



Home from home

Your guide to student
accommodation 2012/13



University
of Worcester



All first-year undergraduates who accept a conditional or unconditional offer by 31 May 2012 are guaranteed a place in University owned or University managed accommodation.

A warm welcome to Worcester

Thinking of coming to Worcester? You couldn't have chosen a better time. We're one of the fastest growing universities in the country, with applications up by 100% over the past five years.

For many of our students, coming to University means living away from home for the first time. We hope you'll soon be joining them and making some great new friends. It's the perfect chance to build your independence and confidence too.

This handy little guide will show you our range of outstanding student accommodation, designed to suit all budgets and needs. Read on, and if you have any questions at all, just get in touch. We're here to help...

“Worcester’s a great place to live and study. There are so many social, sporting and cultural activities in the compact city centre, and if that’s not enough, it’s quick and easy to get all over the UK.”

Dan Moss

Business Management BA (Hons)

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We offer great value for money

Our accommodation costs as little as £79 a week.

Choose your perfect space

Wherever you live when you come to University, you'll want your new home to be more than just a place to sleep, eat and study. You'll also want it to be a comfortable place to enjoy your student life as part of a friendly, close-knit community.

At the University of Worcester, you can choose from several different types of high-quality accommodation:

- Halls of Residence on our St John's Campus – including new Halls opened in September 2009. See pages 8-9
- Halls of Residence on our City Campus. See pages 8-9
- Off-campus privately rented accommodation, accredited by Worcester City Council. See page 11
- Host family accommodation. See page 11

Life on campus

The majority of our housing is in Halls of Residence on our St John's Campus. Halls are available to all new students, even if you already live in Worcester, and we have rooms to suit all budgets and needs.

At our St John's Campus we opened a £10 million development of 182 high-spec rooms in 2009; including a flat screen TV in each living area.

At our City Campus we have opened two great Halls with 177 rooms. The City Campus is a short walk or cycle ride from St John's and gives you easy access to the heart of Worcester.

The Hive, our new University and public library is adjacent to the City Campus. There are 12 miles of archive collections and around a quarter of a million books as well as full wireless coverage and a variety of study spaces.

Benefits of living on or near the St John's Campus

Apart from being part of a safe, friendly and vibrant multicultural student community, you'll be really close to your classes and a huge range of outstanding facilities open to all students, including:

- Cafés and Dining Hall
- Sports hall and fitness suite
- Netball and basketball courts
- 24/7 study space
- Dance studio
- All-weather sports pitches
- Music rehearsal rooms
- 24/7 computer suites
- Wireless study rooms
- Digital Arts Centre
- Theatre
- Students' Union
- Shop
- Bar

“I love living and studying here, it has everything for students of all ages, from lovely surroundings to great nightlife.”

Natasha Bird
BA (Hons) Drama and Performance Studies



What you can expect from Halls

Halls are a great way to meet new people – perfect if you're living away from home for the first time.

We have over 1000 rooms across our Halls, 359 of which were new for 2009. Most are set within shared flats and all include fully equipped shared kitchens and dining areas. You will have a study bedroom to yourself and either a shared or en suite bathroom.

Our flats are usually mixed sex, although single sex accommodation is available on request.

Accommodation designed for students with a disability include two Platinum Halls on the St John's Campus and all Platinum Plus Halls. Individual needs can be catered for, so please contact us if you have a particular requirement.

Our flats are non-smoking and fully furnished.

You also get:

IT facilities

- Free Internet access
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What's included in your rent

- Free gym membership
 - Possessions insurance whilst in University accommodation
 - Access to the cheapest launderettes in town
 - Regular cleaning
 - Flat screen TV (in communal areas)*
 - Recycling facilities
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Taking good care of you

- 24-hour security
- 24-hour emergency maintenance
- Advice and support from our University Community Development Team
- CCTV coverage*
- Secure video entry system*

*New Halls only

What do I need to bring with me?

- Pots and pans
- Glassware
- Cutlery
- Plates and mugs
- Other kitchen utensils
- Bedding (duvet, duvet cover, pillow, pillow case, sheet)
- Towels
- Stationery
- Clothing

All electrical items will need PAT testing prior to arrival



“Halls were one of the most enjoyable parts of my first year at Uni. Great atmosphere, great people... a great experience.”



St John's and City Centre Halls

Whichever Hall you choose, you're guaranteed a great place to live, with all our accommodation finished to a high standard. Because some Halls have a few more facilities or are finished to a higher spec, prices can vary, so we've given each one a different rating reflecting this.



Halls at a glance

Grade	Name of Hall	Number of rooms	Price per week*
Traditional	Evesham, Pershore	62	£79
Standard	Avon, Ledbury	197	£100
Standard Plus	Malvern, Wulfstan, Berrow, Ankerdine, Abberley, Windrush, Teme, Sarah Siddons	252	£105
En-suite St John's Campus	Vesta Tilley, William Morris	80	£118
En-suite City Centre	Sansome Hall, Albany Court, Old Post Office	160	£118
En-suite Extra St John's Campus	Elizabeth Barrett Browning, A E Housman	358	£133
En-suite Extra City Campus	Bishop Bosel, Chancellor		
Postgraduate	Fern Hall, Oldbury House	24	£105 non-ensuite £110 ensuite

* Prices are for 2012 entry, please see our website for the latest information.



