



# UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER

## **How to Apply and Allocation Policy 2021 (reviewed annually)**

Full-time students who have selected Winchester as their firm first choice University and intend to start study in September 2021 will be able to apply for accommodation from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

To view the options available and to make an application [please visit this page](#).

Advice and information is provided on each page of the application and the Student Housing Services team are on hand to answer any queries or solve any problems with this process.

When making an application for accommodation the student is required to list their preference choices in order of which accommodation they would most like to secure. We encourage all students to apply as early as possible to have the best chance of securing a preference choice. We allocate on a first applied, first allocated basis in date order. We aim to offer students their preference choices, however, if a student's preference choice isn't available, there is the possibility of being offered the next available room type which can include our off-campus accommodation and accommodation with shared bathroom facilities.

Most of our accommodation is mixed-sex but you can request to live in a single-sex flat. This means that you would share a flat with only male or female students. We have a small number of single sex flats in both standard and en-suite accommodation. In these flats, residents are not permitted to have visitors of the opposite sex between 10pm and 10am. Although we cannot guarantee a room in single-sex accommodation, you will have the opportunity to request a single-sex flat during your online application and we will always do our best to offer this option.

## **What do we have available? (at time of writing 03/11/2020)**

- On Campus en-suite – approx. 1150 rooms
- On Campus Premium en-suite rooms – 16 rooms
- On Campus Twin rooms – 8 rooms (16 bedspaces)
- On Campus shared bathroom (self catered) – approx. 440 rooms
- On Campus Premium shared bathroom (self catered) – 16 rooms
- On Campus shared bathroom (catered) – approx. 100 rooms
- Off Campus managed shared houses – approx. 400 rooms
- Off Campus University Nominated Halls (en-suites & Studios) – number differs annually dependent on demand and availability



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## **Offers**

Accommodation offers are sent by email during the summer months until the start of the academic year in September. The offer email will give you details of how to accept or decline\* the offer via the online system you used to make the application.

**\* Please be aware that where the guarantee is for an offer of a room, if a student rejects the offer, the guarantee is no longer applicable.**

## **Priority allocations**

Whilst we arrange our allocations using the 'first applied, first allocated' guidelines, we do occasionally prioritise certain allocations. These may include the following:

- Students with a specific medical or disability requirement for which evidence has been provided (always subject to the availability of appropriate accommodation)
- Students from a Care Leave background
- Students who are attending the University on a specific study programme, usually from abroad, who's home institution has an agreement with the University for a specific type of accommodation (usually Catered).

## **First year International fee paying applicants**

International, undergraduate, first year students are included in the first applied, first allocated process and we endeavour to house students throughout our entire portfolio of accommodation.

Please note that from September 2021, this will include any new students from EU countries.

## **Returning International fee paying applicants**

International, undergraduate, returning students are able to apply for accommodation, and will be allocated subject to availability of accommodation.

Please note that once these rooms are full we may not be able to accommodate you and will provide information and advice to help you secure accommodation in the Private Sector.

## **Foundation course students**

Students who have started at the University of Winchester on a foundation course, will also be eligible to apply for accommodation in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of undergraduate study and must apply by stipulated deadline dates.

This is subject to an annual review based upon availability.



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## **Nursing and Physiotherapy students**

Students on these courses may find that their course and placement length exceeds the longest licence length in University accommodation. The University is currently working to ensure that accommodation is available for the duration of your first year of study, however, this may require residents to move accommodation at the end of the standard academic year. Further information will be provided to those students.

## **Additional Requirement applicants**

Allocation of rooms may be based on needs as much as preference choices, and is subject to availability of suitable rooms. Evidence of medical needs is required and you will need to discuss them with both the Student Housing Services team and the Learning Diversity Team in Student Services (+ 44 (0) 1962 827341). For further information, please visit this page.

## **Mature applicants**

We endeavour to assign accommodation areas across our entire portfolio to mature applicants and allocate these students together. We consider mature applicants to be 24 years of age or above. Please note that once the accommodation areas for mature students are full, we offer the next available room which may be with residents aged 18 years or above.

## **Postgraduate applicants (UK, EU & International)**

There will be a proportion of accommodation across our entire portfolio for Postgraduate applicants and we will endeavour to allocate students together in the mature areas (over 24 yrs).

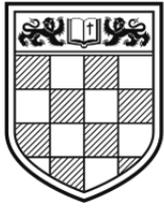
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## **Self-contained Flats (for families or couples)**

Students with this eligibility can apply for a flat at point of application as there is a flat option in the online system. Applying for this option means you won't have other preference choices. We will normally allocate to families first then couples and apply the first applied, first allocated approach where possible. We do apply a level of needs-based assessment to these applications and all allocations are subject to availability of a suitable flat.

## **Riverside Way & Cathedral Point**

The University will have a referral agreement with the accommodation management company. The student is able to apply through the University, however the team at Cathedral Point will manage the allocations and contracts for these students. The



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student is therefore bound to the Terms and Conditions of their contracts which may at times differ slightly to the University's.