

Housing in Bristol: Options for Single Semester Study Abroad Students

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Apply for University allocated accommodation: Single semester students can apply for accommodation in undergraduate residences. The Accommodation Office will guarantee accommodation for the first 20 TB1 study abroad applicants and the first 20 TB2 applicants. An effort will be made to house 'study abroad' students together or with other returning students, rather than with first year students.

If you are interested in on-campus housing, you must:

A) Register with Global Opportunities via the online sign up form [here](#). The first 20 applicants for each semester will be guaranteed housing, so do register as soon as possible.

B) Apply via the Accommodation Office website between 24 April – 8 May 2018 – www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/current/study-abroad/

Allocations will be made from 22 May. You will be given a week to accept your accommodation offer and to put down a deposit.

Use the UoB Accommodation Office Student Accommodation online bulletin board to find housing (even at the last minute): If you have not made previous arrangements for housing during your semester in Bristol, the online Student Accommodation boards are a great place to find a room in a shared house or a flat, often for a semester only. You need to be a registered UoB student to use the bulletin board. Before the start of each semester, there should be contracts available for immediate move in. Visit the bulletin board at: www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/privately-rented/finding-privately-rented-accommodation/bulletin-board.html.

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Use Facebook networks to find a room near the time that you will need housing: See below. You must stay aware of scams. Never hand over money without seeing a room in person, meeting the landlord and being 100% sure the arrangement is genuine.

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- 2018/19 Semester Abroad Accommodation

Join this group to connect with other Bristol students who will be doing a semester abroad next year. You may be able to find someone going away the opposite semester to you, who you can arrange a tenancy transfer with: www.facebook.com/groups/2482243068666636

- ESN Bristol Erasmus Accommodation

Study Abroad students coming to Bristol use this group to look for housing. You could use it to advertise your room, or look for somewhere to live: www.facebook.com/groups/337165682970637

Use Bristol SU Lettings agency to help you identify and find a room or flat. The benefit of using SU Lettings is that there are no fees. See www.bristolsulettings.co.uk for more information.

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Check with private housing companies to see if they have availability for a single semester room.

Important note about finding an alternative tenant to rent a vacant private room: If you plan to rent a house together with friends and want to find a suitable alternative tenant to occupy your room during your semester abroad, you will need permission from your landlord and the other tenants. Before you rent the house, you should check that the landlord or agent will be happy to agree to a transfer of tenancy before you rent the property. When you find the replacement (who must be suitable for the other tenants too) you should go to your landlord/agent who can then proceed with organising deposits and change of tenancy agreement etc. Most landlords and agencies will charge a fee for this transfer.

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