

# Rental Comparison

Living away from home is a big decision. Where you choose to live is key to this being a positive or negative experience. Here we compare living in UWS Student Accommodation with Private Rentals to help you weigh up your options.

UWS Student Accommodation	Private Rented Accommodation
<p><b>Travel:</b> UWS Accommodation is on-site and available in both Paisley and Ayr</p>	<p><b>Travel:</b> Having to budget for travel to/from university is a daily extra cost. Commuting in cold Scottish weather isn't fun either!</p>
<p><b>Contracts:</b> You are responsible for your rent <b>only</b>. If one flat mate leaves, this won't affect your contract or bills.</p>	<p><b>Contracts:</b> Living with friends can be fun but it can also strain relationships. If someone leaves; the remaining tenants become liable for their rent and bills. You may also need to move out if the landlord won't let you replace them.</p>
<p><b>Bills:</b> UWS Accommodation rent covers utilities, internet, and contents insurance. One payment = no worries.</p>	<p><b>Bills:</b> It can be a faff to set up new contracts for everything and then split this with your new housemates. What if someone doesn't pay? Poor heating and insulation can also add up to hefty bills each month. Remember Scotland has short summers and long cold winters!</p>
<p><b>Safety:</b> with 24/7 onsite security and support staff; UWS Accommodation is a safe and secure choice. If something is worrying you, there is always someone to talk to.</p>	<p><b>Safety:</b> Taking on a tenancy can have hidden perils. Anti-Social Neighbours, break-ins, litter, issues with plumbing/gas can all make life miserable.</p>
<p><b>Issues:</b> With the University as your landlord, you can be sure you can approach staff without worry if you have a problem. Whether it's financial or you have a repair issue, UWS staff are there to help.</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b> How do you know you can trust your new landlord? Will they help when you have a repair or a worry? Will they be sympathetic if you had to delay a rent payment?</p>
<p><b>Quality:</b> UWS is a council-accredited landlord. Our rooms and flats are in good repair and well furnished. We also have kitchen items and cleaners in communal areas.</p>	<p><b>Quality:</b> You may take on a flat with grubby or unsafe furniture. It can be costly to buy items to make your flat feel homely and clean. Before you move in you will likely need to do lots of cleaning and preparation to get it ready for living in.</p>
<p><b>Community:</b> Being part of UWS Accommodation you get to be part of something bigger. With year-round Res- Life events; the chance to stay and socialise with other UWS students. As well as access to exclusive discounts and offers.</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> You may not always have good neighbors. There may not be a ready-made community on the doorstep to get involved with. It can be lonely moving to a new place and take time to build relationships without common ground to start from.</p>

