ACCOMMODATION FOR COUPLES, FAMILIES AND MATURE STUDENTS
Your guide to choosing accommodation at Reading 2017 – 2018
WELCOME

The University has a range of accommodation which is suitable for mature single students, couples and families. The accommodation consists of houses with converted rooms and self-contained flats as well as purpose-built studio rooms which are located within the halls.

The accommodation suitable for families, couples and mature students offers many great benefits:
• Great location
  All accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within easy walking distance.
• All inclusive rent
  including:
  • all utility bills
  • Wi-Fi
  • a basic level of contents insurance
  • maintenance
• Low deposit
  A deposit of £250 is all you need to pay to secure your room booking.
• Furnished
  Furnishings vary according to the size and type of accommodation but all accommodation includes a bed and mattress, desk, desk chair, shelves and wardrobe as a minimum.
• Safe and secure
  The halls are security patrolled and use CCTV. Each group of halls has a manned reception.
• Welfare support
  A dedicated and experienced team of staff wardens look after all aspects of pastoral care.
• ‘Halls hotline’
  Available 24/7, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls-related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Self-catered accommodation (no meals provided)
Accommodation for families, couples and mature students is self-catered

Contract lengths

51 weeks
The contract length for the majority of the accommodation for families, couples and mature students is 51 weeks. You rent your room during term time and the Christmas, Easter and Summer vacations, from September to September.

40 weeks
Some accommodation detailed in this Guide is available for 40 weeks. This means you move in just before the start of Welcome Week and move out after the end of the summer term.
APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

You will be guaranteed a place in hall if you are:

• a **new full-time undergraduate** who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice and applies for accommodation by 1 August and satisfies the conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry*

• a **new full-time postgraduate** who has accepted an offer from the University and applies for accommodation by 1 August and satisfies any conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry*.

* Subject to restrictions, please see the Accommodation Policy for more details: [http://www.reading.ac.uk/web/files/accommodation/Accommodation_Policy_17_18.pdf](http://www.reading.ac.uk/web/files/accommodation/Accommodation_Policy_17_18.pdf)

Please note: we do not guarantee accommodation for partners and children.

INSURANCE CHOICE

If you choose the University of Reading as your insurance choice you are not guaranteed a place in halls accommodation. You will not be able to apply for accommodation until Reading becomes your firm choice; this is usually the Monday after A Level results. As our halls are usually oversubscribed, it is highly likely you will also need to look at alternative accommodation options.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

All applications are made online through the accommodation pages of the personal applicant portal. You will be sent an email when you are eligible to make your application. There is no charge for making an application. At the time of accepting an accommodation offer you will be asked to pay a holding deposit of £250.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

When making your application, you have the opportunity to note any specific requirements. This includes single gender accommodation, whether you would like to live in a ‘quieter lifestyle’ area and any medical or other conditions which may affect your time in halls. Please ensure you complete this part of the application accurately to ensure we match your requirements as closely as possible.

Please note: none of our families or couples accommodation is wheelchair user accessible or adaptable.

Single gender accommodation means sharing a house/flat (not a room) with other students of the same gender. Please be aware in either male or female single gender accommodation there may be guests staying who are a of a different gender. There may also be staff members visiting (cleaners, maintenance repairs etc.) who are of a different gender.

We aim to allocate students together who consider themselves to have a ‘quieter lifestyle’. Please note, we can’t guarantee a permanent quiet environment. Communal living will always involve some level of noise. However by placing students requesting a quieter lifestyle together we hope to better meet the different expectations of our students.

To see which halls which have quieter lifestyle areas and single gender areas please see pages six and seven. For more information see: [www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/university-accommodation/specific-requirements.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/university-accommodation/specific-requirements.aspx)

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION TIMELINE 2017 – 2018

**21 February 2017, 12 noon**

**Unconditional offer holders**: Applications open for new undergraduates who hold Reading as a Firm UCAS choice and hold an unconditional academic offer

Applications open for new postgraduates who have accepted an unconditional academic offer

**Conditional offer holders**: Applications open for new undergraduates who hold Reading as a Firm UCAS choice and have a conditional academic offer

Applications open for new postgraduates who have accepted a conditional academic offer

**1 August 2017**

**Guarantee**: The deadline to apply for accommodation under the guarantee is midnight on this date. You must then fulfil the terms of your academic offer by 31 August in order to receive a guaranteed place in halls.

**From 17 August 2017**

**Offers made following examination results**: Once your academic offer becomes unconditional, usually after examination results, we will do our best to make you an offer of accommodation.

**21 August 2017, 12 noon**

The portal re-opens on this date for insurance students and those coming to Reading through clearing and adjustment, also for anyone else who may be submitting a late application. For students not under the guarantee (most of this group) the application will be for a place on our waiting list. We recommend you simultaneously start looking at alternate accommodation options.

