

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION INSIDE!

Welcome to Abertay

Congratulations on getting a place on your chosen course at the University of Abertay Dundee. We look forward to welcoming you later this year.

We'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit more about life at Abertay. As a University we are extremely proud of our academic achievements. We are renowned for our world leading courses and acclaimed teaching and learning facilities but there is much more to Abertay.

Teaching and student support is at the heart of everything we do and as such we provide a network of student support services. Abertay is right at the heart of Dundee, combining all the advantages of a close knit campus with the buzz of city centre life and a thriving social scene.

At University you will forge friendships that will last a lifetime. In addition to meeting new friends in

your classes, you will also have the opportunity to join some of the many clubs and societies.

Approximately 25% of our students come from outside the UK including Malaysia, China, the United States and Europe and many choose to stay in Scotland and build successful careers here.

Sport and culture play an important part in university life and Dundee has some excellent facilities for sports and entertainment. Abertay's Hannah Maclure Centre, located on the top floor of the student centre, has its own art gallery and cinema which shows a number of free screenings every week. The University's gym has also been recently refurbished and our sports teams have enjoyed numerous successes.

In joining Abertay you have chosen a university which, founded on a long history, is committed to providing an education which will give you the edge that you need to succeed in the global knowledge economy.

Hundreds of new jobs and companies to flow from investment at Abertay

Hundreds of new jobs and dozens of new businesses are expected to be created as a result of a £5 million investment at Abertay University.

The UK government, through its Strategic Investment Fund, is contributing £2.5 million. The Scottish Government also announced £1 million from the European Regional Development Fund, and Abertay University is investing a further £1.5 million from its own resources. Secretary of State for Scotland Jim Murphy MP and Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Culture for the Scottish Government, were both present at Abertay to announce the funding.

The money will be used to set up prototyping studios and business support mechanisms to help small and medium sized businesses create new games and bring them to market. The projects will also give students on Abertay's computer games technology, computer arts and related courses unrivalled opportunities to gain hands-on experience of working with real businesses and industry leaders.



Success for Business School students in Stuttgart finals



A group of students from Abertay's Dundee Business School (DBS) took part in the finals of the European Business Masters Cup in Stuttgart recently. The students were the only team from a Scottish University to take part in the finals, joining teams from London, France, Switzerland and Germany.

During the finals the students worked in international teams to encourage intercultural dialogue and exchange. The teams were challenged with a two-day business simulation exercise which saw the students take on the management of a fitness equipment manufacturer. They were required to make difficult decisions regarding sales and distribution, pricing, financing, personnel, research and development, training and project planning.

The teams also undertook some special tasks in project management, negotiation skills and a company presentation. Abertay student John Tilsner was on the winning team whilst Grace Wuraola Motayo was a member of the first runners-up team.

Accommodation

Meadowside Halls

19 Bell Street
DD1 1HP

Room: En-suite

Total (38 weeks): **£ 3,471.30**
Monthly rate (8 payments):
£433.91

New in 1996 this residence provides 69 en-suite bedrooms. Situated on the edge of the campus, Meadowside offers a central location and ready access to shopping, leisure facilities, the library and other amenities.

The flats are divided into self catering units of six to nine bedrooms. Each flat has a bright and spacious communal kitchen/sitting room. You'll find a comfortable study bedroom with desk, chair and wardrobe. Three of the bed spaces are barrier free and the Hall has a ramped entrance for wheelchair users.

Meadowside Hall is usually reserved for senior students and is a popular choice for all nationalities.

Laundry, lift, payphone, en-suite, gas heating, controlled entry, CCTV, wheelchair access and 24hr Campus Security
Free internet access



Victoria Chambers

12-14 Victoria Road
DD1 1JN

Room: Standard

Total (38 weeks): **£2,942.34**
Monthly rate (8 payments):
£367.79

Room: En-suite

Total (38 weeks): **£3,352.74**
Monthly rate (8 payments):
£419.09

This city centre residence is a particularly attractive Victorian building which has been thoroughly renovated.

The accommodation is a mix of large spacious rooms and attic rooms with views over the city and communal kitchen and dining facilities.



A number of en-suite rooms and four self-contained flats for two to four people are also available.

You'll find a comfortable study bedroom with desk, chair and wardrobe and separate living rooms/dining areas.

Laundry, payphone, lift, electric heating, controlled entry, some en-suite rooms and 24hr Campus Security
Free internet access

Lyon Street

7-17, DD4 6RF
10-14, DD4 6RE
19-29, DD4 6RG

Lease 38 or 51* weeks
Monthly rate (8 or 11* payments)

Room: Standard

Total: **£2,850.00 or £3,442.50**
£356.25 or £312.95*

Room: Economy

Total: **£2,394.00 or £2,891.70***
£299.25 or £262.88*

Room: Bedsit

Total: **£3,496.00 or £4,222.80***
£437.00 or £383.89*

Room: Premium

Total: **£3,306.00 or £3,993.30***
£413.25 or £363.03*

Room: Twin or Double

Total: **£1,900.00 or £2,295.00***
£237.50 or £208.64* (per person)

*applies to 51 week lease only

Refurbished for 2010, this residence provides approx. 140 bedspaces. Situated within 10-15mins walking distance of the campus, Lyon Street offers a variety of flat sizes and pricing giving excellent value for money. You'll find a comfortable study bedroom with desk, chair and wardrobe and shared kitchen/shower room areas. Flat sizes range from 1-4 bedrooms with rooms typically being offered to our more senior students. An excellent choice for European and Overseas students.

