



BH12

West House

Halls of Residence



Living in halls of residence

Now you have decided to study at the Arts University Bournemouth you will want to consider where to live during your first year. The following pages will provide you with information to help you make this decision. Living in halls of residence is an easy way to make new friends and get to know fellow students from a range of different Arts University courses.

Halls can be great fun and a simple way of sorting out your accommodation for the start of your studies. Living in halls of residence can be a vibrant, dynamic experience, with the opportunity to share with, and learn from, fellow students from across the world.

You have the chance to meet with people from different backgrounds, with different outlooks on life. All students play an important part in creating a friendly, welcoming and safe environment which counts as home to all halls residents.

However, with 50 students in West House, it is not necessarily the most peaceful environment, and this form of communal living doesn't suit everyone. We can't guarantee that you'll get on with your neighbours, and sharing a kitchen calls for tolerance from all users.

Don't forget that you have the alternative option of moving into private rented accommodation – visit aub.ac.uk for more information.

What's available at BH12?

West House halls of residence is located on the Arts University Bournemouth campus. There are 50 rooms in West House.

Each study bedroom is approximately 4.12m x 2.80m, and is furnished with a single bed, desk, wardrobe, drawers, shelving and chairs, and a pinboard for posters. All rooms have their own ensuite bathroom, with shower, toilet and wash hand basin. Each room has an IT/TV connection, and wireless broadband is available in all rooms. The standard voltage in halls of residence is 230V.

Kitchens are located on each floor of the building. These are equipped with hob, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, fridge, freezer, sink, lockable cupboards and preparation area. Kitchens and communal areas are cleaned, and bins emptied, on a daily basis.

There is a laundry in West House; washing machines and tumble dryers are coinoperated and cost approximately £2.00 per load.

Security staff are on campus 24 hours per day, and they patrol the campus and halls of residence throughout this time. There is no car parking available at any AUB halls of residence, but the campus has plenty of cycle racks for bicycle storage.

What's in the local area?

West House halls of residence are located on the Arts University Bournemouth campus. The campus is situated in a quiet residential area, on the border between Bournemouth and Poole.

The campus offers the Arts Bar, Refectory and Gallery Café - opening hours are generally limited to daytimes and early evenings - full details are available at aub.ac.uk. There is a cashpoint in the Refectory. There are gardens with seating areas on the Arts University campus.

Transport into Bournemouth town centre (approximately 2.5 miles away) costs approximately £9.00 by taxi and £2.50 by bus. The Uni Linx bus service, which runs Monday – Friday, costs £10.00 for ten tickets; services to Poole, Bournemouth and Boscombe are available.

A convenience store, which is open 7.00am – 10.00pm (Monday – Friday) and 8.00am – 9.00pm (weekends), is located a few minutes' walk from the halls. The Bournemouth University campus is situated next to the AUB campus, and offers cafes, a bar and sports facilities.

Being based on campus is great when you have an early morning lecture, but remember that you'll need to budget for taxi fares on nights out, and will have further to walk to the shops.

Important stuff you should know

BH12 - West House is for foundation and first year undergraduate students only. All rooms are single occupancy.

The rent for rooms in West House is £110.00 per week. Rent is payable termly, and payments are due on the following dates:

Autumn term

Foundation students: 8 September 2014

Undergraduate students: 29 September 2014

Spring term

12 January 2015

Summer term

6 April 2015

In addition to your rent, you will also need to pay a deposit of £440.00 to secure your room. This will be returned to you at the end of the tenancy, minus any deductions for damages or fines. AUB operates a system of collective responsibility, so you may be charged for damage to communal areas, in addition to any damage within your room.

The tenancy agreement starts on 26 August 2014 for Foundation students, and on 1 September 2014 for undergraduate students. Tenancies end on 13 June 2015. You cannot end your tenancy early unless you find another student to take your place. Tenancies are continuous - there is no need to vacate your room during vacation times.

You will need to provide a guarantor (usually a relative) who can confirm that they will be responsible for the rent and any additional costs (e.g. for damages) in the event that these are not paid. If you are under the age of 18 when you move into halls, you will need to provide parental permission. Please note that the University does not act in loco parentis for students under the age of 18.

How to apply for a place in halls of residence

Applications for a place in halls of residence open in early March. You will receive a message in your applicant portal to let you know that applications are open.

The deadline for applications is Friday 23 May 2014.

To apply for halls, please complete all sections of the on-line application. If you are a care leaver or have a disability, please tell us about this in your application. We will prioritise applications from these students, but you will be asked to provide some form of evidence in support of your application (for example, a medical report or letter from your social worker).

You can select two choices when making your application. Please note that not all choices are available to all students. Whilst we will do our best to allocate your first or second choice of halls and room type, this is not always possible.

Rooms are allocated at the start of June and, if you are successful in gaining a place, you will receive an email asking you to check the application website for details of your allocation.

Any questions?

If you have any queries about living in halls of residence, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our Student Advisers are available throughout the year to answer your questions and can offer advice on all aspects of arranging your accommodation – whether that's halls of residence, or private rented accommodation.

Before getting in touch, you may want to check our website - you may find the information there answers your question.

You can contact our Student Advisers on:

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