**Family accommodation for returning students**

Family accommodation is available for one academic year only and is not eligible for returners to apply for. Students seeking family accommodation for subsequent academic years will need to seek accommodation in the private sector ([www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/private-accommodation.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/private-accommodation.aspx) for further information).

**Permitted occupants**

For rooms suitable for more than one occupant, you will be asked to provide details of those that will be living with you.
CREIGHTON COURT

Suitable for families

Creighton Court is located just a short walk from central campus and includes 24 purpose-built self-contained flats suitable for families with one or two children under 12 years of age.

There is a self-contained garden for the exclusive use of Creighton Court residents. There is a laundry on-site and a lockable bike shed.

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<th>Room types within Creighton Court</th>
<th>No. available</th>
<th>Suitable for</th>
<th>£ per week for 51 weeks (2017–18)</th>
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<tr>
<td>One bedroom flat</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>A maximum of two adults and one child under 12 years of age</td>
<td>£213.50</td>
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<td>One bedroom flat</td>
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<td>(4 x two adults and one child)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two bedroom flat</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>A maximum of two adults and one or two children under 12 years of age, depending on flat type</td>
<td>£245.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two bedroom flat</td>
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<td>(4 x two adults and one child)</td>
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NORTHCOURT AVENUE HOUSES

Suitable for couples and mature students

There are three separate houses located on Northcourt Avenue which offer a range of accommodation options for single mature students and couples.

Northcourt Avenue is a ten-minute walk from the centre of the Whiteknights campus and is less than a five-minute walk from shops, cafes, a bank and a bus stop serving Reading town centre and train station.

12 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

Large detached property spread over three floors with at least one bathroom per floor. Three kitchens, one on each floor, are shared by all of the residents.

Rooms include a washbasin and bathroom facilities are shared with other residents.

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<th>Room types within 12 Northcourt Avenue</th>
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<tr>
<td>Washbasin</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Single occupancy</td>
<td>£115.50–£124.95</td>
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<tr>
<td>Double washbasin</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£143.50</td>
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14 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

This large detached house offers a range of rooms with their own individual style and character. The bathroom facilities are available on each floor and are shared between residents along with the kitchen. Some of the rooms include their own washbasin.

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<th>Room types within 14 Northcourt Avenue</th>
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<tr>
<td>Shared bathroom</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Single occupancy</td>
<td>£115.50-£124.95</td>
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<tr>
<td>Study suite</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
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Bedroom with double bed, adjoining study area
16 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

This large detached house offers a selection of 13 flats and studio rooms. Ideally suited for mature single students and couples. This traditional character property also benefits from a small enclosed garden.

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<th>Room types within 16 Northcourt Avenue</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Studio</strong></td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Single occupancy</td>
<td>£143.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Room with single bed and open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with either bath and shower head attachment or shower.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Double studio</strong></td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£164.64</td>
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<tr>
<td>Room with double bed and open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with either bath and shower head attachment or shower.</td>
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<td><strong>One bedroom flat</strong></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£213.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bedroom with double bed, separate lounge and separate kitchen. Additional study room. Bathroom with bath and shower over the bath.</td>
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<td><strong>One bedroom flat</strong></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£213.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bedroom with double bed, separate lounge with open plan kitchen. Bathroom with shower over the bath.</td>
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ST PATRICK’S HALL FLATS/SETS

Suitable for couples and mature students

There are a number of room and flats located within St Patrick’s Hall that are suited to more mature students or those requiring a lower number of residents sharing kitchen and bathroom areas. St Patrick’s Hall is a short walk from the campus centre and conveniently located for local shops, eating places and buses to Reading town centre and station.

**Room types within St Patrick’s Hall flats/sets**

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Two single occupants or a couple sharing</td>
<td>£245</td>
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**Two bedroom flat**

Two double bedrooms. Lounge with dining table and chairs and separate kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath. Small enclosed garden. Please note: due to the location of this flat by the entrance hall during peak hours there may be some additional noise.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Maximum of two couples sharing</td>
<td>£164.64 per couple</td>
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**Double shared bathroom**

Two double bedrooms, large separate kitchen with dining table, chairs and washing machine. Bathroom with bath and over bath shower.

**Shared bathroom**

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<th>Flats/sets</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<td>Flat 2:</td>
<td>Two single bedrooms with a separate kitchen, bathroom and dining room.</td>
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<td>Flat 3:</td>
<td>Three single bedrooms with a separate kitchen and bathroom.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sets:</td>
<td>Four sets, each having a bedroom and separate lounge. Two share a bathroom and all four share one kitchen which is accessed by going outside.</td>
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**Single occupancy**

| £124.95-£129.99 each occupant | 9 |
ST GEORGE’S HALL FLATS/STUDIOS
Suitable for couples and mature students

St George’s Hall offers a selection of self-contained studios and flats suitable for students seeking self-contained accommodation within a traditional hall setting. The pedestrian entrance to the rear of St George’s Hall is located directly opposite the University Sportspark offering easy access to campus.

