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UNDERGRADUATE ACCOMMODATION



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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Starting university and moving away from home for the first time is an exciting time of change in any student's life. At The University of Manchester, we appreciate this and our Accommodation Office is committed to playing its part in making the transition as smooth as possible.

This handy booklet will introduce you to the broad range of accommodation options available at The University of Manchester and guide you through the process of making an informed choice about where to live whilst studying here.

BENEFITS OF UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Guaranteed accommodation

You don't have to worry about where you're going to live if you decide to study at The University of Manchester. We guarantee an offer of accommodation to all first year students coming to Manchester alone, regardless of

whether we are your firm, insurance or clearing choice. All you have to do is apply for accommodation before the deadline.

We also guarantee an offer of accommodation to all international (non-EU) fee-paying students throughout their degree.

All inclusive hall fees

Hall fees include utility bills, internet (some halls have WiFi and some have a cable connection) and contents insurance. Catered halls provide two meals a day Monday to Friday and some offer weekend catering too.

All rents include off-peak membership at the Fallowfield campus Armitage Sports Centre for semester one, with the option to upgrade to peak membership at a discounted rate.

Extensive range of facilities

Computer clusters, sports facilities, music rooms, libraries and bars are all available to residents. Please note that different halls provide different facilities.



Lively student experience

Life in halls is a great opportunity to make friends with people from a diverse social and cultural background. Living with your peers will encourage you to develop social skills, to widen your intellectual horizons and facilitates learning of life skills outside of the academic environment. For these reasons we encourage all first years to live in university halls of residence.

Residents' Associations, which are made up of an elected group of current residents, organise social events throughout the year, ranging from pub quizzes to summer balls. However, due to the currently COVID-19 pandemic events like this might look different in the upcoming academic year of 2020/21, or may not be held at all.

Excellent transport links

Our halls lie on the busiest bus route in western Europe, with buses at least every 2 minutes during the daytime, and services departing almost 24/7. Cheap annual bus passes are available.

Cycling is also a popular mode of transport. There are quiet and off road routes between halls and the University, and 'Dutch-style' cycle lanes on Oxford Road. There is secure bike storage in most halls.

Limited car parking is available at our Fallowfield site, but due to the excellent public transport links there is no need to bring a car to Manchester.

ResLife support

Our live-in ResLife teams are on call in each residence. They provide welfare support and guidance whenever it is required. In addition, they organise events and activities for residents.

Provision for special requirements

Many halls have adapted rooms and facilities for students with disabilities. Catered halls can provide for special diets.

Students also have the option of choosing 'lifestyle moderated' halls. Students in the latter area would have requested and be expected to adopt a moderated/reserved lifestyle in respect of alcohol, parties and noise etc.

Security

Halls have a high level of security, with the majority of halls having swipe card access. There is also campus-wide CCTV and all students can contact our security team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Making halls of residence feel very safe. There are separate arrangements in place where we lease our accommodation to a 3rd party.



VISITING HALLS

Wednesday morning accommodation tours

Organised tours of Fallowfield residences take place on most Wednesday mornings between November and March. The tours are led by a student who has lived in Fallowfield, and include the chance to see inside one or two student bedrooms. The accommodation tours for 2020/21 will be subject to the government guidance regarding social distancing.

For more information, please visit:
www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodationtours

Accommodation after first year

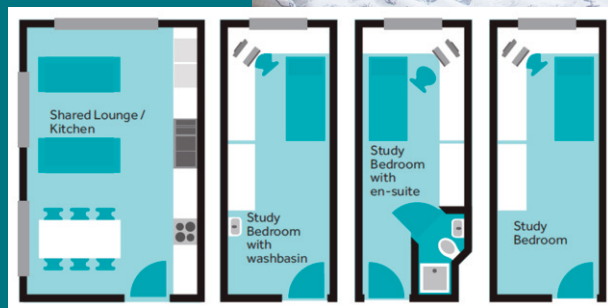
You can reapply for university accommodation after your first undergraduate year. However, unless you are an international student, this accommodation is not guaranteed. To be considered you must have submitted your application by the advertised deadline, which is usually in February.

Most students choose to broaden their horizons in their second year by moving into a private sector house with friends. Manchester has a sizeable stock of private sector accommodation.

Manchester Student Homes (MSH)

MSH is the University's only officially approved housing bureau. Based locally and accessible via their website, MSH serves Manchester's student community by running a landlord accreditation scheme which inspects houses and ensures that they conform to statutory requirements.

Their housing advisors also offer free housing information, advice and guidance, covering matters from contract checking to advice on repairs and deposits.





