

Accommodation guide 2016/17

Congratulations on choosing to study at University of Northampton International College (UNIC). We look forward to welcoming you to the beating heart of England as you begin your life changing journey to academic success and an enriching student experience.

During your studies it's important that you're as comfortable and happy as possible, which is why we've created this information pack on the accommodation options available at UNIC and the experience you can expect when you arrive and take up residence.

Accommodation options

Moulton Residence

UNIC students joining us in September 2016 have the opportunity to live at Moulton Residence.

This official UNIC halls of residence option is less than 10 minutes from the University campus and is located in the stunning, safe and convenient village of Moulton. A regular bus service provides easy access to UNIC and a supermarket, post office and a range of restaurants and eateries are all available within walking distance of the accommodation.

All UNIC bedrooms are spacious, modern, fully furnished and come complete with a private en-suite bathroom. A communal kitchen and living area is shared with 6/7 flatmates and there is also access to a student social area, sports facilities, study rooms and an on-site convenience store.

Outstanding facilities

- 24/7 security
- On-site café, restaurant and bar
- Laundry facilities
- On-site parking, subject to availability
- Gym and swimming pool, subject to additional cost
- On-site shop

Excellent value for money

UNIC's Moulton Residence is excellent value for money at just £130 per week and includes:

- FREE Wi-Fi internet
- FREE utilities
- FREE weekly room cleaning service
- FREE security card for flat access
- FREE bedding and kitchen pack

There is also the option to upgrade to a fully-catered meals package for only £70 per week, which can be paid for on arrival or as a pay-as-you-go option, making the total cost of accommodation £200 per week.

The length of tenancy is two semesters, with rooms available from 24 September 2016 until 29 April 2017, costing a total of £4,030.

Easy application process

You can apply for a room at the Moulton Residence as soon as you have accepted your UNIC offer and paid your tuition deposit.

After completing the online accommodation application form, you will receive your Moulton Residence tenancy agreement. This should be signed and returned to accommodation@unic.northampton.ac.uk with a £200 non-refundable reservation deposit within 10 days.



Private accommodation information 2016/2017

Although we encourage our students to choose UNIC recommended accommodation, we understand that not everyone wants to live in a student residence, therefore we hope that the following information helps you research your options.

Please note that Navitas does not promote any of the following estate agents and websites, this information is just to assist you in finding accommodation.

Whilst there are no purpose built student managed residences, Northampton has many estate agents specialising in student accommodation.

The University of Northampton Accommodation Office provides a service to assist you in finding your house or flat. Please go to northamptonstudentpad.co.uk/Accommodation

Although steps are taken to ensure that the accommodation advertised is safe, the rooms and self-contained houses/flats are not inspected.

You are strongly advised to ensure that the accommodation and the terms offered by landlords meet your needs before entering into a tenancy agreement.

We recommend that you ask for a written receipt for a deposit. Where possible always view the property before committing to any payment.

Some landlords will hold DASH accreditation. This is to encourage and promote good property standards and management practices in the private rented sector.

For further information please click on the following link: dashservices.org.uk/Accreditation#sthash.rwJmMjRO.dpuf

Helpful tips

Before you start your search may want to consider the following questions:

- Do I want to share with any people?
- Shall I live with a host family?
- Do I prefer to live alone?

Perhaps the most important consideration is your budget. How much you have to spend each month will define your property search.

You will also need to check whether the rent also includes utility bills.

It is very important that you consider not only the distance of the property from the campus but also how you will travel to and from the campus.

- Is there a local bus service near to the property?
- How frequent is the service?
- Is it a direct service to the campus?
- How much is public transportation?

Further information can be found at unobus.info/routes.shtml.

Under 18s

For those students joining UNIC who are under 18 years of age, the accommodation option is to live with a family member already known to them or a host family.

For further information regarding host families please contact: accommodation@UNIC.northampton.ac.uk.

UNIC works with Hosts International who provide Homestay accommodation with local families in Northampton.

Homestays offer single rooms or twin shared rooms (for two persons travelling together), shared bathroom and use of the family home as a family member. A choice of two meal plans is available; either self catering room only or half board (breakfast and evening meal) which is advised for all students. Minimum duration for Homestay is two weeks but it is advised that students book for at least one term.

The cost of Homestay is £145 per week for self catering and £165 per week for half board, for single rooms.

Homestay bookings are processed through the UNIC Accommodation team.

The local area

The vast majority of student properties can be found within a four mile radius of the University, popular student areas are:

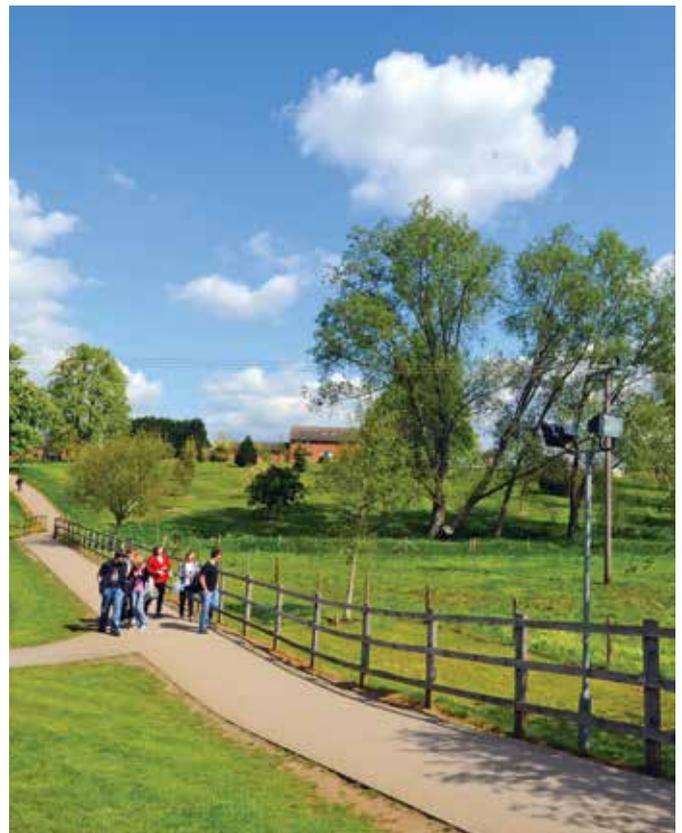
- Kingsthorpe
- Kingsthorpe Village
- Semilong
- Mounts
- Kingsley/Poet's Corner
- Abington

In many cases these properties are close to the University bus routes.

