Accommodation

Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has specially chosen options to help make the most out of your stay. Homestay and student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always try to meet the highest standards.

Please make sure you check with your representative, as all accommodation options are based on availability.

Which accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

	Homestay	Student residence
👍	Immerse yourself in local culture & customs. Host assistance for queries. Towels, kitchen utensils, and more provided. Budget-friendly.	Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities. 24h assistance. Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities.
👎	May not be as social. Host family rules may apply. It can be up to 60 mins travel.	Noise levels might be high. Might be sharing facilities with other students. Might be expensive.

Booking student accommodation in 3 simple steps

Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay or residence) on the application form during your application for a course. Our Student Services team will record the preferred choice of accommodation.

Step 2

EP will be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid. Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details on the selected option.

Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document.

If you arrive at a residence or homestay between 22.00–08.00 you may be asked to book alternative accommodation in a hotel on the first night due to late/early arrival at the accommodation.



Homestay

Half board homestay*	2 meals per day (breakfast, dinner). 14 meals per week. (Mon-Sun).
Bed and breakfast*	1 meal per day (breakfast). 7 meals per week. (Mon-Sun).
Self catering - Adult homestay	No meals provided. Student will be able to cook in the kitchen.

*Students that have chosen these options might not be allowed to cook in the kitchen. They may have to order meals from restaurants, etc.

Studio Residence

Set close to the city centre, this residence is a stone's throw from a vibrant array of bars, shops, and restaurants, and is conveniently within walking distance of English Path Birmingham.

Features and Facilities:

- Private studio bedrooms.
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished
- Laundry facility on site.
- Wi-Fi.

Location: Birmingham City Centre

Travel time to EP Birmingham: 15-30 minutes



Things students need to bring

Toiletries, personal items to make student's room feel like home, prescription medication and any other personal important items.

Meals provided

Yes (depends on booking type, please refer to the table at the top of the page).

Meals are usually eaten with the family unless otherwise arranged and special diets such as vegetarian, halal and other requirements can be catered for at an additional cost. Please tell us if you have a special requirement when you request your accommodation.

Breakfast: Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, bread, spreadables, fruit juice, tea or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

Lunch: You will be responsible for buying your own lunch from a local restaurant or shop.

Dinner: If you book Half Board, you will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host. Please expect your host to set the dinner time and let them know if you are unable to arrive on time.

Services included

Bed linen, towels, telephone use for emergencies. Students need to make sure to discuss laundry with their host family after they arrive as laundry facilities will vary depending on the individual homestay.

If students on Half Board basis want to prepare their own meals and use the kitchen, they can pay to upgrade their accommodation from homestay to residence. If students are on Bed and Breakfast, we can change their booking/homestay to Self Catering. Students can also ask the hosts directly if they can use the kitchen.

Will the homestay arrange to pick up the student from the airport?

No, however, you can book your airport transfer with your EP school. The transfer to the accommodation will then be organised accordingly.

Transport to school

Your host will show you how to use public transport to get to school on your first day.

Where are the host families located?

Homestays are situated within 30-60 minutes of the city centre in different areas of the city.

About the residence

Accommodation types: Shared student building with studios distributed across different floors. The building is mixed with students from other schools/universities.

- Private shower room and kitchenette.

Bedrooms: Each bedroom contains the following: bed, chair, desk, window, closet, private shower room, and kitchenette.

Bed size: Standard Double.

Bathroom: Private shower room with toilet and sink.

Kitchen: The in-studio kitchenette includes the following amenities: a 2-in-1 fridge freezer, electric hob, sink, oven or a 3-in-1 microwave, grill and oven, and dining table with chair. The kitchen is private to the student. Cutlery, plates, and pans are included. For safety reasons, the use of candles, oil burners, chip pans, deep fat fryers, or any other potential fire hazards is strictly prohibited.

Facilities: Wi-Fi, all bills inclusive, on-site laundry room and free contents insurance. The residence will provide communal areas including social spaces for students to enjoy.

General Reception/ Security Office Hours: Reception staff are typically available Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; the security team is on duty 24 hours a day and at weekends.

Extra costs: Extra cost facilities: Laundry room on site (charges apply; prices may vary).

Visitors/guests: Visitors are allowed and can stay overnight for a maximum of 2 nights a week.

Neighbourhood: Close to a supermarket and other convenience stores.

Noise: Residents are expected to respect one another and keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing others. Quiet hours, as per Birmingham City Council regulations, are:

Monday to Friday 6 pm – 8 am;
Saturday 1 pm – 8 am;
Sunday and public holidays: no loud noise disturbances allowed.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Cleaning service: A cleaning service is provided in the common areas outside the flats. Students are responsible for keeping their studios clean. Bedding changes are not included.

Minimum stay: 1 week minimum stay. Bookings from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday.

Check-in/check-out: Check-in after 4 pm / check-out 10 am.

Accommodation location: 15–30 minutes to both English Path and Birmingham city centre.

PLEASE NOTE

- There is no air conditioning in the rooms.
- As this is a city-centre location, the residence may be noisy at times.
- Self-catering accommodation includes access to fully equipped kitchen facilities. Food, cleaning products, laundry detergent and hair driers
- and other household consumables are not included and must be purchased by students.



Ensuite Residence

Set close to the city centre. Not only just a stone's throw from a vibrant array of bars, shops, and restaurants, but also conveniently within walking distance of English Path Birmingham.

Features and Facilities:

- Private bedrooms.
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished.
- Laundry facility on site.
- Community and shared kitchen facilities.
- Wi-Fi.
- Cleaning of kitchen not included.

Location: Birmingham City Centre

Travel time to English Path and the city centre: 15–30 minutes

About the residence

Accommodation types: Shared student flats in building mixed with students from other schools/universities.

• Shared kitchen, private shower room.

Bedrooms: The bedroom contains the following: bed, pillow, bedding, chair, desk, window, closet and private shower room.

Bed size: Small Double.

Bathroom: Private shower room with toilet and sink.

Kitchen: The shared kitchen includes the following amenities: a fridge, freezer, stove, oven, cutlery, plates, pans, microwave, dining table and chairs. For safety reasons, the use of candles, oil burners, chip pans, deep fat fryers, or any other potential fire hazards is strictly prohibited.

Facilities: The residence will provide communal areas including social spaces, on-site maintenance team, 24/7 concierge, on-site laundry room, Wi-Fi and all bills inclusive.

General Reception/ Security Office Hours: Reception staff are typically available Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; the security team is on duty 24 hours a day and at weekends.

Minimum weeks requests: 4 weeks minimum stay. Booking from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday.

Extra cost facilities: Laundry costs will apply.

Neighbourhood: Close to a supermarket and other convenience stores.

Visitors/guests: You are welcome to have guests during the daytime, and an overnight guest for a reasonable number of nights.

Noise: Residents are expected to respect one another and keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing others. Quiet hours, as per Birmingham City Council regulations, are:

• Monday to Friday: 6 PM – 8 AM
• Saturday: 1 PM – 8 AM
• Sunday & Public Holidays: No loud noise disturbances allowed.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Cleaning service: A professional cleaning service is provided to communal areas every week, free of charge. Students are responsible for cleaning their own room and shared spaces such as the kitchen.

Check-in/check-out: Check in after 4PM / Check out 10AM.

Accommodation location: 15–30 minutes to both English Path and Birmingham city centre.

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- There is no air conditioning in the rooms.
- As this is a city-centre location, the residence may be noisy at times.
- Self-catering accommodation includes access to fully equipped kitchen facilities. Food, cleaning products, laundry detergent and hair driers and other household consumables are not included and must be purchased by students.