International Study Centre





Accommodation Options at Huddersfield International Study Centre

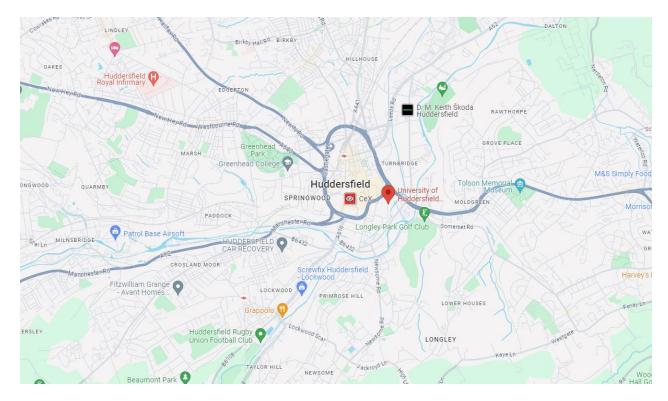
Student success

Accommodation is an important consideration for all students

• Ensuring a comfortable environment that suits your individual needs will help set you up for academic success

• Living close to the University campus will give you the opportunity to experience a balanced student life and keep your studies on track.

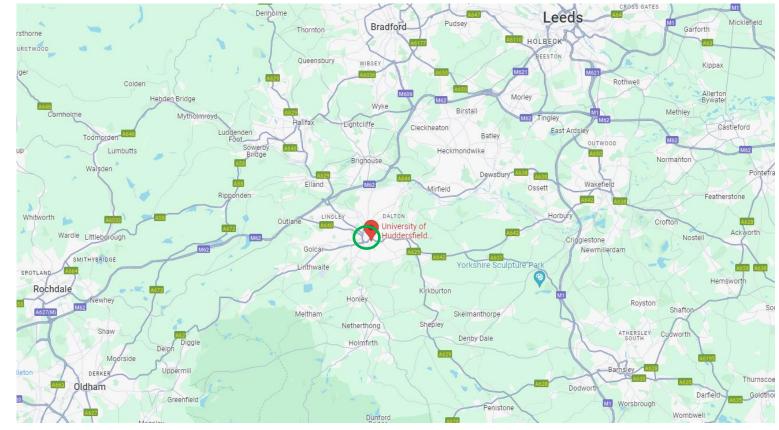
Living locally for student success



To help you work out the best places to live, we have collated a list of areas (Green, Amber, and Red areas) in the following slides. Green and Amber areas with postcodes HD1-5 are recommended.

Map View – 'Green' Areas

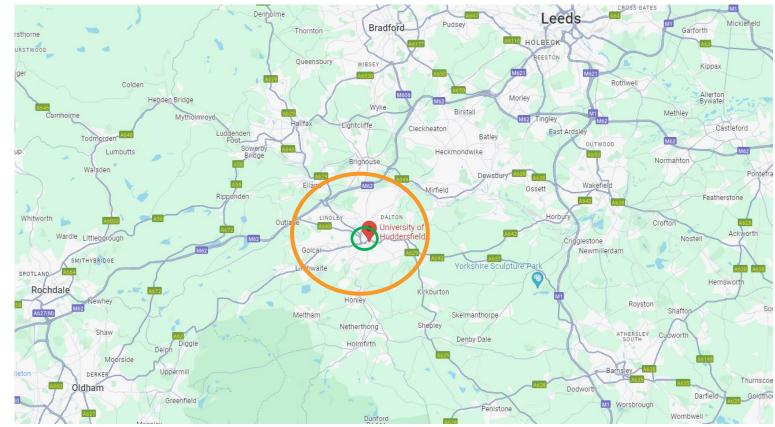
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Map View – 'Green' and 'Amber' Areas (Postcodes HD1-5)

