



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A STUDENT GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATION 2019/20



WELCOME

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective students. Here at Accommodation Services we are committed to assisting students in the transition from home to university life.

The University offers accommodation in University Managed and Partner halls of residence at various locations in Birmingham.

The majority of our accommodation offers en suite rooms, suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students. We also have two-bedroom flats with shared facilities at University Locks.

For students with a physical or sensory impairment, we have accessible purpose-built rooms at some of the halls of residence. Further information is available on request.

I hope you find this booklet helpful in terms of giving information about accommodation at Birmingham City University. For up-to-date information please visit our website at bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.



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WHY CHOOSE HALLS OF RESIDENCE?

- Security personnel patrol the campuses.
- CCTV on all campuses.
- Heating in all rooms.
- Energy costs included in accommodation fees (some are capped in some partner provider halls and further charges could be incurred).
- Free basic package internet connection socket and wi-fi (upgrades are available for an additional cost).
- Accommodation staff available on all campuses during office hours.
- Accommodation Services' commitment to quality.

What can you expect in your accommodation?

While there are some minor variations on each campus, a standard room is furnished with:

- bed, mattress and mattress cover (you will need to bring your own bed linen)
- curtains/blind
- wardrobe
- chest of drawers
- bookshelf
- study desk and chair
- mirror.

The majority of self-catering kitchens are equipped with the following:

- electric cooker
- fridge/freezer
- microwave
- kettle
- ironing board.

Each site has its own launderette.

Please note there may be some minor variations on each campus. Full details of the facilities available at each site can be found on the website.



UNIVERSITY LOCKS



University Locks is located in Birmingham city centre. It is just a two-minute walk away from our City Centre Campus.

University Locks is ideal if you want to live close to campus as well as enjoying that city-living feeling. Security is important and, in addition to 24-hour CCTV, security officers are on duty out of office hours and there is a secure door entry system.

The bright and airy rooms are fully furnished. En suite bedrooms (three to eight bedroom-flats), each come with a shared kitchen and lounge/dining area and a TV.

Two-bedroom flats are also available at University Locks. Each comes with a shared bathroom, kitchen and lounge/dining area with a TV.

We also have some accessible rooms for students with physical and sensory impairments.

POSTCODE: B4 7XJ

LAYOUT: Two-bedroom non en suite flats, five-to eight-bedroom en suite flats.

FACILITIES: Shared kitchen/lounge per flat including a TV. Common room with a TV. Music practice rooms for Royal Birmingham Conservatoire students.

LOCATION: Based next to the City Centre Campus. This accommodation is University Managed

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Single en suite bedroom

(40 week contract)
weekly cost £144
annual cost £5,760

2 bedroom flat (non ensuite)

(40 week contract)
weekly cost £144 (per bedroom)
annual cost £5,760 (per bedroom)

Single ensuite bedroom

Semester contract (19 or 20 weeks)
weekly cost £154














*Costs indicated are indicative

CAMPUS DISTANCES

University Locks to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles
Margaret Street	1.1 miles
Vittoria Street	1.6 miles
City South Campus	2.4 miles

FACILITIES

-  En suite (cluster flats)
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Music practice rooms
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  Convenience store*
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Two bed apartments offered

*opening soon

JENNENS COURT

UNITE STUDENTS



Jennens Court is located in Birmingham city centre, next to our City Centre Campus. These modern en suite rooms are grouped into flats of between three and six occupants. You share a fully equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge.

There is also a social/study space and a communal courtyard with tenant-only access

POSTCODE: B5 5JR

LAYOUT: Three-to six-bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/ lounge per flat. Common room with TV.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus.

Jennens Court is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Standard room

(45.3 week contract)
weekly cost £142
annual cost £6,432.60

Standard room

(51 week contract)
weekly cost £139
annual cost £7,089

*Costs indicated are indicative

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Jennens Court to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.3 miles
Margaret Street	0.8 miles
Vittoria Street	1.3 miles
City South Campus	2.1 miles

FACILITIES



University partner



En suite



Three-quarter beds



Study/social space



Laundry



Wi-fi



Public areas cleaned



Fully fitted kitchen



24 hour security



Bike racks



Bills included



Limited parking

THE HEIGHTS STUDENT ROOST



Just a 10-minute walk from the city centre, The Heights is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living. The rooms are grouped into four-to six-bedroom flats, which means you share a well-equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge with fellow residents.