Laundry, central heating, controlled entry and 24hr Campus Security
Free internet access



A guide to Abertay's residential accommodation 2010/11

Opal1 Dundee

Parker Street
DD1 5RW

Lease 42 or 51* weeks

Room: **Standard En-suite**

Total: **£4,009.00 or £4,527.49***

Room: **Standard+ En-suite**

Total: **£4,093.00 or £4,434.49***

Room: **Deluxe En-suite**

Total: **£4,219.00 or £4,666.72***

Room: **Studio Flat**

Total: **£5,311.00 or £5,875.93***

*applies to 51 week lease only

Brand new for 2010, this purpose built residence is just 5 mins walk from the University. With a variety of flat sizes and bedroom styles, this residence will be a popular option for 1st year and International Senior Students alike. All rooms are en-suite with shared kitchen, dining and lounge facilities. All lounges have a TV. [TV licence will be required] This residence is managed by a private company 'Opal'. Although applications will be accepted by Abertay through our website, the legal agreement will be between Opal and the student. Full residence details available via <http://www.opalstudents.com/>



Laundry, CCTV, Controlled entry, bike storage, 24hr on site staff, en-suite rooms and common room with Sky TV
Free internet access

Please note: all residences are strictly non-smoking.

Alloway Halls

Alloway Place West
DD4 8UA

Room: **Standard**

Total (38 weeks): **£2,287.60**

Monthly rate (8 payments): **£285.95**

Room: **Upgraded**

Total (38 weeks): **£2,820.36**

Monthly rate (8 payments): **£352.55**

Alloway Halls is reserved for first year students new to the city, typically 17 to 19 year olds. Situated in the north of Dundee, the residence enjoys excellent views of the Sidlaw Hills and has easy access to main travel routes.

There are 144 bedrooms divided into flats of eight. You'll find a comfortable study bedroom with desk, chair and wardrobe and a communal kitchen/living/dining room.



There is an on-site laundry, controlled entry system and coin meter for the sockets in the standard rooms.

Excellent shopping facilities nearby.

Resident staff, laundry, gas heating, payphone, free car parking, controlled entrydoor access and 24hr Campus Security

Free internet access in every upgraded bedroom and wireless access in standard flat communal kitchens only

Getting to your accommodation

Information will be provided in advance of arrival on where and when to collect your keys.

By Train – there are good services to Dundee from most of the UK, direct from London (King's Cross Station), Edinburgh, Glasgow (Queen Street) and Aberdeen. Details can be found on the National Rail Enquiries website <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>. We recommend that you take a taxi from the station to your Residence, especially on your first visit when you will be laden down with suitcases.

By Air – there are direct flights to Dundee from London City airport, but most air travellers arrive at Edinburgh and Glasgow and travel on by train.

By Bus – again there are very good services from all over the UK to Dundee check out National Express <http://www.nationalexpress.com> and Citylink <http://www.citylink.co.uk> for details. We recommend that you take a taxi from the bus station to your Residence, especially on your first visit when you will be laden down with suitcases.

By Car – from the South and West approach Dundee via Perth (A90 north), from the North and East (A90 south) follow signs for the city centre to get to the main campus. You can look on our Google map www.abertay.ac.uk/googlemap/Map.cfm?Key=007.012 on the website to find out where your accommodation is located or use the postal code in a site like Mapquest www.mapquest.co.uk to create a map and driving directions to find us. <http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/accommodation/locations/> The individual residence guides also have driving directions on them.

How to apply for accommodation

Information on how to apply for accommodation is available at <http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/accommodation/>

If you do not have internet access, please call the Accommodation Office on +44 (0)1382 308059 and we will be happy to send the information you need by post.

Payment options (all residences)

Yearly in advance - with a 4% discount

Monthly by direct debit (except Opal1) - either 8 or 11 months depending on the length of lease

Monthly by credit/debit card/online (except Opal1)

Four instalments - Opal1 only (a satisfactory UK based guarantor will be required)

Full details of payment options available (including deposit payments) via our website.

<http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/accommodation/>

Lease dates

38 weeks – 12th Sept 2010 – 5th June 2011

42 weeks – 11th Sept 2010 – 2nd July 2011 Opal 1 Dundee

51 weeks – 12th Sept 2010 – 4th Sept 2011 Lyon Street

51 weeks – 11th Sept 2010 - 3rd Sept 2011 Opal 1 Dundee

User's guide to the Abertay Wireless Network



The UConnect wireless service is available for students campus-wide.

It can be accessed through a web browser by any Windows XP/Vista, Linux or Mac laptop with an 802.11b/g compatible wireless card.

All you need is your student username and password.