Typical room plans*

Choose between...

- ⊙ Fallowfield, Victoria Park or City areas of residence
- ⊙ Self-catered or catered hall
- ⊙ En suite or shared bathroom (shared bathrooms have an average ratio of 4 residents to every facility)



*Due to the diversity of halls, please note that these are indicative floor plans only

NB All prices in this guide were correct for the academic year 2020/21, but are subject to change in future years. Operational requirements may mean that halls listed in this guide may undergo a change of use or name and may cease to be available. In such instances, notification will be given via the accommodation website and via email.

APPLICATION PROCESS

When to apply for accommodation at The University of Manchester

You can apply for accommodation from mid-December. You do not need to have chosen a firm or insurance choice at this stage.

Apply online

List your five accommodation options. You will need your University ID number, which can be found on written correspondence, or by contacting your academic department. The deadline for guaranteed accommodation for all first year students is August 31. For those who have made Manchester their top choice, and apply for accommodation before midnight preceding the release of a-level results, rooms will be allocated randomly. It is not first come first service, however students are able to list 5 halls they would like to live in.

Receive your allocation via email

If you have an unconditional offer, you will hear back in June or July. If you have a conditional offer, you will hear shortly after A Level results day. You will need to accept your offer by the advertised date and put down a Advance Licence Fee Payment of £400.

Move in!

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



Whitworth Park is a stone's throw from the Students' Union, as well as tonnes of other amenities. It has a private bar and gym on-site which is pretty impressive. Then there are big supermarkets, the campus, Manchester Aquatics Centre – you're in the middle of it all. I cycle everywhere, so I'm back from campus almost immediately. It's the perfect social middle ground – not too busy, but with a community feel.

The social aspect is the best part of living in halls for me. I only use my room for sleeping; otherwise I'm in the kitchen, having conversations with my flatmates.

I'm a ResLife Advisor, so I help to organise social activities and events for residents, as well as providing support and guidance. ResLife is good for student wellbeing; most don't need help, but for those who do, we're here to signpost them. I feel pretty lucky to be placed in the University's most convenient location on campus.

Stuart Johnson

PhD in Organic Chemistry
Whitworth Park, City Campus





I wanted an environment that felt like a community; Fallowfield is exactly that. It has a great nightlife and social scene. There are lots of small independent bars and chains on your doorstep, plus great supermarkets and convenience stores.

I looked at Ashburne on a visit to Manchester and it was so beautiful. I love the formal dinners, where we all dress up and interact with different people. Settling in was difficult at first, but you soon adjust to life away from home. I became a member of my hall's JCR committee, which was a great way to make friends.

Fallowfield is a place for somebody who is enthusiastic and excited about new opportunities, meeting new people and trying something different. You have your independence and your freedom – but you also have ResLife, security staff, people you see every day. You're in a lovely enclosed community where you take care of each other.



Elizabeth Martin
BA Modern History and Politics
Ashburne Hall, Fallowfield



I really like Dalton Ellis. It's so relaxing, leafy and green – that's the best part. Then there's the cleaning service, the food – it's all amazing. It's very good for people who are passionate about university; there are lots of study facilities, libraries, computer clusters.

I wanted to make new friends, so I basically sat next to people in the cafeteria and talked to them! I also went to some cool social events: we had a Chinese New Year event organised by the Junior Common Rooms (JCR) committee, and we also have parties with free drinks, playing table tennis and giant Jenga.

