A STUDENT GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATION 2021/22
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.

Jane Grimmett
Assistant Director
Estates and Facilities

WHY CHOOSE HALLS OF RESIDENCE?

- Security personnel patrol the campuses.
- CCTV on all campuses.
- Heating in all rooms.
- 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 protector (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
- toaster
- ironing board.

Each site has its own laundry.

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.
Postcode: B4 7XJ

Layout: Two-bedroom non en suite flats, three- to eight-bedroom en suite flats.

Facilities: Shared kitchen/lounge per flat including a TV. Social room with a TV and a study room. Music practice rooms for Royal Birmingham Conservatoire students.

Location: Based next to the City Centre Campus. This accommodation is managed by the University.

Cost for academic year 2021/22*:

Single en suite bedroom:
- Weekly cost £155
- 39 week contract (annual cost £6,045)
- 40 week contract (annual cost £6,200)
- 41 week contract (annual cost £6,355)

2 bedroom flat (non en suite):
- Weekly cost £155 (per bedroom)
- 39 week contract (annual cost £6,045 per bedroom)
- 40 week contract (annual cost £6,200 per bedroom)
- 41 week contract (annual cost £6,355 per bedroom)

*Costs yet to be finalised for 2021/22.

Campus distances:
University Locks to:
- City Centre Campus: 0.2 miles
- Margaret Street: 1.1 miles
- Vittoria Street: 1.6 miles
- City South Campus: 2.4 miles

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.

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

*Please note that the music practice rooms are only for Royal Birmingham Conservatoire 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.

Please note, this accommodation is provisional for 2021/22. Check our website for the latest information.

**POSTCODE:** B5 5JR

**LAYOUT:** Three-to six-bedroom flats.

**FACILITIES:**
- En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Social space with TV and study room.
- Study/social space
- Laundry
- Wi-fi
- Public areas cleaned
- Fully fitted kitchen
- 24 hour security
- Bike racks
- Bills included

**LOCATION:** Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus. Jennens Court is a university partner accommodation.

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Jennens Court is a university partner accommodation.
THE HEIGHTS
STUDENT ROOST

POSTCODE: B4 7DR
LAYOUT: Four-to-six 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.

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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 en suite 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.

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
- Gym
BENTLEY HOUSE

POSTCODE: B4 7AU

LAYOUT: Four-to-five bedroom flats.

FACILITIES: En suite bedrooms, three-quarter beds, shared kitchen, dining area and lounge, which includes a 43-inch Smart TV.

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

Bentley House is a university partner accommodation.

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Bentley House is managed by The Student Housing Company, one of our University partner providers. The accommodation is just a 10 minute walk from the City Centre. Bentley House is convenient for students based at the City Centre Campus and offers ideal city living.

The en suite rooms are grouped into one block and into four or five bedroom flats, which means you share a well-equipped kitchen, dining area and lounge which include a 43-inch Smart TV. There is also a gym for residents to use.
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 en suite rooms are packed with features such as a private bathroom, three quarter bed, 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!

Please note, this accommodation is provisional for 2021/22. Check our website for the latest information.
Lakeside is located in Birmingham city centre, a few minutes’ walk to our City Centre Campus, and offers ideal city living.

All en suite 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.

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Queen’s Hospital Close is managed by Unite Students, one of our university partner providers. The property offers hassle-free accommodation located on Bath Row, which is just a 20-minute walk to City South Campus and less than a mile from the Bull Ring’s renowned shopping and the city centre’s restaurants and bars.

Choose to live here and you’ll be able to settle into an en suite room that comes with a three-quarter bed, desk, chair and wardrobe. You’ll also benefit from a large shared lounge and kitchen area to relax with your flatmates. Elsewhere in Queen’s Hospital Close, there’s a large common room, kitted out with plenty of activities for you to enjoy with friends.

**POSTCODE:** B15 1NH

**LAYOUT:** Six-to-ten bedroom flats.

**FACILITIES:** En suite bedrooms, three-quarter beds, shared kitchen/lounge per flat and social/study space. Large communal common room.

**LOCATION:** A 20-minute walk to City South Campus and less than a mile from the city centre.

Queens Hospital Close is a university partner accommodation.

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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 2021.

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 2021.

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 portal from March 2021, provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer on a full-time course and made Birmingham City University your first choice.

- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for UK students is 31 July 2021.
- Guaranteed accommodation deadline date for applications for EU/International students is 31 August 2021.

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 2021 along with lots of useful information.

Please read through the details in this 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 Support Team for advice and assistance on 0121 331 6495 or you can visit their website at bcu.ac.uk/disability. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Team can be contacted on 0121 331 5188 or by email sa.wellbeing@bcu.ac.uk

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.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ACCOMMODATION?

Allocation of rooms will commence from:
- 1 April 2021 for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- 12 August 2021 for all students awaiting exam results.

You will receive an email (to the email address provided in the Accommodation Portal) informing you that you have been offered accommodation. Please follow the instructions set out in the email to accept your offer.

At the point you are offered a room, you will be required to make either an advance payment or a security deposit. Your rent payment plan and instalment dates will be provided to you during the acceptance process.

Guarantor details maybe required depending on the accommodation you have been allocated to.

PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY LOCKS

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

Prior to arrival, 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.

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, BENTLEY HOUSE, THE HEIGHTS AND QUEENS HOSPITAL CLOSE.

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.

Prior to arrival, 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:
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### FACILITIES SUMMARY 2021/22

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.

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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.

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2. JENNENS COURT
3. THE HEIGHTS
4. BENTLEY HOUSE
5. STANFORTH HOUSE
6. LAKESIDE
7. QUEENS HOSPITAL CLOSE
Accommodation Services
The Curzon Building,
City Centre Campus,
Birmingham City University,
Birmingham, B4 7BD
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bcu.ac.uk/accommodation