Undergraduate Accommodation 2017
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“it was the best year of university having all your friends living with you. Being in such a nice environment really helps you through your first year.

Peter, Law
Going away to university is one of the most exciting times of your life. Having a place to live where you feel happy, comfortable and safe, surrounded by great friends and enjoying your new-found freedom plays a major part in ensuring you have the best possible time.

We believe that new students are best served by living in University Halls. Staying with us in your first year is an unmissable part of your student experience. You’ll be part of a community of over 4,000 residents, so you’ll have no problem getting to know each other and getting involved in what Leicester has to offer. At the same time you’ll also learn how to live independently and acquire valuable skills that you’ll use for the rest of your life.

In this brochure you can find out more about our accommodation, facilities and services, and all the things we do to ensure that you have a fabulous first year.

Find out more about all of our accommodation options
www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Visit our social media platform to get a feel for life in Halls.
www.browzer.co.uk/le
Why stay in our Halls of Residence?

Location
We have residences at two main locations. Oadby Student Village is situated in beautiful green parklands and has a real community feel. Our Halls at City Living are in a very convenient location – just a short walk from campus and Leicester city centre.

Social Life
Staying with us in your first year means you’ll become part of a large and lively community of over 4,000 University of Leicester students, so there’s a buzzing social life at our Halls of Residence. We also organise a diverse calendar of social events and opportunities.

Wide range of accommodation options
We offer room types to suit all budgets and requirements, including Essential Meal Plan and self-catered options. Our contract lengths are either 39 weeks or 42 weeks, depending on where you choose to live.

Excellent Facilities
We provide guaranteed 12Mbps internet with upgrade to 100Mbps available. Both Halls of Residence locations have recently refurbished University Sports Centres close by, as well as local supermarkets and shops within easy walking distance.

A safe and supportive environment
All our sites are safe and secure. Our dedicated and experienced team of Residential Advisers can provide support if you have any issues and site receptions are staffed 24 hours a day. All Halls can only be accessed with a key or fob.
Living in University accommodation is about much more than the four walls you sleep in.

It’s about an all-round experience which gives you the chance to make new friends, enjoy yourself, learn new skills and study within your residence. You also need people around for those times when things aren’t going quite so well.

The Residence Life team is responsible for providing all of this. The team consists of current students who live in Halls, just like you.
Our Residence Life programme helps you in the following ways:

**Support your transition**

Living in Halls is great but for most of our students it’s very different to what they’re used to. The Residence Life team helps you to settle in quickly, make friends and start to enjoy your new life. We provide loads of events in those first few weeks so you can socialise with fellow residents and try new hobbies.

We also offer opportunities to learn some new skills, such as cooking and cleaning, the sort of things you might never have done before, but which you’ll definitely need in the future!

**Support your studies**

We also provide opportunities for you to develop your study skills. University is different to school or college. You’ll be expected to study independently and pursue your own avenues of enquiry. The way you’re asked to present your work is different too. We work with colleagues across the University to give our residents the chance to learn these skills within the comfort of their own residence. The Residence Life team also works tirelessly to ensure that noise levels are kept at an appropriate level, with a 24 hour no noise policy during exam periods, so everyone can get the peace and quiet they need to study or gain much-needed sleep.

**Help you through the difficult times**

It’s perfectly normal for our residents to have moments when they struggle with university life. When you need some additional support, even if it’s just a cup of tea and a chat, the Residence Life team is on hand to provide it. It’s often all someone needs to feel better about their situation so they can go back to enjoying student life. If we can’t help, we signpost residents to the University’s specialist support services who are better qualified to assist.

**Provide opportunities to enhance your CV**

When you live in Halls you will have a number of opportunities to gain experiences which you can add to your CV and ultimately make you more employable. You can get involved in our charity and volunteering work, or you can even become a member of the Residence Life team yourself, typically in your second or third year.

**Enjoy yourself!**

You’ll want to live somewhere which is safe, secure, comfortable and pleasant, but ultimately, you’ll want to have fun as well. Our range of events means that there is something for everyone. Whether you’re interested in arts, sport, games, quizzing or anything else, we will have something for you. The ideas from our events programme come directly from our residents so if you’d like to do something and you don’t see it on the programme, let us know and we’ll try to provide it. Many of our events take place in our recently refurbished Village Hub.
Your room

For descriptions, prices, photos
[www.le.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.le.ac.uk/accommodation)

We want all of our students to feel at home, because your room is your home. We’ll provide a bed, wardrobe, bookcase, desk and chair, and easy chair. Beyond that, you can personalise your space however you want. The only limit is your imagination!