As well as the shared space in each flat, you can also take advantage of the social space on the ground floor, which has widescreen TV with Sky, comfortable sofas and a pool table. There is also a free gym for residents to use.

POSTCODE: B4 7DR

LAYOUT: Five-bedroom flats

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV, free gym.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a ten-minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

The Heights is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Standard room

(45 week contract)
weekly cost £140
annual cost £6,300

Standard room

(51 week contract)
weekly cost £135
annual cost £6,885














*Costs indicated are indicative

CAMPUS DISTANCES

The Heights to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.6 miles
Margaret Street	0.9 miles
Vittoria Street	1.1 miles
City South Campus	2.3 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Limited parking
-  24 hour gym

BAGOT STREET CAMPUS LIVING VILLAGES



Bagot Street - Campus Living Villages - offers modern accommodation located on Bagot Street, just a 10-minute walk to the City Centre Campus and only 10 minutes from the Bull Ring shopping and city centre restaurants and bars. All rooms are en suite with a double bed, desk, chair and wardrobe. There is also a social/study space and access to a gym.

A large social space includes widescreen TV with full Sky package, pool table and foosball table. Campus Living Villages also runs a Village Life programme which including movie nights, cookery demos, BBQs and a chance to mix with other students.

POSTCODE: B4 7AY

LAYOUT: Five-to-six bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, double beds, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. A large social space which includes widescreen TV with full Sky package, pool table and foosball table.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a 10-minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

Bagot Street is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Gold room

(45 week contract)
weekly cost £148
annual cost £6,660














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CAMPUS DISTANCES

Bagot Street to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.6 miles
Margaret Street	0.9 mile
Vittoria Street	1.1 mile
City South Campus	2.3 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Double beds
-  Widescreen TV
-  Access to gym
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  Study/social space
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included

STANIFORTH HOUSE

UNITE STUDENTS



Just a 10-minute walk from the city centre, Staniforth House is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living.

All ensuite rooms are packed with features such as a private bathroom, three-quarter bed and wardrobe, desk and chair. They also benefit from a shared large lounge and kitchen area to relax with your flatmates. Take a break from your studies and relax with friends in the garden, with panoramic views of Birmingham city centre, or our amazing amphitheatre!

POSTCODE: B4 7DN

LAYOUT: Five-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat, social/study space, amphitheatre and a rooftop garden.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a 10-minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

Staniforth House is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Standard room

(45.3 week contract)
weekly cost £142
annual cost £6,432.60












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CAMPUS DISTANCES

Staniforth House to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.6 miles
Margaret Street	0.9 miles
Vittoria Street	1.1 miles
City South Campus	2.3 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included

LAKE UNITE STUDENTS



Lakeside is located in Birmingham city centre, a few minutes' walk to our City Centre Campus, and offers ideal city living.

All ensuite rooms are packed with features such as a private bathroom, three-quarter bed, wardrobe, desk and chair. Each flat benefits from a shared large lounge and kitchen area to relax with your flatmates. There is also a dedicated social/study space.

There is a great student community and all the modern comforts you need to study and have fun. Just a few minutes' walk and you'll find yourself in the centre of Birmingham's shopping district.

POSTCODE: B4 7EG

LAYOUT: Six-to-ten bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, three quarter beds, shared kitchen/lounge per flat and social/study space.

LOCATION: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a few minutes' walk to the City Centre Campus.

Lakeside is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Standard room

(45.3 week contract)
weekly cost £142
Annual cost £6,432.60












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CAMPUS DISTANCES

Lakeside to:

Campus	Distance
City Centre Campus	0.4 miles
Margaret Street	0.7 miles
Vittoria Street	1.2 miles
City South Campus	2.1 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included

BELGRAVE VIEW: CAMPUS LIVING VILLAGES

Belgrave View is a modern, University Partner provided hall located on Belgrave Middleway, just over a mile from Broad Street and the city centre. Due to the location of this accommodation, we allocate all City South Campus students to this accommodation.

