Accommodation

University Halls of Residence

Charles University has several halls of residence. Students of the Faculty of Arts are allowed to use all of them. Usually, rooms are shared by two or more people. There are single rooms, but these are usually booked very quickly. Bathrooms and kitchenettes are shared by more rooms. Some halls have the so-called unit system where one unit consists of two twin rooms (= room with two single beds) sharing bathroom facilities.

Bedding and bed linen are provided; towels and kitchen utensils are not. If you wish to share a room with a colleague (classmate), contact the Accommodation Office (Reception) preferably before your arrival. The allocation of rooms is the responsibility of the residence hall management.

If you wish to share a room with a colleague (schoolmate) of yours, please, ask the Accommodation Office (Reception) on your arrival (or contact either the dormitory or the European Office before of it). The allocation of rooms is responsibility of the management of the residence hall.

The accommodation will be provided for the period corresponding to your study stay at Charles University. It is always available starting approx. one week before the beginning of the semester/study period, and students need not make any special request to move in during this week. You will be notified of details of your accommodation (period in which the room is available, price, address, etc.) in an Accommodation Voucher that you may receive together with a Letter of Acceptance or upon request. Students who wish to come earlier will have to find their own accommodation.

To check-in you need: your passport, one photograph and a copy of the receipt from the payment of the deposit in some cases. Students who arrive after office hours will be housed for the night (the reception is open 24 hours a day) and registered on the following work day at the Accommodation Office. When checking in students are expected to pay for one month in advance. A deposit CZK 1,800 is to be paid approximately 2 months before arrival in some cases.

The rent is paid directly in cash (CZK) at the Accommodation Office/Reception at the appropriate residence. No cards accepted. Students make the first payment upon their arrival and must make subsequent monthly payments in advance, always at the latest on the 25th of the preceding month.

If a student wishes to leave the accommodation earlier than is stated in the agreement, he or she will have to pay a penalty charge that will be deducted from the advance part of the payment (= deposit). If a student stays in the dormitory for the whole period of his/her study stay in Prague, the deposit will be used to (partly) cover the last month’s rent; it’s not returned in cash.

The list below is a summary of the most important information. The official website of the CU university halls is in Czech only, but it is useful if you want to have a look at pictures of the individual halls of residence.
Kolej Jednota (Jednota Residence Halls)
  * capacity: 397 beds
  * address: Opletalova 38, Prague 1
  * contact: +420 224 422 060 (reception), +420 224 422 074
  * e-mail: kolej.jednota@kam.cuni.cz, martina.kapickova@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Budeč (Budeč Residence Halls)
  * capacity: 227 beds
  * address: Wenzigova 20, Prague 2
  * contact: +420 224 261 499, +420 224 262 793
  * e-mail: kolej.budec@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Švehlova (Švehlova Residence Halls)
  * capacity: 329 beds
  * address: Slavíkova 22, Prague 3
  * contact: +420 222 726 007 (reception), +420 222 727 115 (accommodation)
  * e-mail: kolej.svehlova@kam.cuni.cz

Koleje Jižní Město: Vltava (Jižní Město Residence Halls: Vltava)
  * capacity: 579 beds
  * address: Chemická 953, Prague 4
  * contact: +420 267 267 586 (reception), +420 271 911 453 (accommodation)
  * e-mail: kolej.otava@kam.cuni.cz

Koleje Jižní Město: Otava (Jižní Město Residence Halls: Otava)
  * capacity: 1,135
  * address: Chemická 954, Prague 4
  * contact: +420 267267548 (reception), +420 271 911 453 (accommodation)
  * e-mail: kolej.otava@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Kajetánka (Kajetánka Residence Halls)
  * capacity: 1,281
  * address: Radimova 12, Prague 6
  * contact: +420 235 365 920 (reception Part K1), +420 233 095 111 (reception Part K2), +420 233 095 103 (accommodation)
  * e-mail: kolej.kajetanka@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Komenského (Komenského Residence Halls)
  * capacity: 182 beds
  * address: Parléřova 6, Prague 6
  * contact: +420 220 516 816 (reception), +420 220 516 815 (accommodation)
  * e-mail: kolej.komenskeho@kam.cuni.cz
Kolej Na Větrníku (Residence Halls Na Větrníku)

- capacity: 1,379 beds
- address: Na Větrníku 1932, Prague 6
- contact: +420 220 431 202 (reception), +420 220 431 217 (accommodation)
- e-mail: kolej.vetrnik@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Hvězda (Hvězda Residence Halls)

- capacity: 1,466 beds
- address: Zvoníčkova 5, Prague 6
- contact: +420 220 431 377 (reception), +420 220 431 371 (accommodation)
- e-mail: kolej.hvezda@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej 17. listopadu (17. listopadu Residence Halls)

- capacity: 1,466 beds
- address: Pátkova 3, Prague 8
- contact: +420 284 685 551
- e-mail: kolej.17.listopadu@kam.cuni.cz

Kolej Hostivař (Hostivař Residence Halls)

- capacity: 838 beds
- address: Weilova 2, Prague 10
- contact: +420 267 215 211
- e-mail: kolej.arealhostivar@kam.cuni.cz

Should you have any questions according to special needs of your accommodation, please contact:

Central Accommodation Office

E-mail: office@kam.cuni.cz
Tel.: +420 224 933 825; +420 224 930 010

English website of the administration of Charles University halls of residences, look there to read the Accommodation Contract in advance.

Private Accommodation

Many students at the Faculty of Arts prefer renting and flat-sharing to staying at the university halls of residence. People looking for flatmates often advertise on the Faculty noticeboards, through e-mail (people who study the same subject in the same year often have one e-mail address in common for sharing notes, job offers, etc) or Facebook (there are groups especially designed for people who are looking for flats and/or flatmates). The prices of private accommodation differ according to location, type of building, services included and according to the arrangements (shared rooms / private rooms). Before signing a contract, it is advisable to compare several different offers and to ask a local friend or classmate with some experience for his or her opinion.