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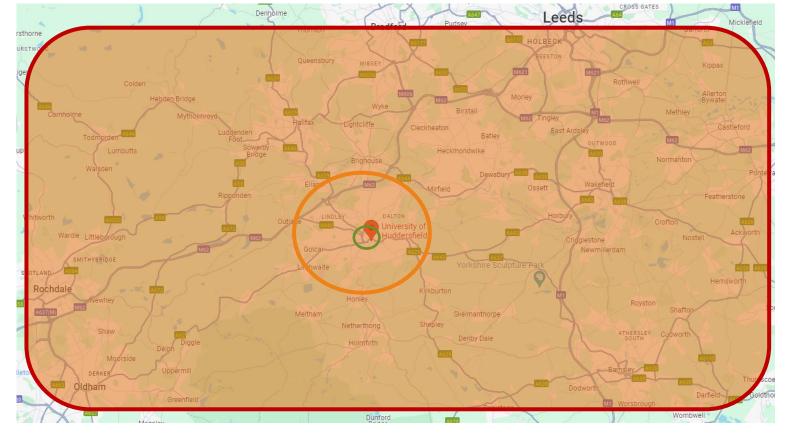
Map View – 'Green', 'Amber' and 'Red' Areas

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3 miles and beyond from campus – **not recommended**

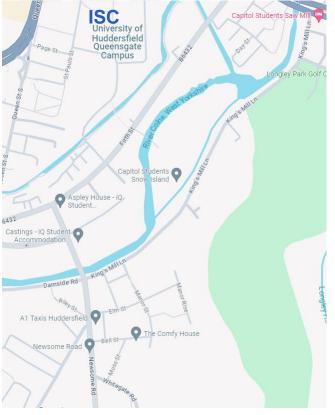


'Green' Areas

Green locations include living near to the University Campus such as in one of our Third Party provided accommodation options.

Or living locally to campus in private sector or student accommodation





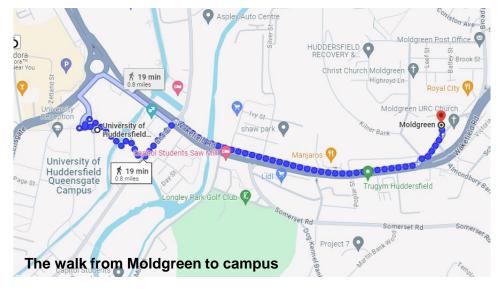
'Green' Areas – less than 2 miles from the ISC

Top places to live less than 2 miles away:

- Moldgreen 0.8 miles
- Edgerton 1.5 miles
- Marsh 1.6 miles
- Thornton Lodge 1.2 miles
- Paddock 1.3 miles
- Lockwood 1.3 miles
- Newsome 1.5 miles

From the ISC:

"The closer [students live] to the university or the town centre the better, as this would mean that students could walk to campus rather than relying on public transport."



Distance between campus and the 'Green' Areas

- Moldgreen 0.8 miles
 - 🟃 19 mins walk 🛛 🚃 7 min bus (plus a 7 min walk to the ISC)
- Edgerton 1.5 miles
 35 min walk \u2014 25 min bus
- Marsh 1.6 miles
 40 min walk = 25-30 min bus
- Paddock 1.3 miles
 30 min walk = 20 min bus
- Thornton Lodge 1.2 miles
 28 min walk = 15 min bus
- Lockwood 1.3 miles
 26 min walk \$\$15 min bus
- Newsome 1.5 miles
 32 min walk = 25 min bus



Image shows Edgerton, Marsh, Paddock, Thornton Lodge and the University campus where the ISC is located

Amber Areas – Up to 3 miles away from the ISC

Additional areas recommended for booking accommodation:

- Almondbury 2.3 mile walk
- Milnsbridge 2.4 miles
- Lindley 2.5 miles
- Quarmby 2.2 mile walk
- Longwood 2.7 mile walk
- Golcar 3.1 miles
- Cowlersley 3 miles
- Oakes 2.7 miles
- Crosland Moor 1.5 mile walk



