



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A student
guide to
accommodation
2018/19

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 Partner halls of residence at various locations throughout Birmingham. All University halls are offered on a minimum 40 week contract, please refer to the facilities summary.

All of our accommodation offers en suite rooms, suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students, apart from University Locks two bedroom flats which has shared facilities.

For students with special requirements 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 www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.



Jane Grimmatt
Assistant Director
Estates and Facilities

Why choose halls of residence?

Please note there may be some minor variations on each campus.

- 24/7 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).
- Accommodation staff available on all campuses during office hours.
- Central management of all University halls of residence by Accommodation Services.
- 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.

Full details of the facilities available at each site can be found on the website.



Platform 1 to 4
Main Entrance
Rail Enquiry

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Various retail signs and advertisements on the upper level.

GRAND CENTRAL



University *Locks*



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 Birmingham Conservatoire students.

Location: Based next to the City Centre Campus.

This accommodation is a University Partner Accommodation Provider.

Cost for academic year 2018/19*:

2 bedroom flats

(40 week contract) - weekly cost £142 (per bedroom)
Annual cost £5,680 (per bedroom)

Shared flats

(40 week contract) Single en suite bedroom - weekly cost £140
Annual cost £5,600

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

University Locks to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.9 miles	7 minutes	16 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 14 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Jennens *Court*



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 Provider.

Cost for academic year 2018/19*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £136
Annual cost £5,848

51 week contract

Standard Room - weekly cost £136
and annual £6,936

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Jennens Court to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	7 minutes	18 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 13 minutes

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The *Heights*



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 six-minute walk to the City Centre Campus.

The Heights is a University Partner Accommodation Provider.

Cost for academic year 2018/19*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £130

Annual cost £5,590

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

The Heights to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.4 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.5 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	8 minutes	17 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1 mile	8 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.3 miles	15 minutes	36 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.8 miles	23 minutes	1 hr 15 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Belgrave View: *campus living villages*



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 music practice rooms.

Location: Due to its location, priority is given to Education and Health students at City South Campus.

It is located on the corner of Belgrave Middleway and Bristol Road with easy access to the city centre, within reasonable travelling distances from Birmingham Conservatoire and Birmingham School of Art's Margaret Street site.

Belgrave View is a University Partner Accommodation Provider.

Cost for academic year 2018/19*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £123
Annual cost £5,289

51 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £118
Annual cost £6,018

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Belgrave View to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City South Campus	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City Centre Campus	1.4 miles	10 minutes	24 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.6 miles	12 minutes	27 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	3.2 miles	20 minutes	52 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Curzon Gateway



Postcode: B4 7XE

Layout: Four 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
Curzon Gateway is a University Partner Accommodation Provider.

Cost for academic year 2018/19*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £134

Annual cost £5,762

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Curzon Gateway to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.7 miles	3 minutes	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.7 miles	3 minutes	5 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	1 mile	7 minutes	16 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.5 mile	9 minutes	26 minutes
City South Campus	3 miles	12 minutes	45 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	5.4 miles	15 minutes	1 hr 34 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15-30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Am I eligible for accommodation?

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

- have received and accepted an offer on a full-time course at Birmingham City University
- live further than 10 miles from their place of study (check BCU Accommodation website postcode validation facility - www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation/apply)
- have applied for accommodation by **31 July 2018**.

We are able to assist with accommodation to new undergraduate students if Birmingham City University is your Insurance choice or you are admitted to the University through the Clearing process subject to availability of rooms, and having taken into account the location of your permanent home address in relation to the place of study. If we are able to assist, you must apply online by **31 August 2018**.

Students who live within a 10-mile radius of the 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 in question subject to availability.

When can I apply for accommodation?

You are able to apply for accommodation through the online accommodation application process from **March 2018** provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of a course at Birmingham City University.

- Closing date for applications for UK students is **31 July 2018**.
- Closing date for applications for EU/International students is **31 August 2018**.

How do I apply for accommodation?

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

Please read through the details in this booklet and visit www.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 www.bcu.ac.uk/disability.

To apply for accommodation you will need to:

- visit our website at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation
- view the applications section
- click the 'apply now' button
- complete the application form; you will need your University Application Number which can be found on the offer paperwork from your Faculty (it has eight numeric characters)
- Please use the notes section of the application form to advise us of any additional information for example if you plan to be away and will not have access to the internet as this will help avoid any delays.