Room types

We offer the following range of rooms types across our two accommodation sites, Oadby Student Village and City Living. The prices and features of the room types vary between our different properties, but you’re sure to find an option that suits your budget within our wide range of accommodation.

- Twin Room
- Single Bedroom
- Single Bedroom with Washbasin
- Single Bedroom with Washbasin (Adapted)
- Single Ensuite
- Single Ensuite (Adapted)
- Single Studio Flat
- One Bedroom Flat

Varying sizes are available in some of our accommodation and are represented by ‘Small’ or ‘Large’ room types e.g Single Bedroom (Large).

The best way of seeing Halls is to come to an Open Day and take part in an accommodation tour. You’ll have the chance to visit different room types and find out if you can see yourself living there – if you can, then that’s the place for you!

Adapted Rooms

If you have a disability or long term condition, you may require an adapted room. Please contact us directly to discuss your options so that we are able to provide a room that best suits your needs. We also recommend that you contact the AccessAbility centre who will be able to advise you further.

t: +44 (0)116 252 5002
e: accessible@le.ac.uk
Internet
Wireless, high speed broadband internet is available in all of our rooms. The minimum speed is 12Mbps and this is included in your package. Upgrades are available with speeds of up to 100Mbps. Visit www.ask4.com for more details.

Feel safe and secure
Both Oadby Student Village and City Living sites have very low crime rates. We have CCTV, security patrols and an active police presence. We work with the Police to offer you tips and advice on how to keep you and your property safe.

Sports facilities

For further information
www.le.ac.uk/sports

The Roger Bettles Sports Centre is right next door to Oadby Student Village. Train in the gym, take a dip in the 25m swimming pool and indulge yourself with saunas and steam rooms. Those in City Living can take advantage of the Danielle Brown Sports Centre on main campus.

Both sports centres were recently redeveloped and offer high quality facilities and a wide range of fitness programmes.
Social life

It’s important to us that you feel at home whilst staying in Halls.

The beauty of going to university is that it can be whatever you want it to be. Whether you want a lively social scene or a quiet life, you can do exactly what makes you happy – as long as you remember to be a responsible neighbour!
The social life in Halls is something you won’t find anywhere else. You’ll see from the day you arrive that everyone is in the same boat and excited to meet new people. The Village Hub is just one of the many places in the Oadby Student Village where you can relax and unwind. Throughout your time in Halls of Residence you will meet a diverse range of people and have a great time along the way.

Facilities vary across sites but include:

- Cinema room
- Pool tables
- Sky TV
- Music rooms
- Dance studios
- Common rooms
- Social Study Spaces
Meal packages

Our Meal Plan

If you want to enjoy great tasting, great value food, or if you just find the idea of having to cook for yourself quite daunting, our meal plan could be the perfect option for you.

With access to food in a variety of outlets on campus and in the Oadby Student Village, our meal plan gives you the flexibility to enjoy student life without worrying about your next meal.

To help you budget your money, you will receive your food allowance in three instalments in line with the start of each term. Any money left in your account after each term will roll over, it can even roll over into the next academic year, meaning that you can spend your money throughout your study. It’s up to you how you spend that money and if you do run out you’ll still have the option of adding money to your account.

Essential Meal Plan

Some of our accommodation requires an essential meal plan, meaning that the cost of the plan is already built into the price of your rent. These sites have limited cooking facilities, and as such are not ideal for preparing meals. Thanks to the meal plan, you don’t have to worry about that and can enjoy the great food in our outlets instead.

This includes the dining hall, Village Pub and Village Shop as well as all of our fantastic cafés and restaurants on main campus.

Optional Meal Plan

If you like the sound of the Meal Plan, but don’t want to limit your choice of accommodation, you can choose to buy the Optional Meal Plan. You can buy the plan a term at a time or for the full year upfront and benefit from all of the same offers and discounts as the Essential Meal Plan.

Find out more about all the exciting benefits of joining our Meal Plan, including our diverse range of food outlets and details of our Meal Plan app on our website.
Why should I opt into the meal plan?

- No need to worry about food shopping or preparing meals after a long day of lectures.
- Learn valuable life skills and manage your money throughout each term.
- Gain access to exclusive offers, available to Meal Plan holders only.
- Enjoy socialising over food, eating with your friends and meeting new people.
- Eat delicious, fresh food every day made by our award winning chefs.
- Choose from a range of outlets and wide variety of cuisines, including vegetarian and gluten free options.
- Plan your day however you want. Use your meal plan on campus or in Oadby, food and drink available until late.
- Top up your card with extra money whenever you need to.
- Manage your meals in a way that suits you, and buy any extras that you need from The Village Shop or delicious.
- Use your meal plan all year round, from the start of the academic year to the end, including holidays.
Oadby Student Village

With its buzzing social life and wide choice of accommodation, the Halls of Residence at Oadby Student Village are very popular with first year undergraduates. It's an excellent place to settle into university life and make new friends.

