University of Western Australia
Housing Information

Living in Perth
Living abroad will provide you with one of the most memorable and enriching times in your life. It goes beyond the surface attractions of traveling to fully immerse you in a new culture—challenging your identity, providing new perspectives and allowing you to grow. Living abroad is more than a bedroom and meal plan; it is about the experiences that you will have, the friends that you will make and the person that you will become. Take this time before you depart to reflect on the kinds of experiences that you would like to have when reviewing this brochure.

As a participant on an Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad program, you are guaranteed housing for the duration of your program. This housing booklet will assist you with selecting your housing preferences. While every effort will be made to accommodate your requests, specific placements and preferences cannot be guaranteed. Arcadia’s priority is to accommodate you in a place conducive to academic learning and cultural immersion. Arcadia selects accommodation venues based on these factors, in addition to considering safety, security, cleanliness and comfort. For these reasons, Arcadia reserves the right to alter or change accommodation options at any time.

The cost of your housing is included in your program fee. Additional costs will apply for meal plans. If your housing option includes a meal plan, the cost of your plan will be invoiced to your billing address after you have arrived in Australia. If your housing is listed as self-catered, you will have a kitchen facility available.

Please read through the materials carefully, complete the Housing Preference Form and return it to our office by mail or fax. All materials can be sent to:

Arcadia University  
Center for Education Abroad  
450 S. Easton Rd.  
Glenside, PA 19038  
Fax: 215 572 2174  
Email: downs@arcadia.edu

In order to provide the most up to date, accurate information, refer to the websites listed throughout this brochure. These websites should provide you with information on location, proximity to university, appearance, available facilities, rules and regulations and meal plan availability. Also listed on the websites will be information on how to apply directly to the housing complex, housing application deadlines and housing fees—please note that these do not apply to you. All of your housing costs are already covered by Arcadia University. Do not issue payment or send a housing application directly to the university or college. This will only create confusion in Australia, and may lead to a delay in your placement.

Housing Preference Form
In order to register your housing preferences, you will need to submit a Housing Preference Form for your overseas program. Please print page 4-5, complete and return the appropriate form immediately. Students who do not submit a Housing Preference Form by the housing deadline will automatically be assigned available accommodation.

Arcadia University can only consider one roommate request. All roommate requests must be mutual and in writing. While every effort will be made to consider your request, Arcadia cannot guarantee such requests.

It is important to note any dietary, medical or physical conditions which may effect your housing placement on your preference sheet. Such conditions will be treated as highly confidential and will only be shared with those individuals involved in your housing placement.
What is a Residential College?

A residential college is unlike the accommodation options at most colleges and universities in the US. It is less like a dorm and more like a living community. Residential colleges are located on campus, but maintain an independence from the universities. They foster an atmosphere that promotes their own educational philosophy and ethical values. Residential college life is regarded as more than just a matter of accommodation; it is an integral part of the education process, helping students to grow and mature as individuals. This has two important implications for those who wish to live on campus: 1) residents are expected to conduct themselves in a way which conforms to a college’s expectation of behavior; 2) they are encouraged to participate in the community life of the college, including social events, sports and other organized activities.

While many residential colleges were founded on religious or social traditions, they have evolved into open, tolerant institutions accepting students from a variety of religious, social, ethnic and international backgrounds. In many cases, religious services and social events are on offer, but they are not mandatory components of college life. In fact, students of differing backgrounds have found that they offer an extraordinary opportunity to meet and interact with students from within Australia and around the world.

While Arcadia University strongly encourages students to consider college life, admission into residential colleges is highly selective. Unfortunately, not all students who request to live in a college can be accommodated. When completing your college application, it is important to present yourself as a well-rounded individual interested in joining the college community. Applications are reviewed on an individual basis, weighing the academic and social contribution that each student offers. Because of the selective nature of residential colleges, it is advisable that you review the alternative accommodation options and indicate these on your Housing Preference Form. Additionally, students who choose to live in the colleges should be aware that local students do not generally return to the colleges until the weekend before lectures begin.

