A Guide to Living in University Residences

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For the majority of you, attending university will mean living away from home for the first time. Settling in and making friends are important first steps at the start of your university life. Living in University residences gives you an ideal opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds studying a wide range of subjects.

A Guarantee of Residence: Undergraduate
All students entering through the normal admissions cycle are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences provided that they meet certain deadlines*. While this guarantee does not extend to the small number of applicants who come through the clearing process, we will make every effort to provide such students with suitable accommodation.

Postgraduate
All international/EU students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences, provided they meet certain deadlines*. This includes making a non-refundable pre-payment.

Choice
There are a variety of residences, many with ensuite bathroom facilities within each single occupancy study bedroom and most are situated within a short walk or cycle ride of the academic buildings, the University Students’ Union and Cardiff’s magnificent civic centre.

If you are made an offer to study at Cardiff University, you will be sent details of how to apply for University residences online. As far as possible, the University aims to give you a choice of residence, however, obtaining your higher preferences cannot be guaranteed.

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

Introduction

More online at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
Welsh speakers
Some of the flats at Senghenydd Court and Talybont North are reserved for Welsh speakers and learners of Welsh who wish to be grouped together.

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

Private accommodation
We can also offer help to students seeking accommodation in the private sector and maintain regularly updated lists of flats and houses.

Places to eat
Reasonably priced meals and snacks are available at coffee shops and restaurants across the campus and in the Students’ Union.

Sport
The University offers a combination of facilities and a diverse range of sports clubs giving students the opportunity to pursue formal and informal sporting interest at three sites across the University campus.

What the Guides say:
“A place in one of the university’s 5,300 single study bedrooms is guaranteed to all first year undergraduates applying through the normal UCAS admissions cycle.”
Guardian University Guide 2013

“Cardiff students can apply for residences which best suit their situations.”
The Times Good University Guide 2013

Residences Fees

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Residences fees and associated charges are payable by Direct Debit in three instalments (usually in October, January and April). All fees refer to single occupancy residences.

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A few of our insiders reflect back on what living in halls was like for them:

Elliot Howells: Talybont Court

“I lived in Talybont Court during my first year of University. It’s slightly further away from town than some of the other halls but the standard is worth it! The rooms have plenty of storage, wireless internet access and an en suite bathroom. The living area is great for socialising with your flatmates and the breakfast bar makes for ideal communal meals.”

Madeleine Phillips: University Hall

“University Hall is nestled on top of Penylan Hill just outside the city centre. It’s a residential campus all on its own, much like the maybe more well-known ‘Talybont’. A normal misconception about ‘Uni Hall’ (apart from the name; ‘where do you live?’; ‘Uni hall’, ‘No, which one?’ ‘... Uni hall!’) is that the distance from uni makes it a less desirable location - but if anything it creates a much stronger community! With different blocks, you get a chance to meet people from all courses and with all different interests. You spend more time together as it’s not as easy to wander off into town. My friends I lived with are still some of my closest friends to this day. Oh, and to add the cherry on top of the cake, you can watch everyone else walk to uni in the rain as you travel on a free bus! Perfect.”

Rhian Milcoy: Senghennydd Court

“I knew from the beginning that Senghennydd Court was my first choice as student accommodation. It’s very convenient, close to town and to my lectures. Certainly, living in a Welsh apartment is a huge advantage, it’s nice to live and socialise with friends. The Welsh students here get along really well and we often socialise together but we’re not ‘clique’! Everything we need as students is available for us here at Senghennydd. And there’s plenty of room in the bedrooms to make you feel at home!”

Find out more from them and our other Insiders online at www.cardiff.ac.uk/thrive

More online at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
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. The hall is made up of flats for 3-6 students.

Facilities:

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

Nearest:

- **Shop:** Maindy Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre
- **Bicycle sheds:** Colum Hall

“"Aberconway Hall is situated very close to necessary amenities. It only takes 5 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 Pokharel

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

Facilities:
- 132 single occupancy study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Self-catered and catered
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- One bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Music library
- Gardens
- TV lounge/common room
- Laundry
- Common Room Student Society
- Bicycle sheds

“I really enjoyed the communal living with fellow students and the variety of people you live with. It is very easy to meet new people, and the fact that Aberdare Hall is catered is particularly helpful in this way. It is in a great location - only 5 minutes from the Students’ Union and 10 minutes from the city centre."

Vanessa Platt

Nearest:
- Shop: Maindy Road
- Fast food: City Centre
- Bar: Students’ Union
- Sports facilities:
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✓
Couples ×
Families ×
Main Building 0.2 miles
Heath Park Campus 1.5 miles
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)
- 16 houses each with between 4 and 6 single occupancy study bedrooms, with shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- 4 flats for students who wish to bring their families
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 45 parking spaces

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:** Crwys Road
- **Fast food:** Crwys Road
- **Bar:** Crwys Road

**Sports facilities:**
- Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
- Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre

“It is very easy to meet and get to know people. The rooms were comfortable, clean and enjoyable to live in.”

Lavonah L. Ditlhako

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This 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
- Bicycle sheds

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:** Maindy Road
- **Fast food:** City Centre
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & 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. It is in the perfect location, with nearby shops and pubs and the city is a 10 minute walk away. Colum Hall is an experience like no other!"

Vini Holden

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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
- Bicycle sheds
- 23 parking spaces

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

"At Gordon Hall you’re only 5 minutes walk away from the city centre and 10 minutes away from the Students’ Union so everything you need is literally on your doorstep! Everyone talked to everybody else and eating dinner together meant it was very easy to meet new people. I made some of my best friends at Gordon Hall!"