Oadby Student Village is a mix of wonderful Edwardian houses and newer, purpose built blocks set in beautiful parklands adjacent to the University’s sports facilities and Botanic Garden. Oadby Student Village has its own bar and shop, but there is an Asda supermarket and the town of Oadby close by.

Oadby Student Village is around a 15 minute bus ride from main campus. A regular bus service, provided by Arriva, runs between Oadby, main campus and the city centre.

Arriva runs a bendy bus between Oadby Student Village, main campus and the city every 10 minutes.
Oadby Student Village

Properties

Choose from our diverse range of properties, which include self-catered options or rooms with a built-in meal plan. Whatever your criteria, we have something to suit everyone’s needs and budget.

All of our rooms in Oadby Student Village are on 39 week contracts.

For more detailed information about all of our property groups, facilities and latest prices, please visit our website www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Stamford Hall
- Lasdun
- Stamford Houses

Digby Hall
- Digby Houses
- Meadow Court

Stamford Houses

Meadow Court

Beaumont Hall
- Beaumont House
- Beaumont Lodges
- Glebe Court
- Knighton Court

Gilbert Murray Hall
- Bowder Court
- Clivedon House
- Fields House
- Gilbert Murray Houses

John Foster Hall
- The Coppice
- John Foster Houses
- The Pavilions
- Wighton House

Bowder Court

Knighton Court

The Pavilions
City Living

Choosing to live in our self-catered accommodation in the city allows flexibility and freedom. Most of our City Living accommodation is less than ten minutes from campus meaning that facilities such as the Danielle Brown Sports Centre and the 24 hour library are just a short walk away.

Leicester’s vibrant and diverse city centre is also close-by, which boasts world-class shopping, a huge variety of pubs, cafés and restaurants, plus a range of museums, cinemas and theatres.
Properties

All of our City Living properties are self-catered and are on 42 week contracts, apart from Mary Gee which is on a 39 week contract.

For more detailed information about all of our property groups, facilities and latest prices, please visit our website www.le.ac.uk/accommodation
Applying for accommodation 2017/18

All first year undergraduate students who apply for University accommodation before 1 September 2017 are guaranteed a place in University allocated residences for 2017/18.

**Unconditional offer holders who make Leicester their firm choice**

If your place at Leicester is already confirmed, you will be able to apply for accommodation from March 2017. The Accommodation Team will send you an email with instructions on how to apply. Once you have submitted your accommodation application, you will be made an offer of accommodation within 15 working days.

**Conditional offer holders who make Leicester their firm choice**

You will be able to apply for accommodation online when you make Leicester your firm choice with UCAS. The Accommodation Team will send you an email with instructions on how to apply. This is likely to be in March 2017.

Once you have your results and your place at the University is confirmed, the Accommodation Team will make you an offer of accommodation by email.

**Applicants who have made Leicester their insurance choice**

If you’re not accepted by your firm choice when you get your results, but you are accepted by Leicester, the Accommodation Team will send you joining instructions as soon as your place is confirmed, and you will then be able to apply for accommodation.

**Clearing applicants**

If you apply to Leicester via Clearing, as soon as your place at the University is confirmed, the Accommodation Team will send you joining instructions and you will be able to apply for accommodation.

**Contacting the Accommodation Team**

The Accommodation Team are here to help with any queries you may have. Whether you want to find out more about our Halls of Residence, need some help with your application, or want to ask about any other aspect of living in University accommodation, please contact us by telephone 0116 252 2428 or email accommodation@le.ac.uk. You can also pop in to see us at Nixon Court reception.

**Remember:** We guarantee accommodation to all first year undergraduates who apply before 1 September so if Leicester is your insurance choice or you’re coming to us via Clearing, you don’t need to worry about finding somewhere to live in the private sector.

**Please note:** The email address you use to register for the online application system will be used for all correspondence until you enrol at the University. Make sure you give us an email address you check regularly. Please do not use your school or college email address as these sometimes expire at the end of the year and we’ll need to contact you over the Summer.

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For further information
www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

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**Go to Facebook and search for your favourite Hall**

**Visit our social media platform**
www.browzer.co.uk/le
Location map

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