Short-term options

For those who would prefer to take their time and find accommodation once in country, you may want to consider a short-term option:

bookings.com
laterooms.com
thomsonlocal.com/Guest%20houses/in/Northampton



Hotels

Best Western – Lime Trees Hotel

Langham Place, Barrack Road, Northampton NN2 6AA

T 01604 632188

W limetreeshotel.co.uk

IBIS Hotel Northampton Centre

Sol Central, Marefair, Northampton, NN1 1SR

T 01604 608900

W ibis.com/gb/hotel-3657-ibis-northampton-centre/index.shtml

Langham Hotel

4 Langham Place, Northampton NN2 6AA

T 01604 639917

W langham-hotel.co.uk

Marriott Hotel

Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW

T 01604 768700

W marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/ormnh-northampton-marriott-hotel

Overstone Park Hotel, Golf and Leisure Resort

Billing Lane, Overstone, Northampton NN6 OAS

T 01604 647666

W overstonepark.com

Sunley Conference Centre

Conveniently located next to UNIC, Sunley Conference Centre has 32 pleasantly furnished king size double bedrooms. This would be an ideal option for parents or guardians accompanying students who wish to stay close to the University. For more information or to make a booking please contact:

T +44 (0)1604 892020

W sunley-northampton.co.uk

Letting agents

The list below specialises in finding student accommodation.

Claysons Property Management

327A Wellingborough Road, NN1 4EW

T 01604 628602/07736184208

W claysongroup.com

Key Home Lets

78 Kingsley Terrace, Kingsley, NN2 7HH

T 01604 712200

W keyhomelets.co.uk



Underwoods

16 St. Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1JA

T 01604 232400

W underwoods-property.co.uk

Stonhills

10 Bridge Street, Northampton, NN1 1NW

T 01604 624424

W stonhills.co.uk/lettings

J P Lettings

211 Wellingborough Road, NN1 4ED

T 01604 450390

W jp Lettings.com

Martin and Co

8 Bridge Street, Northampton, NN1 1NW

T 01604 239389

W martinco.com/lettings-agents/northampton

HP Lettings

19 Penfold Close, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8AP

T 01604 846653/821688

W hplettings.co.uk/properties_for_rent.php

The majority of agents will expect someone to act on your behalf as guarantors. This means that they agree to co-sign the tenancy agreement and become jointly liable for any tenant obligations.

All agencies will charge a deposit, the amount will vary. In some cases you may be required to pay an additional month's rent and the money will be used to secure the property. In the case of overseas students some agents will ask for a deposit which equates to up to six months' rent in lieu of a UK based guarantor.

The deposit will be refundable, provided that there is no damage to the property and if you stay to the end of your tenancy agreement.

It is important that you read and understand the terms of your agreement.

You may also want to check the local papers – The Chronicle and Echo are also a good resource to search for properties: northamptonchron.co.uk/property.



Accommodation Charter

The Accommodation Charter sets out the objectives, standards and services that the University of Northampton International College staff will deliver and the expectations and the behaviours that UNIC staff expect from their students.

Pre-arrival

UNIC

- Information regarding your choice of accommodation
- Staff to assist with any queries and to provide support with your application
- An acknowledgement of your accommodation request within 24 hours
- Commitment in securing accommodation for all students
- To act as liaison with any third party accommodation supplier

Student

- To return any documentation regarding the acceptance of accommodation and any monies within the agreed time-frame

On arrival

UNIC

- To provide a safe and clean living environment
- To work with third party providers to ensure that should there be any queries and concerns they are dealt with promptly and professionally
- Access to staff who will provide support and guidance

Student

- To observe and comply with the residences Code of Conduct
- To comply with Health and Safety regulations
- To be respectful of fellow residents and staff
- To keep and maintain the residence to a certain standard of hygiene and cleanliness
- To co-operate with any requests that the residence staff may have
- Ensure that any guests/visitors comply to the residence rules
- To pay any fees promptly
- To behave in a responsible manner



Moulton College Student Ambassadors

If you decide to book a room at Moulton Residence then you have the opportunity to become a Student Ambassador, in return for a reduced accommodation fee. Please contact accommodation@unic.northampton.ac.uk if you are interested in applying to be an Ambassador, a brief outline of the duties is listed below and the Student Services team can provide more information.

What can I expect from my Student Ambassadors at Moulton College Residence?

- Welcome students over the arrivals weekend, including the distribution of room keys
- 24/7 access – Student Ambassadors live in the residence and will be available as the first point of contact
- Promote a peaceful and respectful living environment
- Support – Provide additional support to the UNIC team
- Available on site after office hours
- Assist in the induction period to ensure a smooth and seamless transition into campus life
- To encourage a sense of community
- To report to senior UNIC staff of any issues or problems
- Promote the values of UNIC/Navitas
- To act as a 'friend' and ear to fellow UNIC residents



Contact the UNIC team for more information:
northampton.ac.uk/unic

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