Traditional St John's Evesham & Pershore £79 per week

A brilliant option if you want to keep costs down. Three-storey Evesham and Pershore halls have 54 single study bedrooms and six rooms with a shared study area. All rooms have a washbasin. Groups of 8-10 students share a kitchen, two bathrooms and toilet facilities. We refurbished all toilet and shower areas in 2011.



Standard St John's Avon & Ledbury £100 per week

Avon and Ledbury have 34 flats over three floors, each with four or six study bedrooms. Each flat has a shared kitchen and lounge area. There's a bathroom, shower room with toilet and another separate toilet in each flat. The kitchens and communal areas were refurbished in 2009.



Standard Plus St John's Standard £105 per week

Each of the St John's Standard Halls has four or six flats over two or three floors, with six study bedrooms. There are two toilet/shower rooms per flat and each bedroom has a washbasin.

In 2010 we invested in new furniture and new flooring for communal areas.



En-suite St John's En Suite £118 per week

Want your own bathroom? This is a great choice. Our two St John's en suite Halls have six flats over three floors, each made up of six or seven study bedrooms. Each room has an en suite bathroom with washbasin, shower and toilet. Four rooms are adapted for wheelchair use.



En-suite City Centre Sansome Hall,

Albany Court, Old Post Office £118 per week

These properties are less than a 10 minute walk to the City Campus. They are leased by the University. There may be slight differences that you experience for example, at Sansome Hall washing machines and dryers are provided in all the flats. All rooms in this section still benefit from free insurance, gym membership and University in house 24 hour Security and emergency maintenance response, although non-urgent maintenance will be completed by a third party.



En-suite Extra

City Centre Halls £133 per week

St John's Halls £133 per week

Setting a high standard in student living, these Halls (brand new in 2009) include 182 en suite rooms at St John's and 177 en suite at our City Campus. All have large, shared kitchen and dining areas, while the study bedrooms are light, airy, spacious and fully furnished in a contemporary style and you'll find flat-screen TVs in the communal areas.

“Living off campus was the best choice for me. As a student teacher, I could get to my schools really easily and my housemates were a great bunch. I’m sure we’ll stay friends all our lives.”

Postgraduate

Of course, you don’t have to live on the St John’s or City Campus and our Accommodation Team is on hand to help you find just what you’re looking for.



Fern Hall/Oldbury House - for postgraduate students

Our postgraduate accommodation consists of one 6 bedroom property (Oldbury House) and three 5 bedroom properties (Fern Hall). Off road permit only parking is available to students living in Fern Hall, these can be purchased from our finance office.

There’s one en suite bedroom per house and the rest have shared bathrooms and shower rooms.

Each house also has a fully fitted kitchen/dining room and lounge. All bedrooms have high-speed Internet.

Fern Hall is positioned on a quiet side street directly adjacent to the St John’s Campus with pedestrian access onto campus available from the rear of the properties.



University managed houses

If Halls aren't for you, there's a wide range of private accommodation just a short walk from the main campus. The good news is, we work closely with landlords and the City Council to make sure all housing is accredited and of a good standard. We deal with the landlords so you don't have to. Free internet is provided and you will be with other first year students. You will need to pay gas, electric and water bills. Let periods will be for 42 weeks.

Private Housing

Talk to our Accommodation Team and they'll be happy to give you advice on areas like tenancy agreements, questions to ask your landlord and fire safety precautions. Other things to be aware of include your deposit and bills. All accredited properties can be found at www.worcesterstudentpad.co.uk but you'll need a password. Call the Accommodation Team on +44 (0)1905 855300 or email accommodation@worc.ac.uk

Living with a family

If you're looking for accommodation with more of a family feel, we have a small number of Worcester families who let rooms. Give us a call for more details.

Worcester: an inspiring, exciting place to live

Combining a fantastic history with an energetic modern feel, Worcester's a friendly, welcoming city with a whole lot to offer its thriving student community.

Whether you live at the St John's or City Campus, you'll find yourself just minutes from all that this fast-growing city has to offer...

■ Culture and the arts

– there's plenty of live music and drama to be enjoyed at the Swan Theatre, Worcester Arts Workshop and Huntingdon Hall. You'll also find two multi-screen cinemas, a host of art galleries and plenty of museums.

■ Festivals and events

– the Commandery Museum hosts Worcester's annual Shakespeare festival, just one of the many big events on the city's calendar. In August, don't miss the brilliant Worcester Festival, packed with almost 400 events, including loads of live bands and arty activities.

■ A buzzing nightlife

– all year round, you'll find the city's got a great nightlife, with a wide range of restaurants, bars and clubs. The Students' Union has everything from laid-back bars and live bands to buzzing weekend club nights. With over 40 clubs and societies there is always something going on.