Recently added facilities at Belgrave include upgraded common room with widescreen TV and full Sky package, and a social programme. There is a social/study space and access to a gym on-site.

You share a well-equipped kitchen and lounge with between three and five other students.

All en suite rooms have three-quarter beds, wardrobe, desk and chair. Campus Living Villages also runs a Village Life programme which including movie nights, cookery demos, BBQs and a chance to mix with other students.

POSTCODE: B5 7AJ

LAYOUT: Four-to-six bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV. Free gym and study rooms.

LOCATION: Due to its location, students at City South Campus will be allocated to this accommodation. It is located on the corner of Belgrave Middleway and Bristol Road with easy access to the city centre.

Belgrave View is a university partner accommodation.

COST FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20*:

Standard room

(43 week contract)
weekly cost £130.50
annual cost £5,611.50

Standard room

(51 week contract)
weekly cost £125.50
annual cost £6,400.50

Standard room

(16 or 26 weeks semester contract)
weekly cost £137.50















*Costs indicated are indicative

CAMPUS DISTANCES

Belgrave View to:

Campus	Distance
Margaret Street	1.2 miles
City South Campus	1.4 miles
City Centre Campus	1.6 miles
Vittoria Street	1.7 miles

FACILITIES

-  University partner
-  En suite
-  Three-quarter beds
-  Study/social space
-  Laundry
-  Wi-fi
-  Public areas cleaned
-  Fully fitted kitchen
-  24 hour security
-  Bike racks
-  Bills included
-  Limited parking
-  24 hour gym
-  Study rooms

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Students are guaranteed a room in University Managed or Partner hall of residence for their first year, close to their location of study, providing they:

- have accepted an offer on a full-time course at Birmingham City University as their first choice
- live further than 10 miles from their place of study (check BCU Accommodation website postcode validation facility - bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation/)
- apply for accommodation by **31 July 2019**.

We aim to provide accommodation to new undergraduate students if Birmingham City University is your Insurance choice or if you are admitted to the University through the Clearing process. This is subject to availability of rooms and having taken into account the location of your permanent home address in relation to the place of study, but you are not guaranteed. You must apply for accommodation online by **31 August 2019**.

Students who live within a 10-mile radius of their study campus may be offered accommodation at the end of the allocation process (this is subject to availability).

We regret that it is not possible for us to guarantee a room at your preferred location. On-campus accommodation is normally given to students whose courses are based on or close to the campus, subject to availability.

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

You are able to apply for accommodation via the online accommodation application process from **March 2019**, provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of a course and made Birmingham City University your first choice.

- Closing date for applications for UK students is **31 July 2019**.
- Closing date for applications for EU/International students is **31 August 2019**.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Please view the range of accommodation and identify your preferences before making an accommodation application. The accommodation room offer policy can be found on our website from January 2019 along with lots of useful information.

Please read through the details in his booklet and visit bcu.ac.uk/accommodation. If you have any unanswered questions after doing so, please contact Accommodation Services by email on accommodation@bcu.ac.uk or you can call the team on **0121 331 5191**.

If you have a disability or if there are medical or mobility factors which have a bearing on your accommodation needs, please provide full details and supporting evidence at the time of application to enable us to allocate appropriately. You should also contact the Disability Services team in Student Affairs for advice and assistance on **0121 331 5588** or you can visit their website at bcu.ac.uk/disability.

To apply for accommodation you will need to visit our website at bcu.ac.uk/accommodation to view all of the accommodation preferences.

Once you have accepted Birmingham City University as your first choice an email will be sent to you with details on how to apply for accommodation along with the link to the accommodation portal, please register your details and then complete the online accommodation application form.

Please use the notes section of the application form to advise us of any additional information; for example, if you have specific requirements that you would like us to take into account when allocating you a room.

To avoid any delay, please ensure you frequently check the progress of your online application. You will only have three days to accept your room offer.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ACCOMMODATION?

Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- **1 April 2019** for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- **15 August 2019** for all students awaiting exam results.

You will receive an email (to the email address provided in the Accommodation Portal) from Accommodation Services informing you that you have been offered accommodation. Please follow the instructions set out in the email to accept your offer. Further details will be provided regarding the payment arrangements.

At the point you are offered a room, you will be required to provide guarantor details and either make a £350 advance payment or £250 security deposit or advance payment, depending on the accommodation you have been allocated to.

UNIVERSITY LOCKS

You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your Licence Agreement, which is when you will be liable for the Residence Fees.

Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Licence Agreement.

A copy of the Licence Agreement can be viewed at bcu.ac.uk/accommodation (From January 2019)

Before you are able to move into your allocated accommodation, you will be requested to complete the online welcome. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online welcome will include additional important information that you will require:

- Living in Birmingham
- Useful information regarding your stay in accommodation
- Checklist of items you need to bring with you, which are not supplied within the accommodation
- Arrival instructions.

Once you have completed the online welcome, you will then be required to select your booking slot to collect your keys.

LAKESIDE, STANIFORTH HOUSE, JENNENS COURT, BAGOT STREET, THE HEIGHTS AND BELGRAVE VIEW




















You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your Tenancy Agreement, which is when you will be liable for the Residence Fees. Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Tenancy Agreement.

Before you are able to move into your allocated accommodation, you will be requested to complete the online welcome. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online welcome will include important information, for example:

- Living in Birmingham
- Useful information regarding your stay in accommodation
- Checklist of items you need to bring with you, which are not supplied within the accommodation
- Arrival instructions.

FACILITIES SUMMARY 2019/20

The description below is intended to provide a general overview of the residence's facilities. All are rooms in shared flats unless otherwise stated. Please note that there may be minor variations in some areas.

	UNIVERSITY LOCKS	UNIVERSITY LOCKS TWO-BED FLAT	JENNENS COURT
 University Managed	•	•	
 University Partner			•
 Price per week (£)	144 - 154	144	139 - 142
 1st year undergrad	•	•	•
 Postgrad	•	•	•
 Semester bookings	•		
 40 week let	•	•	
 43 week let			
 45 week let			
 45.3 week let			•
 51 week let			•
SERVICES			
 Laundrette on site	•	•	•
 Social/study space	•	•	•
 Car parking			•
 Gym			
FACILITIES			
 En suite	•		•
 Number to bathroom[s]	1	2	1
 Bed size	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter
 Average room size [sq. metres]	14 inc. en suite	8 - 9	14 inc. en suite

BELGRAVE VIEW	THE HEIGHTS	LAKESIDE	STANIFORTH HOUSE	BAGOT STREET
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125.50 - 137.50	135 - 140	142	142	148
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1	1	1	1	1
Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Three-quarter	Double
12 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite	12 inc en suite	16 inc en suite

THE CITY IS YOUR CAMPUS

JOIN US AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY AND YOU WILL BE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF A FORWARD-LOOKING AND VIBRANT CITY WITH PLENTY OF ATTRACTIONS CLOSE AT HAND.



FIVE WAYS RAILWAY STATION

1. UNIVERSITY LOCKS
2. JENNENS COURT
3. THE HEIGHTS
4. BAGOT STREET
5. STANFORTH HOUSE
6. LAKESIDE
7. BELGRAVE VIEW

JEWELLERY QUARTER RAILWAY STATION

SCHOOL OF JEWELLERY

JEWELLERY QUARTER

Barclaycard Arena

Brindleyplace

ICC & Symphony Hall

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF ART

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

The Library of Birmingham

NEW STREET RAILWAY STATION

GRAND CENTRAL

John Bright Street

New Alexandra Theatre

The Mailbox

The Cube

Cinemax

The O2 Academy

Birmingham Hippodrome

Arcadian

GAY VILLAGE

Markets

High Street

Corporation Street

Great Western Arcade

SNOW HILL RAILWAY STATION

St Pauls Square

ROYAL BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE

CITY CENTRE CAMPUS

MOOR STREET RAILWAY STATION

BULLRING

Custard Factory

DIGBETH

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