NB: 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:

- 3 April 2018 for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- August 2018 for all students awaiting exam results.

You will receive an email 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 either make a £350 advance payment or £250 deposit - depending on the accommodation you have been allocated to.

University Locks

You will be able to move into your accommodation during the weekend before your course starts and your Licence Agreement indicates the date from which 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 www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.

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:

- Useful information regarding your stay in accommodation and arrival instructions.
- Things you need to bring with you which are not supplied within the accommodation.

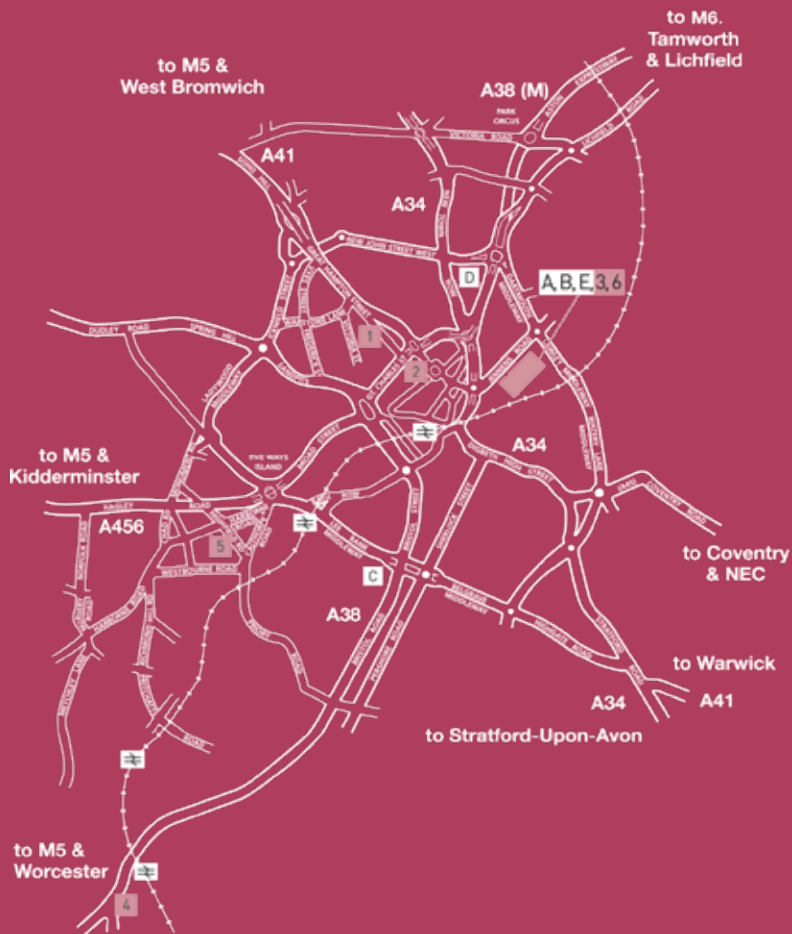
Curzon Gateway, Jennens Court, The Heights and Belgrave View

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.

Facilities summary 2018/19

The description below is intended to provide a general overview of the residence's facilities. Please note that there may be minor variations in some areas.

	University Locks	Jennens Court	Belgrave View	The Heights	Curzon Gateway
Price per week (£)	140-142	136	118 - 123	130	134
1st year undergrad	•	•	•	•	•
Postgrad	•	•	•	•	•
40 week let	•				
43 week let		•	•	•	•
51 week let		•	•		
Flats/ apartments	•	•	•	•	•
2 Bedroom Flats	•				
Services					
Laundrette on site	•	•	•	•	•
Common room	•	•	•	•	•
Car parking		•	•	•	•
Facilities					
En suite	•	•	•	•	•
Number to bathroom(s)	1-2	1	1	1	1
Bed size	Three quarter	Three quarter	Three quarter	Three quarter	Three quarter
Average room size (sq. metres)	14 inc. en suite	14 inc. en suite	12 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite



CAMPUSES

- 1 Vittoria Street
(School of Jewellery)
- 2 Margaret Street
(Birmingham School of Art)
- 3 Birmingham Conservatoire

- 4 Bournville
(International College)
- 5 City South Campus
- 6 City Centre Campus
(The Curzon Building,
Millennium Point and
The Parkside Building)

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

- A Curzon Gateway
- B Jennens Court
- C Belgrave View
- D The Heights
- E University Locks

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