■ Great sports

– local teams compete at a high level in rowing, basketball, rugby union and cricket, and Worcester's home to one of the country's oldest racecourses. There's also a sports centre on the campus and a range of sports facilities locally.

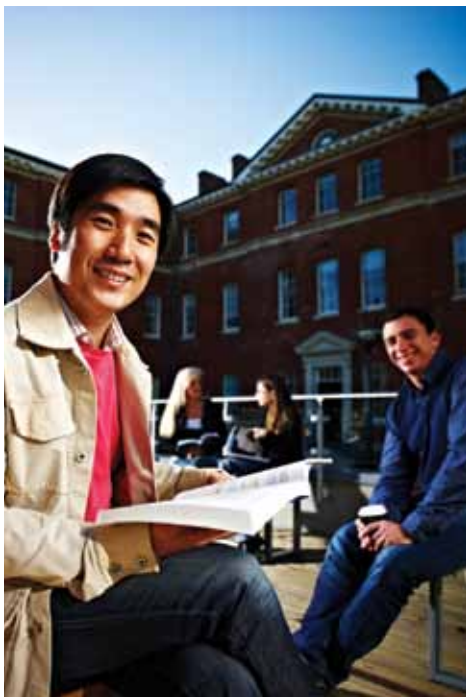
■ A variety of shops and cafes

– Worcester's pedestrianised shopping centre is compact, convenient and crammed with all the shops you could want, from big high street names to independent boutiques.

■ Escape to the country

– fancy a break from city life? The nearby Malvern Hills, Forest of Dean and Wyre Forest are breathtaking examples of English countryside at its best.

For more on what Worcester has to offer, go to www.visitworcester.com



Come and visit us

The best way to choose where you want to live is to see our accommodation for yourself. The University holds Open Days in June and September and a series of Open Evenings and Open Afternoons throughout the year. All successful applicants not requiring an interview are invited to attend a Visit Day, normally held between January and May.

Check out our website, www.worcester.ac.uk for a complete list of all our Open and Visit Day events.

All our events give you the chance to have a good look inside the Halls, tour the campus, chat with students and meet our Accommodation Team.

Don't worry if you can't make it to an Open or Visit Day, we'll be happy to show you around when it suits you – just get in touch.

You can also visit www.worcester.ac.uk to view more detailed accommodation information, including photos and film clips.

Any questions?

Who can apply?

You must be a full-time student at the University of Worcester, either undergraduate or postgraduate, to live in our accommodation. There are no geographic restrictions (students living within Worcester are welcome to apply) and there is no upper age limit. If you are under the age of 18 you may be required to complete some additional paperwork.

How do I know your accommodation is of a high standard?

For a start, we've signed up to the Universities' UK/ Guild HE Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing. This sets out good practice and mandatory requirements for student housing.

You're also very welcome to come and have a good look around the accommodation for yourself at one of our open days – a great chance to ask current students what they think too.

How do I apply?

If you are – or will shortly be – a student registered with the University, you can apply for accommodation. You will receive instructions on how to apply. Don't forget, if you have accepted a Conditional or Unconditional offer by 1 May 2012 and applied for accommodation by 31 May 2012, we will guarantee you a place in University or University-managed accommodation.

When do I apply?

If you have accepted a Conditional or Unconditional offer as your first choice by 1 May 2012, you will be contacted with instructions on how to apply.

When can I move in?

Your Licence Agreement will start from Registration Weekend. This will be held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2012, so you can move in any time over these two days.

Students in University Managed housing may have agreements that start slightly earlier than this.

How do I pay?

Accommodation fees for Halls and University-managed accommodation are due in three instalments and should be paid to the Finance Office, via a payment plan. We'll send you all the details in the Licence Agreement. In general, you pay for 38 weeks or, if your course is longer, 42 or 52 weeks. You also have to pay a refundable £300 damage deposit.

Do I need a TV licence?

If you want to watch TV in your room or the communal areas you will need to buy a TV licence, either individually or as a group. TV licences are provided by the University to students in Platinum Plus communal areas.

At the time of going to press, a colour TV licence was £145.50 a year. Find out more at www.tvlicensing.co.uk



Can I bring my car?

As part of our commitment to sustaining and enhancing the University's environment, students living on campus are not normally allowed to bring their car to University. Exceptions are made for students with a disability which affects their mobility. The only other exception relates to students taking courses with professional placements, and whilst the University makes arrangements for cars to be made available

through car hire arrangements, students in this category who wish to apply for permission to bring a car with them should seek to make arrangements in advance of commencing their courses and should contact the Finance Office. Costs of car parking permits are featured on our website. You will find all the amenities you need within walking or cycling distance. A bus runs from the campus into the City Centre throughout the day. For local and national transport Worcester is well served by two main line railway stations, and a bus station which links into the National Bus Network.

I've got a few more questions...

No problem. Just get in touch with the Accommodation Team.
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Email: accommodation@worc.ac.uk or
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