Information Services always recommends that your laptop is safe and secure by activating the firewall and running a current version of anti-virus software.

McAfee anti-virus software is available free of charge to Abertay registered students.

If you cannot get connected please take your laptop to the enquiry desk on Level One of the Library where specialist staff are on hand to offer advice and guidance.

Sport @bertay

Sport at the University of Abertay Dundee is as much part of University life as attending lectures and tutorials. We have more than 20 sports clubs from traditional sports such as football and rugby to the slightly more unusual skydiving and cheerleading clubs.

Most clubs train and compete in the Scottish University Sports Leagues with some qualifying for the British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Championships.



This season saw Abertay's women's football team reach the BUCS knockouts, while our men's football and women's basketball teams excelled in the Scottish Cup.



We are proud of our Elite Athlete Development Programme which aims to help national standard athletes combine their studies with their sporting commitments. In the past, the programme has supported athletes competing at national and international levels.

We have a well equipped gym located at our Bell Street campus and a number of classes on offer including yoga and tai chi. For further information please visit <http://sport.abertay.ac.uk> or pop in to the Sports Office in the University's Graham Building or watch out for the annual Sports Fayre.



Information Services

Information Services provides many of the facilities and resources used by students including IT and computing, the library, digital media and the copy shop.

Computing and Information Technologies

Abertay is a leader in the use of technology in support of learning and access to IT facilities are central to our courses. Although we have an impressive one PC for roughly every four students we also appreciate that students increasingly need access to information anytime and anywhere. Our Portal provides students with integrated and secure access, both on and off-campus to a wide range of essential systems and services, while our wireless network is available throughout the campus enabling mobile access from a personal laptop.

Library

Our superb, multi-award winning library provides a mix of learning environments to meet different student needs, be it a quiet, individual study space or a plasma

screen equipped group study room for team working, discussion or practising a presentation. The library is well stocked with books, journals and DVDs, but our extensive range of online resources extends the library beyond the campus, allowing students to work locally or at any location across the world. The enquiry desk on Level One provides a loan service for equipment such as digital cameras, camcorders and audio equipment.

Help, Advice and Support

An integrated enquiry desk offers students access to friendly help and advice on the use of IT and library resources. All students have the opportunity to receive library & information skills and ICT training as an integral part of their programme of study or through drop-in sessions at a time of their choosing.

Further information on all of these services will be available after registration.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is studying at University like studying at school or college or is it completely different?

A lot of what you'll be doing at University will seem similar to school or college but there are some big differences. You'll attend fewer classes and you are responsible for your attendance and keeping up with work – no-one will be checking what you are doing every day.

Am I bright enough for University?

You have been offered a place on a course at Abertay because we are convinced you have the potential to succeed. Most students occasionally find University tough, especially at the start of the year, so if you are struggling remember you are not alone and help is available.

How much time will I spend in classes each week?

Up to 20 hours a week though this might vary depending on which course and which year you are in. During this time you will attend lectures, big groups where a subject is introduced, tutorials, smaller groups where you get the chance to discuss the subject, and sometimes labs where practical work is done. You will also need to do at least as much work out of class, both individually and in groups, including reading, preparing for tutorials and labs, and working on assignments.

What if I've chosen the wrong course – it's too hard or I'm interested in something else?

Don't panic, you can change modules or even your degree, particularly in the first year of your course. The first year of most degrees is deliberately quite general to give a broad introduction to the subject, leaving you opportunities to decide how you want to specialise later on.

How can I finance my studies?

Most students manage on a mix of student loans, bursaries or grants, part-time work and support from their families. It is not unusual for students to leave University with some form of debt. However, graduates earn between 25% and 30% more than a non-graduate over a working lifetime. For more information on financing studies go to <http://www.abertay.ac.uk/Applicants/UK/> or www.egas-online.org

Will I get a good job after University?

Official figures show that 93% of Abertay students are in employment or further study six months after graduating (source: HESA). Our Career Development Centre can help with advice on CV-writing, interview technique and everything you need to get the job you want. More info at www.abertay.ac.uk/careers

Can I work while I'm studying?

Many students work part-time to help fund their studies. We recommend that your job shouldn't take up more



than 12 hours a week, and fewer in the final weeks of term when assignment deadlines are looming.

I'm dyslexic and have been getting help at college. Does the University offer any support?

The Disabled Student Advisors work with students with additional learning needs including dyslexia. If you included your additional needs on your application form they will get in touch with you. If you have not told the Disabled Student Advisors please email studentservices@abertay.ac.uk with your name and brief details of your situation.

I'm getting worried about starting University.

That's normal, don't panic. Most students feel nervous at some time before they start at University. Think about joining our preparation activities which are designed to help students settle in calmly:

- Summer School is a full-time programme that runs for three weeks in the run up to the start of term. It introduces you to fellow students and gives you the chance to get a head-start on studying your subject.
- The Bridging Programme runs for a week before the start of term and offers workshops on studying at university.

*The University of Abertay Dundee
is a charity registered in Scotland,
No SC016040*



UNIVERSITY
of
ABERTAY DUNDEE

For more information, contact studentservices@abertay.ac.uk or call 01382 308245.