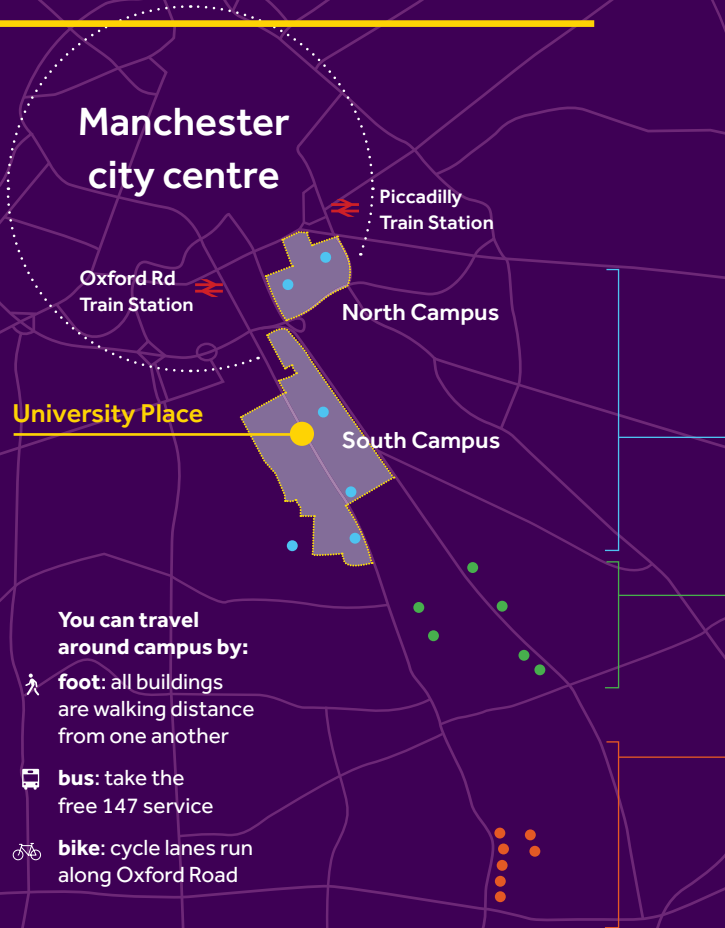
My favourite aspect of hall life is that you can always find someone to chat with – and different people, so you don't get bored. You can play pool, table tennis; we also have a squash court. There are great shops nearby and there's the Whitworth art gallery a stone's throw away.



Norbert Magos
BSocSC Politics and International Relations
Dalton Ellis Hall, Victoria Park



LOCATION MAP



ur accommodation is set across three main areas, all within easy reach of the campus, the city and amenities. Each area offers something different but all offer a great place to live and study.

uom.link/upg-maps

● Each dot represents one
● of our halls of residence

● City (six sites)

Our city accommodation is located close to the city centre and at the heart of our teaching campus.

Average journey to campus:

- 10 minutes on foot
- 3 minutes by bike
- 5 minutes by bus

● Victoria Park (six sites)

Leafy and tranquil, Victoria Park is just a brisk walk or a short bike ride away from campus.

- 18 minutes on foot
- 5 minutes by bike
- 6 minutes by bus

● Fallowfield (seven sites)

A vibrant, mixed residential suburb, Fallowfield offers plenty of amenities. It's also within easy reach of the city centre.

- 30 minutes on foot
- 8 minutes by bike
- 15 minutes by bus

You can travel around campus by:

- foot:** all buildings are walking distance from one another
- bus:** take the free 147 service
- bike:** cycle lanes run along Oxford Road

OUR HALLS

SELF-CATERED HALLS

Location	Hall	Rent Prices From (pw)	Bathroom Facilities		
			Standard	Standard with Basin	En Suite
Victoria Park	Burkhardt House	£151			✓
	Canterbury Court	£151			✓
	Liberty Park **	£152			✓
Fallowfield	Unsworth Park **	£159			✓
	Oak House	£105	✓	✓	
	Richmond Park	£151			✓
	Sheavyn House	£151			✓
City	Denmark Road **	£161			✓
	Weston Hall+	£151			✓
	Whitworth Park	£119	✓	✓	
	Wright Robinson	£119		✓	

CATERED HALLS

Location	Hall	Rent Prices From (pw)	Bathroom Facilities		
			Standard	Standard with Basin	En Suite
Victoria Park	Dalton Ellis Hall	£153	✓	✓	✓
	Hulme Hall	£164		✓	
	St Anselm Hall	£161	✓	✓	
Fallowfield	Ashburne Hall	£145	✓	✓	✓
	Owens Park	£154		✓	
	Woolton Hall	£154	✓		✓

Fees quoted are indicative for 2020/21 only. You should consult the Accommodation Office website for precise prices as some halls have different room types/ sizes with varying rental costs. All fees include contents insurance, utility bills, free off peak membership to the Armitage sports centre (for semester 1) and internet connection (this may be cabled connections in some halls)

Hall use may be subject to change, for up to date information please refer to the Accommodation Office web site.

Some mixed halls offer single-sex areas/flats; consult individual hall web pages for details.

For full details on the type of adaptations that are available in each hall please contact the Accommodation Office.

Catered halls offer either 5 day (Fallowfield) or 7 day (Victoria Park) catering and catered packages are available for students from self-catered accommodation to purchase if required.

The University may change allocation of rooms from UG to PG and vice versa dependent on student numbers.

Notes

** 42 week let + 40 week let

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

The majority of undergraduate licence agreement periods are for either 41 or 42 weeks (unless otherwise stated) and postgraduate licence agreements are for 51 weeks. This includes Christmas and Easter vacation periods, which enables you to leave your possessions in your room during the holidays. If you require adapted accommodation please contact the Accommodation Office. All rooms have internet access – either via WiFi or cabled connection.



