

The Glasgow School of Art Halls of Residence Comparison

For Session 2019/2020

Semester dates, rents and accommodation on offer for the session 2019/20.

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	Margaret Macdonald House (MMH)	Blythswood House (BWH)	Additional Information
Weekly Rent Amounts	<p>Single Standard £115*</p> <p>Single Ensuite £125*</p>	<p>Ensuite Bedroom £144*</p> <p>1 bedroom flat: exclusive use £200*</p> <p>2 bedroom flat: exclusive use £400*; room in 2 bed flat with shared communal £200*</p>	<p><u>Contract duration:</u> Undergrad: 37 weeks Postgrad: 37 or 51 weeks</p> <p><u>Move in date:</u> Semester 1 Arrivals: Saturday 7th September 2019</p> <p>Semester 2 Arrivals: TBC</p> <p><small>*Indicates that utilities not included & rent rates for session 2019/20 are TBC by late Feb 2019</small></p>
Room Types	<p>Single Standard # or Single Ensuite</p>	<p>All Ensuite OR 1 bed flat OR 2 bed flat</p>	<p># private room with shared shower/toilet, shared with 1 other only</p>
Distance to Garnethill Campus	<p>On Garnethill Campus, 3 mins walk to Reid Building</p>	<p>Just off Garnethill Campus, 3 mins walk to Reid Building</p>	
Utilities Included	<p>Gas</p>	<p>Gas</p>	<p>Hot water is heated by gas.</p>
Utilities Included WITH LIMIT	<p>Power</p>	<p>Power</p>	<p>*There is a power allowance of £300 per room for session. Feedback will be offered monthly to advise power balance. Use in excess of £300 per room will have to be met by resident.</p>
Utilities NOT Included	<p>Laundry</p>	<p>Laundry</p>	<p>£3.80 per wash/dry laundry load on a pay-as-you-go basis, may be subject to small increase Sept 2018.</p>
Internet	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>WI-FI in all sites</p>

The following additional information is provided to help you to make an informed decision about your choice of accommodation. Please note that Council Tax, Insurance* and bedroom internet access is INCLUDED in all options.

	Margaret Macdonald House (MMH)	Blythwood House (BWH)	Additional Information
Communal Area within Flat	Lounge and kitchen shared by 4, 6 or 8	Lounge and kitchen shared by 6,7 or 8	All lounges and dining rooms furnished with easy chairs/sofa and dining tables/breakfast bar & chairs/stools
Common Rooms within Site	No	Yes, several common rooms, one per floor over 6 floors.	BWH common rooms are in addition to flat lounge/kitchen. There is one per floor and they are utilised for a variety of uses: board room, games room, make-room, cinema, etc.
Kitchen	Cooker, freezer, fridge, kettle supplied. No self-cater equipment.	Cooker, freezer, fridge, kettle supplied. No self-cater equipment.	Inventory details available online for each site.
Shower/Toilet Ratio	Ensuite or in standard 1 shower room/toilet btwn 2	All ensuite	
Telephone	Card phone in communal areas	No public telephone or flat phone	
Cleaning Service	Yes, public areas only (stairs/laundry /flat corridor), no flat lounges/kitchens	Yes, public areas only (stairs/laundry /flat corridor), no flat lounges/kitchens	Service should complement students' own effort.
Bedding Provided	Mattress protector & topper	Mattress protector & topper	No bed linen, duvet or pillow supplied. Buy after arrival.
TV	No TVs provided, via internet and own laptop/tablet	No TV's provided, via internet and own laptop/tablet	Online viewing accessible via students' own laptops with internet access.
TV License	Not included	Not included	Required if watching TV or DVD/video or TV through internet. http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/
Cycle Storage	Yes, external only	Yes, internal	All cycles must be stored in designated cycle racks. This is due to fire safety regulations.
Accommodation Booking Fee	£125	£125	Non Refundable fee which is made at time of completing room reservation online.

