

GIRTON COLLEGE
College Charges 2016/17

UNDERGRADUATES

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

Standard College accommodation for undergraduates includes rooms on the main College site, at Wolfson Court, and in a small number of College-owned houses. There are also a small number of flats and houses suitable for married students or student couples. Accommodation is normally available for the first three years of undergraduate study and may be offered for a fourth year, depending on availability.

College charges cover access to College non-academic facilities e.g. accommodation; catering services; gym and swimming pool. Access to academic facilities is covered by College fees (see separate web page).

College charges for undergraduates vary according to year of matriculation. Charges for 2016/17 are shown for each cohort of matriculants in residence, and are fixed for three years. Students starting a fourth or further year as an undergraduate student (for any reason) and living in College accommodation will be charged the same rate as the current third year cohort. (N.B. These arrangements are subject to review by Council during the academic year 2016/17.)

Residence and facilities charges

- 1) **Undergraduates living in standard College accommodation:**
 - a) There is a standard minimum residence period of 37 or 38 weeks *per annum* (depending on University Term dates). Please consult the College web site for details of coming up and going down dates.
 - b) For final year students expecting to graduate at the end of the academic year, the residence period will be one week longer, allowing residence to continue up to and including the expected day of graduation.
 - 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 inclusive residence charge which covers room rent and access to College non-academic facilities, including use of the cafeterias¹, gym and swimming pool; the residence charge is fixed for three years from the start of your course.
 - e) The residence charge for undergraduates starting a fourth or further year will be the same as that applicable to current third year undergraduates, rather than the rate applicable to their original cohort.
 - f) In rooms on the main College site, the residence charge includes background heating. Additional electricity usage is metered and charged at cost including VAT at 5%.

¹ The charge for this is known as Kitchen Fixed Charge and is a separate and additional charge in some other Cambridge Colleges

- g) In the Girton Road houses and Girton Gate, the residence charge includes a heating prepayment of £9.00 per week, which is set off against the actual charge.
 - h) The same weekly residence charge applies regardless of the length of residence.
- 2) **Undergraduates living out of College accommodation:**
- a) There is a facilities charge which covers access to College non-academic facilities, including use of the cafeterias, gym and swimming pool, and is fixed for a year at a time.
- 3) **Undergraduates living in College flats or houses with partners and/or children:**
- a) There is a standard tenancy of 48 weeks or 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 for one year only 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.
- 4) **Long Vacation residence:**
- a) The College offers Long Vacation tenancies for students wishing to reside in Cambridge for all or part of the Long Vacation. There is a weekly rate of residence charge applicable to these tenancies which covers room rent and access to College (non-academic) facilities (including use of the cafeterias) outside of the standard residence period for undergraduates, and which is fixed for a year at a time.
 - b) There is a daily residence charge for casual Long Vacation residence, which covers room rent and access to College (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.
 - c) VAT will be added to the weekly residence charge for Long Vacation residence for non-academic reasons.

Security deposits

5) There is a charge for a security deposit (also known as 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 any charges in respect of the cost of rectifying any damage to your room or other College property, other than normal wear and tear.

6) The security deposit 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 pre-pay the equivalent of one Term's College bill (which includes University fees). This will be refunded against the last Term's bill before completion of your course.

Formal Hall

7) Formal Hall is held on Thursday evenings during Full Term.

- a. There is a charge for Formal Hall tickets.
- b. There is a separate charge for guest tickets for Formal Hall.

Other matters

- 8) There is normally no charge for a stay in the Health and Welfare Centre, but College reserves the right to charge in exceptional circumstances.
- 9) Fines and interest will be charged on overdue accounts at rates approved from time to time by Council.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Council Tax will be paid by the College and re-charged where applicable.
- 12) All students are granted £500 of credit on their Uniware card, which may be used to pay for meals in the cafeterias at College and Wolfson Court.
- 13) Rooms may only be changed in exceptional circumstances. There is a £25 administration charge for changing rooms during the year.
- 14) Use of the washing machines in the laundry rooms is charged at £2 per load, and of the drying machines at £1 per load. Tokens can be purchased from the Porters' Lodge.

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