



University
of Exeter

Making the most of your accommodation

Starting at university is an exciting time and we realise the importance of finding the right place to live. Being in university residences enables you make friends straight away. You will meet a diverse range of people from different backgrounds and cultures, studying a variety of degrees.

All of our residences adhere to the Student Accommodation Code developed by Universities UK and GuildHE, so wherever you live, you know that we are committed to offering you safe, good value accommodation.

Take a look at our website to find out more about the types of accommodation available at the University of Exeter. exeter.ac.uk/accommodation

Typically you would live in university owned halls on campus in first year then move out into a flat/house outside of the campus in second year.

What to bring with you

Deciding what to pack for university can be challenging. Check out a list of suggested items [here](#).

Top tips:

- What do you already have at home that you can bring?
- Wait until you arrive before buying items like a kettle or toaster. It might already be provided or your new flatmates might have one to share
- Check out second hand stores for cheap, but good quality, items
- Bring personal touches like photographs to make your room feel homely.

Resist the urge to pack every kitchen appliance, wait and see what your flatmates have and then you can work out what you are missing as a group.

And remember, Exeter and Penryn have lots of shops where you can buy anything you have forgotten!

Brush up on basic life skills

Practise these over the summer to lessen the impact of independent living on arrival!

- Using washing machines
- Cleaning bathroom/kitchen
- Iron clothes
- Helping with the household shopping
- Learning a few basic recipes
- Learn how to sew on a button (save the environment through reducing material waste)
- Living on a budget/finances
- Keeping in touch – agree when and how often you will keep in contact with family and friends. Freshers' Week can be very busy so be realistic.

Use Google Maps to plan some routes, how far will you be away from the following: campus, health centres, supermarkets, the beach, pubs, high street, cinema, train station, bus station, library and gym.

Week one

Meeting new people can be both exciting and nerve wracking. The best thing to do is get out there straight away and talk to your house mates within the first 5 minutes, it will take away any awkwardness you may have and make you feel relaxed that everyone is in the same boat! Remember you picked the same accommodation and university for a reason so you may have a few things in common!

Stay informed

Follow the Facebook page and read the student blog to find top tips and receive regular updates on the accommodation:

blogs.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation
facebook.com/exeteruniaccommodation

Many accommodation residences also have individual Facebook groups for new arrivals, try and find yours to see the other people in your flat/block.

We recommend reading the following webpages for more information:

- [Residents information](#) – for information on what to do once you're in residence
- [About catered halls](#) – for menu information on meals being served in catered halls
- [Room moves](#) – what to do if you wish to move rooms



Living away from home can be very daunting. However, I really benefited from the independence and now feel much more ready for the world. The part I was most nervous about was living with people I didn't know but I have ended up making friends for life and they feel like family to me, its amazing how close you can get so quickly.

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