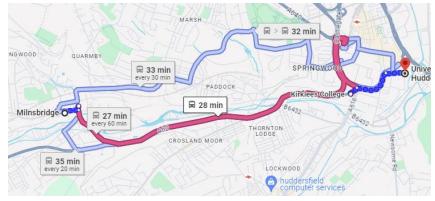
Distance between campus and the 'Amber' Areas

- Almondbury 2.3 miles \$\$
 30 mins including a 15 min walk
- Lindley 2.5 miles =
 30 mins including a 10 min walk
- Quarmby 2.3 miles =
 35 mins including a 15 min walk
- Milnsbridge 2.4 miles ;;
 30 mins including a 10 min walk
- Longwood 2.7 miles \$\$
 30 mins including a 15 min walk

- Golcar 3.2 miles ;;
 35 mins including a 10 min walk
- Cowlersley 3 miles ;;
 35 mins including a 15 min walk
- Oakes 2.7 miles =
 45 mins including a 15 min walk
- Crosland Moor 1.5 miles \$\$
 20 mins including a 10 min walk

These areas are on same bus route: Quarmby Milnsbridge Longwood Golcar

All of these locations are a similar distance away – around a 30-minute bus journey or a 10 min car drive.

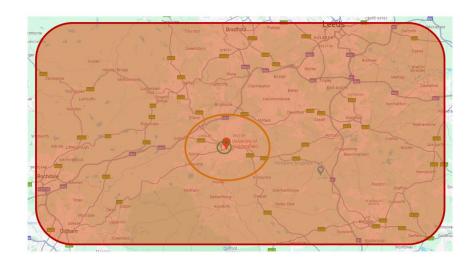


Red Areas – Not Recommended!

- Might not be cost-effective purchasing bus and train tickets or paying for taxis to campus
- Time-consuming which impacts your ability to participate in class and extra-curricular activities
- The commute can be difficult or impacted if there is bad weather
- Miss out of student community can be isolated from campus life
- Risk of sub-letting

What is sub-letting? Subletting is when a tenant decides to rent out either a room or whole property to a third party.

Risks of sub-letting: May be liable for damages No legal protection Stranger danger – putting yourself at risk



Even further away... we do not recommend!



You should **<u>NOT</u>** book accommodation in these surrounding areas outside of Huddersfield:

- Manchester

(Around £20 for a day return train ticket) When taking into account the travel from home to the station, the train journey time, and then the walk from Huddersfield station to the university, this makes it a long journey.

- Oldham

The bus service is infrequent (only one bus route, max one per hour and takes around 90 minutes one way). It is also not possible to get the train from

- Leeds

Oldham.

- Sheffield

Travelling to the ISC

"Students would need to factor in enough travel time to get from their accommodation to the University."

- 🛛 Walk 📩
- Bike 🚲

Various student accommodation providers offer bike storage

• Bus 🚒

A monthly student ticket for First Buses in West Yorkshire starts at £65/month unlimited travel on First Buses.

• Car 🚙

Note that parking on campus may not be possible

• Train 🚂

Note that engineering works and upgrades to Huddersfield station may cause delays

Travel to the ISC – Bus and Train information

Trains:

- Please note that due to upcoming upgrades at Huddersfield train station, journeys may be disrupted or replaced by buses.
- There are often strikes on the train operators that serve Huddersfield (Transpennine Express, Northern) which can cause delays.

Bus information:

Roads in Huddersfield with good bus routes

- Manchester Road between Slaithwaite and Huddersfield town centre has frequent buses. These buses would be operated by First Halifax, Calder Valley and Huddersfield.
- New Hey Road/Trinity Street between Lindley and Huddersfield town centre has frequent buses. These buses would be operated by <u>First Halifax, Calder Valley and Huddersfield</u>.
- Halifax Road between Birchencliffe and Huddersfield town centre.
- These buses would be operated by First Halifax, Calder Valley and Huddersfield.
- Leeds Road between Dewsbury and Huddersfield town centre has frequent buses. These buses would be run by <u>Arriva Yorkshire</u>



Accommodation in Huddersfield

Types of accommodation available

Option 1: Third Party Managed Accommodation with the International Study Centre

Option 2: Accommodation from the private sector • Students can choose to live in other student accommodation or private-sector accommodation although there are risks and this may incur additional living costs





Benefits of choosing local student accommodation

Being close to campus and the ISC

Most student accommodation in Huddersfield is just a few minutes' walk from campus and they have grocery stores very close by.