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

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:**
  - Mandy Road
- **Fast food:**
  - City Centre
- **Bar:**
  - Students’ Union / Woodville Road
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & 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. It is really close to the university, allowing me to roll out of bed 10 minutes before my lectures!"

Matt Beckett
Liberty House is located next to the University’s Heath Park Campus providing an ideal location for students studying Nursing and Healthcare courses.

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

### Facilities:
- 184 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite bathroom facilities
- 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
- Laundry
- Bicycle racks

### Nearest:
- **Shop:** Whitchurch Road
- **Fast food:** Whitchurch Road
- **Bar:** Allensbank Road
- **Sports facilities:** Heath Park Campus

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“Liberty 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. It was very sociable which made it very easy to make new friends who were doing similar courses to me.”

**Steph Hemming**
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
- 12 flats for couples
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Bicycle sheds
- 20 parking spaces

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:**
  - Cwys Road
- **Fast food:**
  - Cwys Road
- **Bar:**
  - Cwys Road
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre
- **Laundry:**
  - Cartwright Court

**Undergraduate** ✓
**Postgraduate** ✗
**Couples** ✓
**Families** ✗
**Main Building** 0.75 miles

“One of the best things about Roy Jenkins Hall is that shops and public transport are close by which means everything you need is easy to get to. I found it fantastically easy to meet new people and make friends and the facilities were great.”

Eliot Murray
This is a large, self-catered 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
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Evening meal option available
- One bedroom equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Postgraduate ‘Plus’ option
- Laundry
- Bicycle sheds
- 20 parking spaces

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:** Salisbury Road
- **Fast food:** Salisbury Road
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre

“I felt right at home at Senghennydd Court as there is a really friendly atmosphere. We had a dining room which was great for socialising. It is very close to the city centre as well as a number of smaller shops in Cathays.”

Lindsey Connelly

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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 bedsitter suitable for a couple
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- 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
- 3 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Bicycle sheds

**Nearest:**
- **Shop:** Salisbury Road
- **Fast food:** Salisbury Road
- **Bar:** Students’ Union
- **Sports facilities:**
  - Cardiff University Fitness & Squash Centre
  - Cardiff University Strength & Conditioning Centre
- **Laundry:** Senghennydd Court

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Undergraduate ✔
Postgraduate ✗
Couples ✔
Families ✗
Main Building 0.5 miles

“*I really enjoyed the social aspects of staying at Senghennydd Hall. It is a brilliant place to make friends for life and is a useful transition between living at home and living alone. It helped that everyone else was in the same boat so everyone is friendly and looking to make new friends.*”

Kate O’Connor

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Kate O’Connor

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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.

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“The 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. It is a new experience that allows students to meet new people and enjoy a great place to live.”

Hallam Nash
Talybont is the largest of the University’s self-catered residences and provides a range of social amenities and excellent sports facilities. This purpose-built development is situated in pleasant grounds close to large areas of parkland. It is a short walk or cycle ride to most of the academic buildings, including the Heath Park Campus.

Talybont Social Centre
Talybont Social Centre is a facility which all residents in Talybont Court, Talybont Gate, Talybont North and Talybont South can use as well as users of the Sports Training Village.

Cardiff University Sports Training Village
Cardiff University Sports Training Village hosts the majority of indoor sports clubs and is the location of 3 floodlit artificial pitches.
Facilities:

- 511 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 4 - 7 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- Wheelchair accessible accommodation
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access (except for houses for families)
- All rooms suitable for people with a hearing impairment
- 2 houses for families

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✓
Couples ×
Families ✓
Main Building 0.75 miles
Heath Park Campus 1 mile

“I really enjoyed the community feel to Talybont Court - it’s like a mini student village and everything you need is within walking distance. The halls themselves are of a really high standard: comfortable, spacious, and just what you need if you miss home!”

John Mason

Brand new, modern hall of residence. Large communal areas in flats and extra facilities.

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

Undergraduate ✓
Postgraduate ✓
Couples ×
Families ×
Main Building 1.5 miles
Heath Park Campus 1.5 miles

More online at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
Talybont North

Facilities:

- 972 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 6 students
- Shared kitchen/dining 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
- 130 parking spaces
- 3 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment

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"The best part of living in Talybont North was the feeling of independence from living in a mini student village. With lots of things going on all the time it was easy to meet a variety of people. The rooms were modern, clean and well-maintained. Living in Talybont North is the perfect start to university.”

Rosi Young

Talybont South

Facilities:

- 1252 single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite facilities
- Flats for 4-8 students
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Undergraduate and Postgraduate ‘Plus’ options
- 2 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment

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"These halls are so big and have their own amenities on site so the social bar and the university sports facilities are right on your doorstep. It is easy to walk to lectures and with so many people you cannot fail to find someone living there on your course.”

Sara Wilson
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 671 students and also has a small amount of residences suitable for couples and families.

Facilities:

- Variety of single occupancy study bedrooms with ensuite or shared bathroom facilities
- Shared kitchen/dining areas
- All rooms have computer network connection points and Wi-Fi access
- Laundry
- 93 parking spaces
- Bus service to Main and Heath Park Campus area at no extra cost (for information on dates/times, please check our website)
- 2 study bedrooms equipped for those with a hearing impairment
- Social lounge with Skype pods
- Outdoor multi-use games area (MUGA)

Nearest:

- Shop: Penylan
- Fast Food: Wellfield Road
- Supermarket: Colchester Avenue

"University Hall has just the right amount of people. Everyone becomes a familiar face which contributes to the close community feel. Although it is located further away from the main university, a free bus is provided for getting to and from class and the local convenience shop is only a short walk away."

Emma Benson
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