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<th>Room types within St George’s Hall flats/studios</th>
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<tr>
<td>One bedroom flat</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£213.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bedroom with double bed and living area. Separate kitchen and separate bathroom.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Studio</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Single occupancy</td>
<td>£199.99</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bedroom with single bed with kitchen area included. Separate bathroom.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Double premium washbasin</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£143.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large bedroom with double bed and washbasin. Shared bathroom and kitchen facilities for up to 8 residents</td>
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GREENOW FLAT
Suitable for two students sharing
Located on the ground floor of Greenow House which is just a few minutes walk from Park Group social hub and the centre of campus.

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<td>Maximum two adults</td>
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<td>Two bedrooms – one with double bed and the other with a single bed. Separate lounge with kitchen area and separate bathroom. Please note: due to the location of this flat by the entrance hall, during peak hours there may be some additional noise.</td>
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BENYON HALL FARMHOUSE
Suitable for couples and mature students

The Benyon Hall Farmhouse is situated within the grounds of Benyon Hall. This 19th century historic listed building offers a range of accommodation suitable for mature students and couples. The property includes a shared garden to the rear.

The Farmhouse is situated approximately 15 minutes’ walk from the centre of campus and is close to local shops, a bank and bus stop into central Reading and the station.

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<th>Room types within Farmhouse</th>
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<td>Double premium en-suite</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£164.64 for the room</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large room with double bed. Two of the rooms have en-suite showers pods and one of the rooms has a separate shower room.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Premium en-suite</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>single occupancy</td>
<td>£164.64</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large room with double bed and en-suite shower pod.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Studio</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Maximum two adults</td>
<td>£199.99 per studio</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large room with double bed, kitchenette area and separate bathroom.</td>
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN EACH ROOM/FLAT?
All bedrooms are furnished with: bed and mattress, desk, desk chair, shelves and wardrobe. All communal kitchens are equipped with microwave, fridge, kettle, toaster and ironing board. The kitchens in the self-catered areas also include cookers and fridge/freezers. In addition to your personal items, you will need to bring:
- cookware (such as pots and pans)
- crockery and utensils
- towels, bed linen, duvet and pillows

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I RECEIVE BEFORE I ARRIVE?
Once you have accepted a place you will be asked to complete an online induction. This will include a link to your hall Arrivals Guide which will provide valuable arrivals information, details of what to bring and an insight into hall life to prepare you for your time in hall.

CAN I LIVE IN HALL ACCOMMODATION BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR?

Family accommodation
Accommodation suitable for families is very limited and is therefore reserved for new families moving to Reading who are not as able to seek accommodation in the private sector. Family accommodation is available for one academic year only and is not eligible for returners to apply for. Students seeking family accommodation for subsequent academic years will need to seek accommodation in the private sector. See www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/private-accommodation.aspx for further information.

Couples and mature students
There is limited availability for returning students and there is no guarantee of being able to stay in the accommodation beyond the first year. Residents are contacted in the first term with details of the returners application process.

CAN I GET AN ACCESSIBLE ROOM?
The University’s Disability Team provides support and advice and works closely with the Accommodation Team to assist students with special requirements. Contact disability@reading.ac.uk or 0118 378 8921.

CAN I BRING MY CAR?
Except in very specific cases students living in halls are unable to bring a car or park either on campus or within a one-mile radius of the University. The area around the University is for residents parking only. For all information regarding car, motorcycle or visitor parking please see www.reading.ac.uk/parking. All halls are within easy walking distance of Whiteknights campus and conveniently close to excellent bus routes serving supermarkets, Reading town centre and train station.

CAN I VIEW THE ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO MOVING IN?
Once you receive an offer of accommodation you can request to view the room you’ve been offered. We will liaise with the current occupant and arrange the viewing where possible.

IS THERE ANY SINGLE GENDER ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE?
If you are seeking single gender accommodation the self-contained flats and studios listed in this Guide may be a good choice as the bathroom and kitchen facilities are not shared with other residents. Alternatively there are single gender areas in some of the standard halls accommodation. For more information see www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/university-accommodation/specific-requirements.aspx

Local shops, a bank and bus stop are just a couple of minutes walk away.

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Please note

All photos are examples of facilities on offer and individual rooms may vary. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details outlined in this booklet are correct at the time of publication, some arrangements may be subject to change.

The University of Reading is committed to providing quality student accommodation and fully complies with the Student Accommodation Code. See www.thesac.org.uk for more details. The code covers, among other matters, health and safety, maintenance and repair, and relationships between the University and student tenants. It outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management – and quality – of student housing in the sector.