

Union School of Theology

Accommodation & Meal Charges 2023-24

Below are the prices for accommodation and meals on our campus in Bridgend, Wales. All accommodation is subject to availability, and so we urge you to book early using the booking system on our website. Our kitchen is generally open during the semester teaching periods, but please check for availability for your preferred dates and book ahead. Please note that accommodation prices do not include meals. Meal costs are shown separately.

Annual Accommodation

As a full time campus student, you may wish to be a resident. The 'annual' prices shown are for residential accommodation from early September to the end of the exam weeks in mid-May the following year. You do not need to empty your room during the Christmas and Easter breaks.

Annual accommodation is charged per room as follows:

Single room on campus	£2570 per year (single occupancy)
Shared room on campus	£3600 per year (married couple sharing)

If you wish to extend your stay, by arriving earlier or staying longer than the academic year, an additional charge will apply. This is subject to availability and needs to be booked in advance.

Masters Accommodation

Tuition for our MTh (Campus) programme is carried out by means of intensive teaching weeks throughout the duration of the course (a total of six). Students are invited to stay on campus during these weeks, and we urge you to book ahead using the booking system on our website.

Masters' accommodation is charged per room as follows:

Single room on campus	£26 per night
Shared room on campus	£37 per night (married couple sharing)
Weekend rate	£40 (3 nights: Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

For a typical Masters' week, you would usually arrive on a Monday night and depart on the Friday morning, a total of four nights at a cost of £104 (4 x £26). The weekend rate has been reduced to encourage you to arrive early to be refreshed before the course starts, especially those travelling long distances, and to encourage you to stay for the intervening weekend at a reasonable cost.

Example of costs for two consecutive teaching weeks:

Weekend 1	£40	(3 nights Friday to Monday)
Week 1	£104	(4 nights Monday to Friday)
Weekend 2	£40	(3 nights Friday to Monday)
Week 2	£104	(4 nights Monday to Friday)
Total	£288	(14 nights)

Other Accommodation

BA Flex Students

BA Flex students are required to attend campus in person for certain minimum periods throughout the year, to attend lectures. We wish to encourage this as much as possible, so we have built the cost of accommodation into the fees. There is currently no charge for accommodation for full time or part time BA Flex students who wish to visit the campus. Meals (optional) will need to be paid for.

Other Guests

We welcome students, their families and other guests who wish to stay on the campus. This might be for a study break, to take exams, or just to visit. If you wish to stay for a longer period for study, or for a sabbatical, please contact us with full information and for prices.

Short term accommodation is charged per room as follows:

Single room	£26 (single occupancy)
Shared room	£37 (married couple sharing)

Meal Charges

Below are the prices for meals provided on campus. The kitchen is generally open during the semester teaching weeks for weekday meals. No meals are provided during weekends at any point in the year. You will need to book ahead if you wish to have lunches and/or evening meals during your stay. You will usually be asked for your meal preferences when you book for accommodation.

Meals are charged as follows:

Residential students

Prices shown are for booking meals during each semester. Meals are only available during weekdays and during the teaching periods. The Christmas and Easter breaks are excluded.

Semester 1 lunches	£300
Semester 1 evening meals	£300
Semester 2 lunches	£300
Semester 2 evening meals	£300

Other meals

Prices shown are per meal. These prices apply to all students (including Masters' students) and guests.

Individual lunches	£5
Individual evening meals	£5

Terms and Conditions

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Annual & short-term accommodation and meals

Accommodation

The accommodation provided is either a single or shared bedroom on the Union campus at Bryntirion House. Subject to availability, the accommodation offered is either for the full academic year or for short-term study or exam breaks. The School may also offer overnight accommodation to guests.

Annual residential accommodation

The terms and conditions below relate to the accommodation provided and the charges made for annual residential accommodation. Your attention is also drawn to the Tenancy Agreement which will covers the rights and obligations of the School, as landlord, and of you, as tenant, if you have decided to apply for annual residential accommodation.

Annual accommodation is optional, and charges cover the single occupancy of a study room during the whole academic year.

The period of occupancy runs from the start of semester one in September to the end of exam week in semester two, the following May. Additional charges apply outside of this period. Subject to availability, prices for shared accommodation are available on request.

The room is usually available for the storage of the student's possessions during the Christmas and Easter vacations, but the room must otherwise be vacated unless prior permission has been obtained.