	Margaret Macdonald House (MMH)	Blythswood House (BWH)	Additional Information
Insurance*	Included *	Included *	*Personal possessions insurance up to maximum of £4000. Some exclusions apply. More info will follow with accommodation arrival packs
Cigarette Smoking	No	No	Smoking is now banned in Scotland in all indoor public places & away from entrance doors, which includes campus buildings and halls of residence. Electric cigarettes are included in this policy.
Location	89 Buccleuch Street G3 6QT	200 West Regent Street, G2 4DQ	
Public Transport	Within 3 min walk	Within 3 min walk	
Subway	Cowcaddens 3 mins walk	Cowcaddens 7 mins walk	
Bus Connections	From West Graham Street/Cowcaddens interchange – 3 mins walk	From Sauchiehall St or Bath Street – 3 mins walk	
Local Shops	Sauchiehall St * & small convenience stores within 5 mins	Sauchiehall St * & small convenience stores within 5 mins	*Supermarkets represented on Sauchiehall include Sainsbury, Tesco & Marks & Spencer.
Car Park	Yes – controlled entry, limited spaces by application for MMH residents only	No – BWH has NO parking. Residents ARE NOT eligible for MMH space	
Onsite Lift	No	Yes, 2 lifts	
Night time staff	Campus Security & Senior Resident in term time	Campus Security & Senior Resident in term time	Campus security are based in the Reid Building but are contactable for emergencies.
Daytime Staff	No	Yes	Accommodation Office at Blythswood House
Door Entry	Key	Key	
Key Replacement Costs	£30 set	£30 set	
Overnight Guests	Yes, max 3 night stay*	Yes, max 3 night stay*	*We suggest that if you are planning guests that you check with flat mates and limit visits to 3 nights in any month

Top 10 Open Day Questions:

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants should note that the demand for accommodation sometimes outweighs the number of rooms available in our student halls of residence. For this reason, we require to priorities applications and allocate accommodation based on the advertised selection criteria. Please refer to web site for more details on this criterion by visiting www.gsa.ac.uk/accommodation.

2. WHAT IF I RECEIVE A 'CONDITIONAL' OFFER OF STUDY AT GSA?

Applications are invited from students who have received an 'Unconditional' or 'Conditional' offer of study at the Glasgow School of Art. If you apply with a 'Conditional' offer, your application will be processed using the priority criteria detailed above. This system ensures that all applicants have an equal opportunity. If we can offer you housing, you will be sent a letter of comfort to confirm that housing has been reserved for you. Later, when your offer becomes unconditional you will be sent a formal offer and you can visit the GSA Halls Portal to self-select a room and book.

3. HOW DO I APPLY?

When you receive an offer of a place on a course of full-time study at GSA you will be sent an email which has a GSA Halls Portal log in, pin number and link to the Portal landing page. By following the instructions in that email you can then submit your housing application. At this site you can read all about halls through links from the Portal OR you can also do this in advance by visiting the information on our web pages.

4. WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION DOES GSA HAVE?

The Glasgow School of Art is able to offer accommodation in Margaret Macdonald House, our own purpose built student residence right here in Garnethill and at Blythswood House just off Blythswood square. Both sites have excellent proximity to the Garnethill campus. For information in detail visit: www.gsa.ac.uk/accommodation

5. WHERE IS THE ACCOMMODATION IN RELATION TO THE CAMPUS?

Margaret Macdonald House (MMH) is located on Buccleuch Street in the Garnethill area of Glasgow. The accommodation is sited right in the middle of the GSA Garnethill Campus and less than 3 minutes walk from the Reid Building. Blythswood House is just off Sauchiehall Street south of the Garnethill Campus and is less than 3 minutes to the Reid Building.

6. HOW MUCH DO HALLS COST?

We estimate that for session 2019/20, rent rates will be between £115-£144 per week plus laundry utilities – we estimate you should budget £8 weekly for laundry utilities.

7. HOW DO YOU MEET THE COST OF RENT?

Contact Student Welfare regarding funding, scholarships, etc at <http://www.gsa.ac.uk/life/student-support-services/student-welfare/>

8. WHAT DO YOU OFFER FOR ACCOMMODATION AFTER 1ST YEAR?

A small proportion of halls may be available annually for returning students. There is also the possibility for current residents to apply to join the Res Life team. Regarding the private sector students can contact Student Welfare regarding flat hunting and accommodation workshops, etc.

9. IS A TOUR AVAILABLE?

Yes, there are designated dates through the year where you can visit on open days to view flats. You can also book a viewing in the summer months – subject to availability. Contact us at f.sloan@gsa.ac.uk

10. I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, WHO CAN I CONTACT:

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