Residential College Options at the University of Western Australia

- Trinity College: [www.trinity.uwa.edu.au](http://www.trinity.uwa.edu.au)
- St Catherine’s College: [http://www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/](http://www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/)

Independent Living

While Arcadia University guarantees housing for all students, you reserve the right to opt out of program accommodation and seek independent accommodation. If you choose to live independently you must notify Arcadia University in writing by November 30 (for Semester I) or April 30 (for Semester II). If Arcadia University does not receive your written notification by these dates, you will be automatically assigned accommodation and be subject to our published withdrawal penalties.

Should you choose to live independently, your account will be credited the housing portion of your program fee. As with most large cities, housing in Perth can be very expensive. The housing allowance credit may not be sufficient to cover all your housing expenses.

Arcadia University will provide a temporary five-night accommodation option for your first five nights in Perth while you secure your independent housing. The supplemental fee for this service is $250. At the end of the five-night stay, Arcadia University will have no obligation to provide housing. If, however, you decide to live in Arcadia’s program housing, you may request to do so in return for payment of the full semester’s housing fee. Arcadia University will provide program housing only if space is available.

American Staff Contacts

Andrew Downs – Program Coordinator: Australia.

downs@arcadia.edu

Andrew Downs will be your main contact for housing questions and concerns throughout your time preparing for Australia. Mr. Downs has visited and seen the housing options and will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns.
Other Important Notes

- Arcadia University selects our student residences on the basis of security cost, livability, and convenience. As housing varies from year to year, do not base your preferences or expectations on reports from former students. Facilities will vary from house to house, but each property must meet our basic standards.

- Please remember that beyond meeting general standards; there is no way to guarantee uniformity of apartment and room sizes, distance from your university, furnishings or extra facilities.

- In a typical Australian residence, air-conditioning and central heating are not standard features. The average temperature through the year does not warrant central heating or air-conditioning. You should not expect central heating or air conditioning in your residence. Electric blankets, room/window fans and space heaters are the preferred methods of temperature control in residences. Keep in mind that you will need some time to acclimate to the dramatic change in season that you will encounter when traveling to the Australia.

- The various accommodation venues used by Arcadia University at Australian Universities have differing policies regarding costs associated with the establishment of local phone accounts, internet accounts and other supplementary services. Some venues provide these services, while others do not. You should be aware that around $100 US may be needed to cover these establishment costs.

- Your housing will remain available to you during your mid-semester break. However, housing cannot be guaranteed once the semester has ended. If you intend to stay in Australia after your program is completed, or between semesters, you must notify Arcadia University of your intentions. We will attempt to assist your request, but you may encounter additional costs as well as a need to change rooms. Please speak to the Arcadia staff as soon as you become aware of your needs.

- Please review the Arcadia University Housing Policy contained in this packet.
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Housing Preference Form

This form must be returned to Arcadia University before the housing deadline in order to consider your preference.

Name:_____________________________________    Sex:_________
Home College/University:_______________________   Major:_______________
Date of Birth:______________________________

Please rank your preferences from the following housing options. Please refer to the attached sheet for additional information regarding each college or hall.

_____ Trinity College
_____ Currie Hall
_____ St Catherine’s College
_____ St George’s College
_____ St Thomas More College

Please check below, if you intend on making your own housing arrangements.
Independent Housing:________

Preferred Roommate (if known):_________________________________

Do you smoke:        Yes  /  No
Would you live with a smoker:        Yes  /  No
Are you a vegetarian/vegan:        Yes  /  No
Do you have any dietary concerns:        Yes  /  No
If Yes, please explain:___________________________________________________

Do you drink alcohol:    Yes  /  No
Would you live with people who drink alcohol:    Yes  /  No
Would you consider a co-ed floor/flat:    Yes  /  No
Are you strictly religious:    Yes  /  No
If Yes, please explain:___________________________________________________
On the following questions, please rank yourself on the following scales:

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Please list your musical interests, either by genre or artist:
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Please list any sport interests, activities or other hobbies which you enjoy:
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Please list any health or medical conditions that may influence your housing:
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Please provide any other information that may influence your housing:
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I have read, understand and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy:

Signature:___________________________________________  Date:  ________________

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