored students), residences are payable by one of the following methods:

- Credit/Debit card in full in advance or on arrival
- Direct debit from a UK Bank Account (payable in a maximum of 3 instalments on set dates, depending on your contract period).
- If you do not yet have a UK bank account, please select the 'No UK bank account' button. Once you have opened your UK bank account log back into the Cardiff student portal to provide these details. If you do not set up a direct debit by 1 October 2025, you will need to pay your rent instalments by credit/debit card.





# Arriving

- Arrival information will be sent to you when the booking system opens in early September, providing you have received and accepted your room offer.
- Further useful information can be found on our website on the [Arrival guide page](#) from July 2026
- Collecting your key: information on how to collect your key will be included in the arrival instructions. Please remember to download these and bring them with you.



# Arriving Late or Early

## Arriving early or late

If you intend to arrive in Cardiff before your contract start date, you will need to find alternative temporary accommodation.

If you are likely to be arriving after the recommended date of arrival, you are able to request a late arrival slot.

## Arriving out of working hours

If you arrive unexpectedly late in the evening or early in the morning and you have not been able to inform Residences of your late arrival, you should phone Security on [+44\(0\)2920 874444](tel:+44(0)2920874444) and they will let you into your accommodation.

# Settling in and support

Our Residence Life Team are dedicated to enhancing your student experience, helping to create a community within residences.

- Global holiday celebrations including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chinese New Year
- Life skills workshops including how to cook, budget and live communally
- Drop-ins across the halls for peer support, advice and a friendly chat
- Awareness raising campaigns
- Developing halls communities to represent your student voice
- Opportunities for developing your personal passions with practical skills, lessons and training.



“Residence Life felt like a home away from home. Moving to a new country was challenging, but thanks to the diverse team, I met people I could relate to and made wonderful friends who made my first year comfortable and enjoyable.

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## What to bring

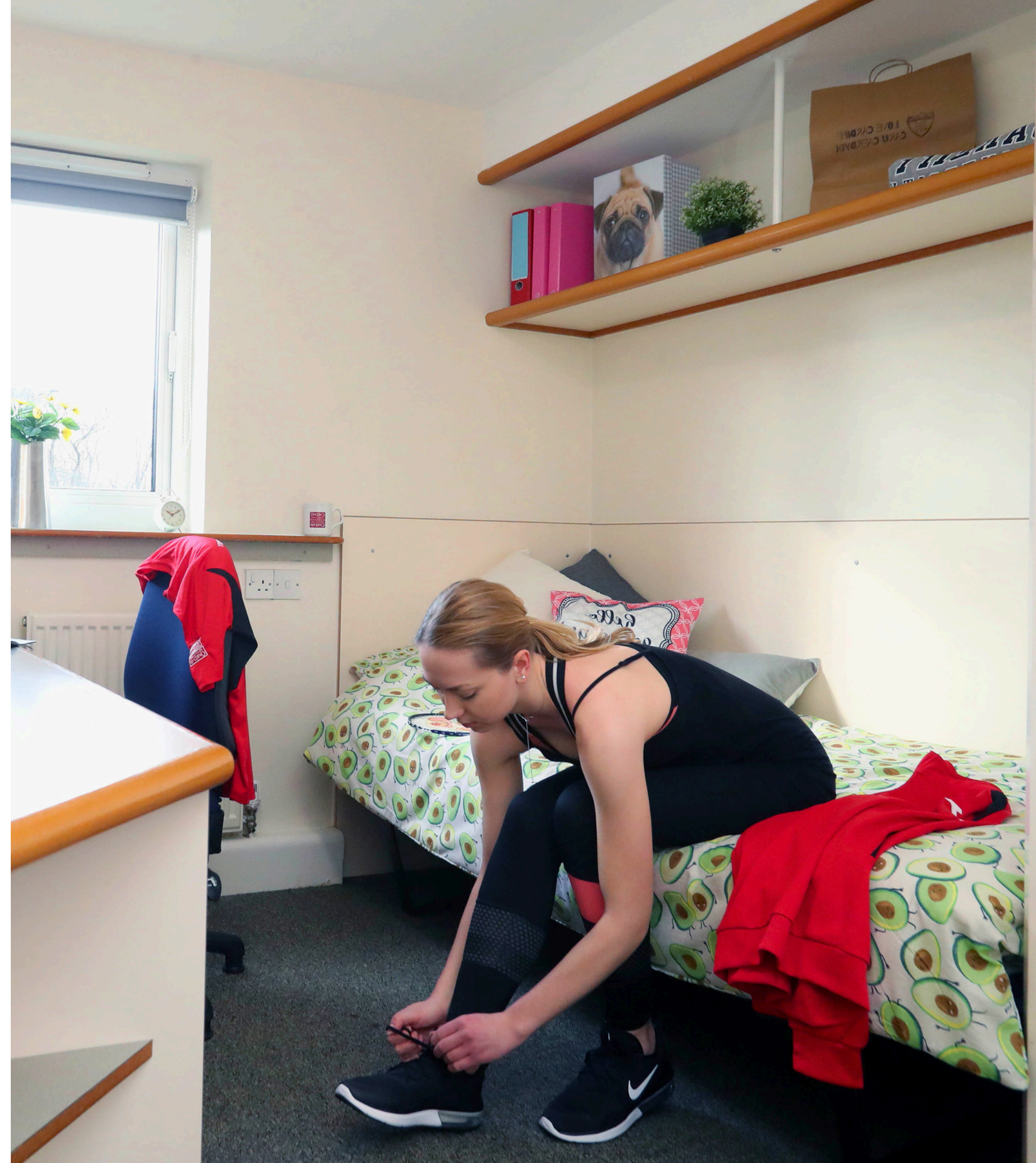
Bring along something to remind you of home and any essential items like medication to meet your short-term needs before you're able to arrange new prescriptions.

- All rooms in University residences have both Wi-Fi and connection points for access to the University network and high-speed internet.
- We recommend you buy most items here in Cardiff rather than take up space in your luggage. Cardiff is a great place to shop and you will be able to find almost everything you need.

# What's provided

All rooms/flats are supplied with:

- Bed with mattress
- Blinds/curtains
- Bookshelf
- Cooker
- Desk and chair
- Dustpan and brush
- Fridge/freezer
- Ironing board
- Kitchen bin
- Microwave
- Mop and bucket
- Noticeboard
- Toaster, kettle, iron
- Vacuum cleaner
- Wardrobe
- Waste paper bin





# What to buy in Cardiff

- Bedding and linen (sheets, pillowcases, duvet, blankets, pillows, and towels) – unless you ordered a bedding pack when confirming your arrival online
- Cooking utensils and saucepans (for yourself)
- Crockery (for yourself)
- Cutlery (for yourself)
- Ethernet cable

*A Guide to Living in*  
**University  
Accommodation**

## More information

- Download the 'Guide to Living in University Accommodation'
- Download a List of Rents
- Visit the website for information specific to your residence
- All information on arrivals can be found online on "Accommodation and moving here" page from the beginning of July 2026

# Contact us

We are here to help



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