

GIRTON COLLEGE
College Charges 2011/12

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 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 and catering services. Access to academic facilities is covered by College fees (see separate sheet).

College charges for undergraduates vary according to year of matriculation. Charges for 2011/12 are shown for each cohort of matriculants, and are fixed for three years. Different rates of charges apply to students living in College accommodation for a fourth year or returning from a year abroad or returning after de-grading. These charges are fixed for each year and for that year only by Council.

Residence and facilities charges

1) Undergraduates living in standard College accommodation:

- a) There is a standard minimum residence period of 38 or 39 weeks *per annum* (depending on University Term dates). Please consult the College web site for details of coming up and going down dates.
- b) 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.
- c) There is a single residence charge which covers room rent and access to College's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) and is fixed for three years from the start of your course.
- d) The residence charge for fourth year undergraduates, those returning from a year abroad, and returning de-graders is fixed for one year only each year and such students will be charged this rate as applicable.
- e) 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%.
- f) In the Girton Road houses and Girton Gate, the residence charge includes a heating prepayment of £12.00 per week, which is set off against the actual charge.
- g) 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's general non-academic facilities (including use of the cafeterias) and is fixed for one year only.

- b) The facilities charge for fourth year undergraduates, those returning from a year abroad, and returning de-graders is fixed for one year only each year and such students will be charged this rate as applicable.
- 3) **Undergraduates 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 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) **Casual Long Vacation residence:**
- a) There is a daily 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 Long 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 a deduction of £20 for fee insurance and 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 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

- 8) 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

- 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, which may be used to pay for meals in the cafeterias at College and Wolfson Court.
- 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 £2 per load.