

# Residential Accommodation

## Allocations Policy 2020/21



The University of the West of Scotland (UWS) has an allocation policy which covers the organisations 686 bed spaces over 2 campuses. Covering 332 self-catered en-suite rooms with another 159 self-catered non-ensuite flats in Paisley, 195 self-catered en-suite rooms in Ayr.

Details of all of our properties and up to date prices can be found on our website via - [www.uws.ac.uk/university-life/accommodation/](http://www.uws.ac.uk/university-life/accommodation/)

We recognise and understand how important accommodation is to a new student and hope to alleviate any of the stress or confusion that can be a worry around that process. The below information will give you the framework to which we work when receiving applications.

### Allocations

On each campus, in each Residence, places are allocated as equally as possible between the sexes, unless single-sex accommodation has specifically been requested. If you require a single-sex flat, please make this clear on the application form; however this may not be possible in all Residences, so please specify whether your priority is the desired Residence you require, or to be in a single-sex flat.

Our accommodation enables people from a wide variety of backgrounds to learn from one another. Applicants need to be agreeable to living as an integrated, tolerant, and cooperative community. Students with cultural, religious, medical, dietary or any other requirements should decide if a mixed environment could pose difficulties. In self-catered halls, there are likely to be diets and stores of food stuffs that include meat and alcoholic drinks. Refrigerators, cooking utensils, dining/kitchen areas cannot be split.

Please note, should spaces on campus be filling up quicker than expected (usually during or after clearing), places may be allocated on a 'distance from campus' basis, rather than first come, first served. Therefore if only 2 rooms were available and one student lived 200 miles away, and the other lived 10 miles away, then the student living 200 miles away would be prioritised. A limited number of places are reserved for continuing students and also those who hold a role within the Residence Life Teams. We would stress the fact that we accept all ages and years of study at the UWS

Residences so please apply and we will come back to you with feedback on availability. When applying for accommodation on campus, please take in to account the following factors;

### Costs

Please ensure that you choose a type of accommodation that is within your budget, as you are tied in to the contract for the full academic year (Trimester 1 and 2 contracts available on request based on demand), and no reduction in costs will be made should you choose to vacate your room early or arrive late.

### Local students

Students whose homes are within commutable distance of the University campus will still be held accountable for residential fees if, after accepting the residential terms and conditions, they return back to their home address whilst studying, unless special circumstances arise, and medical or appropriate evidence can be provided. UWS reserve judgement on such instances.

### Mature students

The residential environment preferred by mature students can be different from that which is enjoyed by younger undergraduates. General hall life is usually unsuitable for more mature students as it can be noisy in halls throughout the day and night, although the University tries to keep this to a minimum, it will be up to the individual to decide whether or not it will suit them. Please contact the Residence Team should you wish to discuss this in more detail.

### Placements

Whilst living in halls students may undergo a placement, throughout the placement students will remain liable for all accommodation costs.

For any queries regarding this policy, or any questions regarding accommodation at UWS, please contact the Residence Team on:

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