

Your accommodation



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As a Birmingham Foundation Academy student your accommodation is guaranteed. You have a wide range of accommodation to choose from in the University's three student villages: The Vale Village, Pritchatts Park Village, and Selly Oak Village, all of which are a short walk from the Foundation Academy Hub and English Language Centre: Priorsfield and your academic departments.

University accommodation consists of flats offering your own study bedroom and kitchen/lounge facilities usually shared between four and six other students. There is a choice of either sharing bathroom facilities or en suite accommodation. The University also has a range of studio apartments where you have exclusive use of kitchen and bathroom facilities. All bedrooms are fully furnished and offer both a cabled and wireless internet connection.

Other benefits of your accommodation include:

- Staff available 24 hours a day throughout the year
- A Customer Service Manager lives on site in Mason who provides social and personal support
- Fully heated accommodation inclusive of all heating, hot water and electricity bills
- Basic personal contents insurance
- 20 Mbps Cabled and wireless internet connection including access to an internet television service (IPTV)
- Fully furnished rooms
- Internet upgrade packages starting from 30 Mbps for £80, to 100 Mbps for £430

A catered package is available to students who live at the Vale Village. Adapted rooms are available for wheelchair users and for students with hearing and sight impairment (Please contact us if you require specially adapted accommodation.)

Further information about **[each village, including virtual tours of bedrooms and kitchens \(/undergraduate/accommodation/halls/index.aspx\)](#)**, is available

The accommodation guarantee

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You are guaranteed a place in University accommodation provided that you have applied for your accommodation by **31 July 2015** and have confirmed you are coming to Birmingham by 1 September 2015.

You will also need to make a pre-payment of £550 when you accept your offer of accommodation in full at the start of the year, or in instalments. You can pay for your accommodation using our Western Union Bank Transfer platform, ensuring your payment arrives in full and on time.

What if I apply after 31 July?

You should still apply for accommodation as soon possible. Whilst we cannot guarantee you accommodation at this stage, we are usually able to accommodate you. If we are unable to allocate you to University accommodation, you will receive support, advice and direction towards alternative suitable accommodation.

Customer Service Manager

The University offers a special level for you as a Foundation Academy student. The Customer Service Manager, who lives on site in University accommodation, is there to provide advice and guidance which means there is always someone available for you if you need support.

They will also arrange a variety of activities to help you familiarise yourself with campus buildings, facilities and services, shopping areas, places of interest, and local transport networks, and will arrange social gatherings.



Your catered package

if you live at the Vale Village, you may choose to have a catered package with your accommodation. It offers a great opportunity to meet other residents and socialise, and helps to free up time for studying, as you don't need to worry about shopping, cooking and washing up. Most dietary requirements can be catered for.

Under the catered package, food is provided during term times:

- 20 September 2015 to 11 December 2015
- 11 January 2016 to 25 March 2016
- 25 April 2016 to 24 June 2016

This gives you a flexible weekly budget for your meals that you can spend in University catering outlets including Infusion, The Melt and Pizza Shack at the Hub on the Vale, as well as 17 other cafés and snack bars across the campus.

Further information can be found on Meal plans **[here \(/undergraduate/accommodation/Living-with-us/mealplan.aspx\)](#)**.

Applying for accommodation

Once you have received an offer of a place to study here, you will need to apply for your [accommodation online \(/undergraduate/accommodation/Apply-for-accommodation/apply.aspx\)](#) with LIVING, the University's Accommodation Service. You will need your student ID and an email address to apply.

Please note: There is no application fee and no obligation to come to Birmingham at this stage

They will then send you an offer of accommodation once you have met all of the conditions of your offer and become unconditional. The offer of accommodation will contain instructions on how to accept your accommodation and how to set up payments.

- The contract length is 42 weeks, starting on 21 September 2015 and ending on 9 July 2016.
- You should arrive on arrivals weekend from 19-20 September 2015 when you will be allowed to check into your accommodation
- If you will be under the age of 18 at the start of the course, you will be living with other under-18 students in Mason, one of the University's newest residences, on the Vale Village. However if you would prefer to live with a local relative or designated guardian, this is possible, by prior agreement
- If you will be over the age of 18 at the start of the course, University accommodation is highly recommended; however, you can also choose to live off site, in private accommodation.

Accommodation fees

The cost of accommodation varies depending on the type of accommodation you choose. The prices (42-week contract) for a single study bedroom with shared kitchen and bathroom start from £3,487, en-suite accommodation from £5,385 and studio apartments from £9,160.

If you would like to take up a catered package, fees vary.

Accommodation prices vary considerably (/undergraduate/accommodation/halls/index.aspx)

Please note: accommodation fees are not part of the Birmingham Foundation Academy package, and will be billed separately.

Accommodation for students under the age of 18 years

Foundation Academy students who are under the age of 18 years at the start of their course are accommodated together in Mason, one of the University's newest residences, on the Vale Village. This accommodation is located close to the Customer Service Manager; ensuring support is always close by. You can choose either to take a catered package or to be self-catered.

If you are under 18 years you will also be provided with a bedding pack, which will be ready upon arrival, this will include duvet, duvet cover, pillow, pillowcase and sheet (please note: towels are not provided).

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