Here are some options to consider.
Your accommodation options

Residential colleges

Residential colleges are a great option for students, particularly those moving out of home for the first time, because the facilities generally include meals and a fully-furnished single bedroom complete with a bed, desk, chair, telephone and wardrobe.

Colleges provide access to the internet, library, sporting and laundry facilities. Some even offer access to tutors. All of the colleges are located in North Adelaide, a 10 minute walk from the city. They book up quickly, so applying up to six months in advance is advised.

Student hostels

Student hostels are great places to meet people and create a friendship network. Hostels provide an independent living environment with fully-furnished single rooms and access to shared facilities such as kitchen, bathroom and recreational areas.

Most are located in suburbs, rather than the Adelaide CBD.

Student apartments

Adelaide has a wide range of student apartments on offer in the city centre and very close to the Magill and Mawson Lakes campuses. You can choose between studio and one-bedroom fully-furnished apartments or share apartments which offer a private bedroom with shared kitchen, living area and bathroom. Students negotiate sharing of household chores and expenses with fellow tenants.

Homestay/private board

Students can live in a home with a family, couple or single person, which includes your own furnished room and meals, and utilities (gas, water and electricity). If you are new to Adelaide, this can be a very good way to familiarise yourself with your new environment. For international students, it’s a further opportunity to practise your English. Stays can be as short as four or six weeks.

Private rental/sharing

Renting privately can be a very affordable housing option if you are prepared to shop around and consider sharing with others. Although share-housing can be very rewarding, sharing your house with others can also be challenging, especially if you don’t get the basics right. Our Housing FAQs (visit unisa.edu.au/accommodation and look for Help and Advice), will help take the headaches out of the experience. You can search for vacancies on the UniSA Rental Database, real estate agencies and newspaper classifieds.

Non-profit housing

Eligible students may apply for subsidised housing through Housing SA and several community housing organisations.

UniSA rental database

UniSA’s Rental Database is a free information exchange website designed to make it easier for University of South Australia students to find housing. You can either advertise or search for accommodation.

Key to symbols:
- Fully furnished
- Meals included
- Utilities usually included (electricity, water, gas)
- Very popular, apply early
- Book online through UniSA website
- Inspected by UniSA
- Must inspect in person
- UniSA students only

Temporary accommodation

If you have not finalised your long-term accommodation, please ensure that you arrange a temporary option BEFORE you arrive in Adelaide. Visit unisa.edu.au/accommodation

Useful places to search

- The UniSA Accommodation Services website is full of housing options and information. Visit unisa.edu.au/accommodation
- Check out the UniSA Rental Database on the Accommodation Services website and see student notice boards for more information about lots of share house options at rental.unisa.edu.au
- Private rentals can be searched for by both cost and location at realestateview.com.au

Note: The University of South Australia does not own or operate these accommodation facilities, nor does it provide any oversight of the property or property manager. For further information on any properties, please make direct contact with the provider.

While the University does inspect Residential Colleges, Student Hostels and Student Apartments we do not inspect or vet private rental properties (including those on the rental database). It is very important that you inspect the accommodation carefully, satisfy yourself of its suitability and meet future housemates before paying money or agreeing to a lease.

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Come and see us if you have any concerns about your accommodation:

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For further information specific to international students please visit: unisa.edu.au/international