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ACCOMMODATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What sort of accommodation is available?

The University offers a mix of accommodation, located on three sites – Fallowfield, City and Victoria Park and with nearly 8000 rooms in various locations we can offer a wide variety of choices; including catered, self-catered, en-suite, shared facilities and single sex options.

How much does University accommodation cost?

Due to the diverse nature of our accommodation, rental prices vary and cater to different budgets. Up to date information on rents is available on the Accommodation website.

How do I pay my rent?

Our preferred method is by direct debit and you can either pay in one or three instalments. If you are experiencing difficulties making payments please speak to a member of the University team who can offer support and advice.

As a first year am I guaranteed accommodation?

All first year single undergraduate students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in a hall of residence provided that you have applied for, and hold an Unconditional Firm offer of study by 31 August in your year of entry.

When and how do I apply for accommodation?

As soon as you have received an offer to study at Manchester we recommend that you make an online application, even if you are holding Manchester as an insurance option.

How is accommodation allocated?

When allocating rooms we take into account the date you applied, your chosen options, your gender and any other relevant information you may have told us about. We will offer alternative accommodation if your chosen accommodation options are unavailable.



ACCOMMODATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have a specific accommodation need based on a medical condition

Please submit your application as soon as possible, once you have done so please contact our Accommodation Office team who will be happy to discuss your requirements in further detail.

What if I change my mind about my accommodation options?

Don't panic! You can change your options by logging in online. You can do this up until late July of your entry year. For specific dates please refer to our website.

When will I hear about the accommodation I have been offered?

You will receive an email after you have accepted your place to study, generally after exam results. If you already hold an unconditional offer we will start to send out email offers of accommodation from mid-June.

How do I accept my accommodation offer?

Once you have received your offer email you will need to log back onto the online system. You have a few days to review the offer and decide whether you wish to accept it. To accept simply follow the online instructions. You should note that you will be asked to pay a £400.00 advance licence fee payment and confirm your Direct Debit details during the acceptance process. The prepayment will then be deducted from your rent account.



What happens next?

Once you have accepted your accommodation you will not hear from us again until the start of September. At this time you will be sent a link to our pre-arrival induction, which will provide you with lots of information about key collection, hall arrival times, important safety information etc.

The University of Manchester is signed up to the UUK Code of Practice. The Code outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management and quality of student housing in the Higher Education sector.

What if I arrive and I want to move rooms?

We understand that some students may wish to move accommodation – unfortunately this is not possible during the arrival period. If you wish to move then contact the Accommodation Office who can assist (subject to availability) from mid-October onwards.

Can I smoke in my room?

All University accommodation, both communal spaces and bedrooms are strictly non-smoking. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.

Can I bring my pet with me?

Pets are not allowed in University accommodation, with the exception of assistance dogs when we have been pre-notified of their arrival.

What facilities are offered in the Residences?

Different residences offer students different facilities. As a general rule you will have access to a manned reception, launderettes, internet access (WiFi in some areas and cable connection in others), games rooms and common rooms. Some of our residences also have libraries, sports facilities and music rooms.

When can I arrive?

Your arrival date is noted on your accommodation offer. If you wish to arrive early please visit our website for more information, although we cannot guarantee early arrival accommodation. Extra nights will be charged for and should be paid prior to arrival.

I am a nursing student and need accommodation longer than the standard period?

We can arrange accommodation for the extra weeks that you require, these are booked and paid for at local hall offices. We cannot guarantee that summer accommodation will be in the same residence as term time accommodation.

Can I move out to private accommodation after accepting University accommodation?

You are free to move out of University accommodation but you should note that you will still be liable for the accommodation fees for your room unless we can re-let it. This may extend to the full academic year period in some cases.

Can I stay in my room over the holidays?

Your accommodation agreement covers the Christmas and Easter holidays, so you do not have to move out. Extra weeks during summer vacation can be booked at your hall office.

I will be under 18 years of age when I arrive in Manchester, is this an issue?

This will depend upon when you will turn 18. Please email the Accommodation Office for further information.

I am a mature student, what are my options?

You may want to consider applying to live in moderated lifestyle accommodation or contact Manchester Student Homes who can advise on private letting options in Manchester.

What do I need to bring with me?

If you are in self-catered accommodation you should bring cutlery, crockery and kitchenware. In all accommodation you should bring towels, bedding and pillows.

Can I bring a car?

Students are advised not to bring cars to University initially. Not all halls provide car parking facilities and in many it is limited, so with the exception of students who are Blue Badge holders, parking is not guaranteed.



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