

Accommodation Guide of Belfast Metropolitan College

We will help you to find suitable accommodation. Once you have been accepted on the course and you need assistance in finding accommodation, you must send in your accommodation application form so that we can help you arrange this. We offer the following accommodation options:

1. Homestay

Homestay is when an International student lives with a Northern Irish family in their home between 6 weeks and 1 academic year. Homestay differs from other lodging type arrangements in that it is primarily a cultural exchange and the student is made to feel part of the family for the duration of their stay. Homestay locations can be in various locations within Belfast, but all locations will be close to main bus/train routes to the city centre. Currently our homestay families are all Belfast Metropolitan College staff and we will try to allocate you with a family that are best suited to you. With Homestay you can expect the following:

- All Meals (except weekday lunch) to be provided by your host family and are included in the price.
- Bed linen and towels to be provided and laundered at regular intervals.
- Adequate storage and study facilities.
- Electricity and gas bills are included in the price.
- Your own front door key for independent access.

Price: About £500 per person per calendar month

Application process: Our accommodation form

2. Stranmillis University College Halls of Residence

We will introduce you to the nearest University Halls of Residence. They are usually divided into good quality apartments and have a shared kitchen or bathroom.

Short bus ride to our College and City Centre.

<http://www.stran.ac.uk/informationfor/undergraduatestudents/student-services/accommodationcatering/>

- Single study bedroom fully furnished and centrally heated
- Self catering OR Catered
- Internet Access
- Cafeteria, bar, convenience store and launderette in the accommodation area
- Live with other students. Good for socialising

Price: range from £80 - £120 per week depending on your choice. Minimum 6 months' contract. £200 Deposit required before you move in.

- **Option 1 – Rent an apartment/house**

The arrangement that you enter into will be between you and the landlord. Leases are usually for a period of 9 -12 months but in some cases this can be negotiable. There is a good variety of properties to rent in Belfast and all are of a high standard due to government regulations. The types of properties available are:

- 1-4 bedroom city centre apartments/flats
- 3-5 bedroom houses located close to Queens University and 10 - 15 minutes walk from Belfast city centre
- TV, cooking facilities and laundry facilities will normally be provided by the landlord
- You will have to provide your own bed linen and kitchen equipment, e.g. plates, cups, bowls, and cutlery. However we can help you buy these essentials.
- Usually electricity and gas bills are not included in the rent
- No food included, this is self catering.

- **Options 2 – Room in a shared house**

As option 1, but you rent a room in a house, already rented to other students. One of the main sources for finding a room is at www.daft.ie. You may also know other students who you may want to share with or meet when you start your course.

Price: From £150 - £300 per person per month (sharing), Whole house/apartment £400 - £1000 per month

Application process: Visit the above websites and apply directly to landlords.

International Student Accommodation Application Form



Personal Information	Application Number (office use only)
Surname	Forename
Nationality	Date of Birth
Gender Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>
Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address	
<p>Which of the following types of accommodation would you prefer?</p> <p>Please number in order of preference 1- 5:</p> <p>Home stay <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Stranmillis University College Halls of Residence <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Queens University Halls of Residence <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Private Rental <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We need to make arrangements for you to collect your key and any other information that you require. So please state the date of your arrival:</p> <p>Day Month Year</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>You may decide to bring along your bedding but if required we can provide you with this. Please tick below if you require bedding, the price of this bedding is £70 GBP. It includes pillows, pillow cases, duvet, and sheets.</p> <p>Yes, I require bedding <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will provide my own bedding <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Please tick in the blank boxes below which type of accommodation you require. Every effort will be made to meet your requirements but no guarantees can be given.

Specially Adapted	Specially adapted accommodation for students with mobility difficulties, hearing or visual impairment. A doctor's report must be attached to qualify.	
Non Smoking	Tick here if you would prefer to live in non-smoking accommodation.	
Mixed Sex	Tick here if you DO NOT MIND sharing a flat with students of the opposite sex.	
Sharing with local students	Tick here if you wish to share predominately with students from UK/Ireland.	
Sharing with International students	Tick here if you wish to share predominately with students from overseas.	
Study Group	Tick here if you wish to be allocated a room close to other students doing similar courses/modules as yourself.	

If you wish to share a flat with friends please list their names below. Please note that each student you list should also complete an application form, and these should be submitted together. Every effort will be made to keep you together but no guarantees can be given.

Other Preferences/Medical Circumstances

If there are any other preferences or special requirements in relation to your accommodation options or if you have any medical conditions or disabilities (e.g. Asthma, Mobility issues) that may require assistance, please outline this below or attach a separate sheet.

Belfast Metropolitan College may seek verification of any medical conditions.

I have read the accommodation information and I declare that to the best of my Knowledge the information provided in this application form is true. I understand that in this form I have provided certain personal information. I consent to the use of this data for the purposes of deciding whether to allocate suitable accommodation to me.

Failure to sign and date this form will delay the processing of your application

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to:

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