University of Aberdeen
Housing Information

The Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, in conjunction with the University of Aberdeen, guarantees you accommodation in a hall of residence or student flat. Although you can indicate a preference for catered or self-catered housing (with or without a meal plan), the accommodation office makes final housing assignments, specific requests cannot be guaranteed. University regulations require that you contract to remain in your assigned housing for the full duration of your program. Past participants often recommend self-catered housing versus catered housing. Meal hours and food selection in catered halls are restricted.

Housing Preference Form
Please complete the housing preference form and return it to Arcadia University as soon as possible. We will work with the University of Aberdeen to secure your housing.

Types of Housing
Most accommodation at Aberdeen has the following set-up:
• Single-study bedrooms equipped with a wash basin (sink)
• Shared bathrooms
• Men and women are housed in separate sections of halls.
• The major halls are centrally heated and have many facilities including laundry facilities, game rooms and other common rooms, shops and snack bars, and sick bays.
• From the student village at Hillhead there is a frequent bus service to the main campus at Old Aberdeen, to Marischal College and the City center. The residences vary in distance from campus, so you should expect up to a 10-20 minute walk from your housing to classes.

Type 1 - Self-catered Flats: If you are assigned to a self-catered residence, you will be able to cook and prepare your own meals. There are large supermarkets available for you to purchase food inexpensively. Flats consist of single-study rooms with shared bathrooms, and a shared kitchen that is fully equipped with basic appliances. Cutlery and crockery are not included but can be purchased inexpensively in Aberdeen. All utilities (except phone bill) are covered in your rent, which is paid by Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad.

There are groups of self-catered flats at Hillhead Halls with approximately 1150 total student residents which include: North House and South House.

Type 2 - Catered Halls (Meal-plan must be purchased): Catered halls generally provide breakfast and dinner six days a week, and brunch on Sundays. Students should budget separately for the meals not provided by the meal plan. There are small pantries available for students to prepare food for themselves at times when no meals are offered in the dining halls. Self-catered flats are highly recommended (see above).

Contracts for Year Students
Students who attend the University of Aberdeen for the academic year will be given a housing assignment and contract for the fall only. Once you move into housing in the fall, you will have the opportunity to decide if they would like to remain in your assignment for the spring semester, or change housing for the spring. It is the responsibility of the academic year students to sign up for housing for the spring semester directly with the University of Aberdeen Accommodation office during the fall semester. Further information on how to do this will be discussed during the fall Arcadia University orientation program in Edinburgh.

Housing Regulations and Costs
University regulations require that you sign a contract to remain in your assigned housing for the full duration of your program. All fees (with the exception of phone bills) are paid on your behalf by Arcadia Center for Education Abroad.
Meal-plan Surcharge
If your housing assignment requires a meal plan, the appropriate fee will be charged to your account and sent to the billing address you have indicated on your application after your program begins. Please see Arcadia’s fee schedule for detailed information about this surcharge.

Linens and Laundry
The residence halls and flats provide the following items for you:
- Duvet (comforter)
- Pillows
- Bed linens and pillowcases are provided but not laundered.

You must supply and launder your own towels. Token operated laundry facilities are available in each hall or flat complex for students to do their personal laundry. Tokens are available from the caretaker.

Housing Between Terms and During Breaks
If you would like to remain in residence during part or all of a long break (winter break or spring break), the cost will be covered by Arcadia University. Only full year students are eligible for housing over winter holiday. You will be responsible for making your own arrangements with the accommodations officer and for paying the appropriate fees. You may then submit your receipt to the Arcadia Edinburgh office for reimbursement. You may be asked to change rooms. If you do not wish to remain in residence over break, you may be asked to store your belongings. Storage facilities will be available to you.
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Please return this form to our office as soon as possible by fax or mail. Our fax number is 215-572-2174.

Last name: ___________________________ First name: ___________________________

Home School: __________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________ Sex: _________ Major: ____________________

Day/ Month / Year

Please circle the program length appropriate to you:

academic year fall term (ends December) spring semester

Do you require Smoking Accommodation (if available)? ______

Do you prefer catered or self-catered housing? __________________________

If you have any allergies, medical conditions or dietary restrictions which may affect your housing assignment, please list them here:

Please keep in mind that the University of Aberdeen makes all assignments. While we will do our best to accommodate students’ needs, Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad cannot guarantee specific housing requests.

I understand and accept the Arcadia University housing policy.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________