If a student decides not to take up the tenancy *before the start of the tenancy period*, they will not be liable for any accommodation charges and will be entitled to a refund of any charges already paid.

If a student decides to vacate the accommodation/discontinue the occupancy *after the start of the tenancy period* during semester one, they will be liable to pay the charges relating to that semester only. Any remaining balance for that semester must be paid, and they will be entitled to a refund for any accommodation charges paid in advance for semester two. Each semester is deemed to be 50% of the total annual accommodation fees.

If a student decides to vacate the accommodation/discontinue the occupancy after the start of the tenancy period during semester two, they will be liable to pay the charges relating to that semester. Any remaining balance will need to be paid, and they will not be eligible for any refund. Each semester is deemed to be 50% of the total annual accommodation fees.

If there are extenuating circumstances leading to the student's decision to discontinue their occupancy, the School may consider waiving these refund rules. Extenuating circumstances include but are not limited to serious illness. The School reserves the right to decide if extenuating circumstances are applicable.

Students are required to sign a tenancy agreement for each annual period of occupancy. Yyou should familiarise yourself with your main obligations prior to purchase.

A room deposit of £100 is payable in advance to secure the accommodation. This is refundable at the end of the final period of occupancy, subject to the room and its furniture being returned in a clean, tidy and undamaged condition. The School reserves the right to withhold all or part of the deposit to pay for cleaning or damage.

Payment of charges

Each year, at the start of your tenancy, you will be invoiced for your annual residential accommodation charges. You must ensure that you pay your annual charges at the start of your tenancy unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the School.

Such alternative arrangements include payment by instalments. Payment by instalments will normally be either four consecutive monthly instalments by standing order, starting immediately after enrolment, or three equal instalments throughout the academic year, usually in September, January and April. If you are being supported by Student Finance, it may be possible to align your instalment payments with your payments from the Student Loan Company.

You may be charged a surcharge by the School in the event that you pay any instalment after the due date.

If you encounter difficulties in paying your accommodation charges, please contact the Finance Officer: finance@ust.ac.uk as soon as possible. We will be as flexible as we can in the light of your circumstances, and we will discuss a payment plan with you individually.

Where you are being sponsored by another party (e.g., a church, trust, family or friend), it remains your responsibility to ensure that arrangements are in place for such payments in accordance with any agreed payment arrangements. Should any such expected funding fail to materialise for any reason, you remain responsible for the payment of all fees.

Short term non-residential accommodation

The School offers both single and shared-occupancy bedrooms for overnight accommodation for the use of registered students who wish to take an occasional study break or attend the campus to sit examinations, or for visitors to the campus.

In so far as they are applicable to short-term occupancy, the terms of the annual residential accommodation also apply to the rent of occasional overnight accommodation. You should familiarise yourself with the main obligations prior to purchase.

Payment of short-term accommodation charges

Enquiries for short term accommodation are made through the School's website. If the accommodation is available, you will be sent an invoice for the full amount of the applicable charges. The charges must be paid in advance of your stay, and your booking will only be confirmed when your payment has been received.

Meals

Lunch and evening meals for 5 days per week during the periods of teaching are offered to all students at the charges shown. All meals are optional.

Students in residential accommodation on campus may choose to pay for lunch and evening meals on an annual basis. Alternatively, meals can be purchased on a 'pay as you go basis', at the individual meal prices shown, although they must be pre-booked and pre-paid. Please note

that additional charges apply for meals outside of normal teaching periods and during any additional events, such as conferences

Although every effort is made to ensure meals are provided, there may be times outside of the teaching periods when this is not possible, and students will need to make alternative arrangements.

Payments for meal charges

For residential students, annual meal charges will usually be added to your accommodation charges. Payment will be under the same terms and conditions as your accommodation charges. Please see: **Payment of annual residential accommodation charges**, above.

For all other meal charges, payment must be made in advance.

Masters Residential Accommodation (including language modules)

Tuition for the campus MTh programme is delivered by means of intensive residential weeks. While the School is usually able to offer accommodation, this is subject to availability and the charges shown. Accommodation is charged per room per night according to the required number of days you wish to stay. Weekend stays on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights are offered at a reduced price.

Accommodation prices do not include meals. Lunches and evening meals need to be selected and paid for separately according to the prices shown and the number of meals you require.