

GIRTON COLLEGE
College Charges 2009/10

GRADUATES

College charges vary according to status (graduate or undergraduate) and whether living in College accommodation or not. This note covers the charges applicable to graduate students only.

Standard College accommodation for graduates comprises study-bedrooms at Wolfson Court and in College-owned hostels. There are also a small number of flats and houses suitable for married students or student couples.

College charges cover access to College's non-academic facilities e.g. accommodation and catering services. Access to academic facilities is covered by College fees.

Residence and facilities charges

1) Graduates living in standard College accommodation:

- a) There is a standard residence period of 48 weeks *per annum* starting on 1st October each year and being three terms of 13 weeks followed by one summer term of 9 weeks.
- b) Non-standard tenancies for periods of between 39 and 51 weeks may be granted by arrangement with the Warden of Wolfson Court.
- c) You will be required to sign a formal agreement with College detailing the terms and conditions of your residence, including the period of notice which you will be required to give before leaving your accommodation.
- d) There is a single uniform residence charge which covers room rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) and is fixed by Council each year. This rate of residence charge applies to all graduates in standard College accommodation¹.
- e) The residence charge is billed termly and is pro-rated for the final period of residence, which in the case of a standard 48 week tenancy is nine weeks.
- f) In the College hostels, the residence charge includes a heating prepayment of £12.00 per week, which is set off against the actual charge.

2) Graduates living in College flats or houses with partners and/or children:

- a) There is a standard tenancy of eleven months.
- b) There is a monthly residence charge for each flat or house which covers rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) and is fixed by Council each year. The residence charge does not normally cover utilities or Council Tax (where applicable).
- c) The monthly residence charge is pro-rated where necessary.
- d) Non-standard tenancies for periods of between nine and twelve months may be granted by arrangement with the Warden of Wolfson Court.

¹ Please note that for the purposes of comparison with other colleges where a kitchen fixed charges (KFC) is payable, residence charges are deemed to include both rent and KFC.

- 3) **Graduates living out of College accommodation:**
- a) There is a facilities charge which covers access to College's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) and is fixed by Council each year. This facilities charge applies to all graduates who started their present course of study on or after 1.10.07.
 - b) Graduates who wish to extend their access to College's general non-academic facilities beyond the normal length of their course (e.g. while writing up) may retain their Uniware card on payment of the graduate facilities charge applicable for that year.
- 4) **Casual vacation residence:**
- a) There is a weekly residence charge which covers room rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) outside of the standard residence period for undergraduates, and which is fixed for each year. This rate of residence charge applies to all undergraduates and graduates not otherwise holding a tenancy at the rate applicable at the time of residence.
 - b) VAT will be added to the weekly residence charge for Vacation residence for non-academic reasons.

First year charges

- 5) There is a first year charge (also known as a deposit or caution money) which is charged termly in the first year of your course of study and is refundable on completion of your course, subject to the cost of rectifying any damage to your room or other College property other than normal wear and tear.
- 6) There is an additional deposit, charged termly, for students living in rooms with en-suite bathrooms.
- 7) The first year charges are payable by all students and are in addition to any pre-payment required from self-funding students as a financial guarantee. Self-funding students are required to make a pre-payment equivalent to one Term's College bill (which includes University fees). This deposit will be refunded against the last Term's bill before completion of your course.

Formal Hall

- 8) Formal Hall is held on Thursday evenings during Full Term.
 - a) Graduate students are entitled to attend Formal Hall free of charge.
 - b) There is a separate charge for guest tickets for Formal Hall.

Other matters

- 9) There is normally no charge for a stay in the Health and Welfare Centre, but College reserves the right to charge in exceptional circumstances.
- 10) Fines and interest will be charged on overdue accounts at rates approved from time to time by Council.
- 11) College reserves the right to charge residents of College houses and hostels an additional deposit where there is a telephone in the house, unless outgoing calls are barred.
- 12) Council Tax will be paid by the College and re-charged where applicable.
- 13) All students are granted £500 of credit on their Uniware card for the duration of their course, which may be used to pay for meals in the cafeterias at College and Wolfson Court. Students who retain their Uniware card thereafter (see item 3.(b) above) will be granted a credit on request with a lower limit of £50.
- 14) Rooms may only be changed in exceptional circumstances. There is a £25 administration charge for changing rooms during the year.
- 15) Use of the washing machines in the laundry rooms is charged at £1.75 per load.