It is more cost-effective

After taking into consideration travel and utility bills, student accommodation in Huddersfield is often the cheaper option.

Meeting other students

Living in student accommodation allows students to meet a range of other students, including home students to help them settle in.

More time to take part in societies such as academic, sports and global societies

Students living in student accommodation in Huddersfield save hours each week and rather than traveling, can more easily keep up with independent study and have more free time to explore the local area, join societies or clubs etc.

Able to attend and enjoy events at the University – such as those in the evenings.

An example of an event is Global Week, where our ISC students are very well-represented.

Staff to support 24/7

Most providers have staff available to help with any issues students may have.

If there are any issues with the accommodation, it is much easier for these to be resolved than in private accommodation.

Option 1: ISC Accommodation

Once students have accepted their offer to study with us, the Central Student Support team will be in touch to provide details about the accommodation we are offering and to help you to book your room.





Option 2: Accommodation in the private sector

Some students may choose to live in private sector accommodation for various reasons. If you are booking your own accommodation privately, **you must let us know where you are staying.** We do not have influence or control over the conditions or policies of independently booked accommodations.

Things to consider:

- **Price**: while rent can sometimes be lower, students may have to pay additional fees like utility bills, furnishing costs, deposits and other upfront fees
- Location: our Third Party accommodation guarantees that you'll be living around other students, whereas private accommodation does not
- **Travel time and cost**: living further from campus may mean additional costs of travel to campus as well as time taken out of your day to get to classes
- **Contracts/lease length**: pay attention to the duration of the contract, notice periods, rent payment schedules, and any additional fees or charges
- Access to student support: this may not be as easy to access compared to living in our Third Party sourced accommodation
- **Viewing**: students should request that they can do online viewings, or if they have a trusted persons residing in the UK already, ask them to view the property to deem suitability



Students under the age of 18

We <u>strongly</u> advise that students who are under 18 live in the approved student accommodation in Huddersfield.

This accommodation is well-priced and usually includes all bills, unlike many private accommodation providers.

Most approved student accommodation has welfare and security staff on site and the university is a short walk away, saving both time and money when compared with living away from campus.

The International Study Centre has links with approved providers, meaning that if there are any concerns, we can easily be in touch to check on a student's welfare. This is not usually possible with private providers.

For students who are under 18 who decide not to live in one of the approved accommodation providers, **you must contact us to request to do this.**

Parents/guardians <u>will be required</u> to sign an indemnity form to confirm that they understand that the ISC cannot accept responsibility for issues arising from living in private accommodation.

Email <u>Huddersfieldisc.css@studygroup.com</u> for more information.





Do Your Research

In all cases, we would advise students to consider the following when booking private accommodation:

Cost - does the rent include bills? If so, which ones? If not, research how much you are likely to pay for gas, electricity, water, internet. Also consider travel costs if it is away from campus. Is this more or less expensive than approved student accommodation?

Distance from university - are there regular buses if it is not a walkable distance? How long does the bus take? Would you need to take a train? If so, you should consider how long it takes from the accommodation to the train station, the journey to Huddersfield and the walk from the train station to the campus. How much would the trains cost?

Please note that due to upcoming upgrades at Huddersfield train station, journeys may be disrupted or replaced by buses.

In one case, a student realised that although his private accommodation was cheaper than student accommodation, when he added bills and the travel costs, he moved to student accommodation as it was a far cheaper option. Once he moved, his attendance improved significantly.

Location - is the accommodation in a different town or city? If so, is it in the centre or the outskirts? For example, when searching for accommodation in Leeds, you may find some in the city centre, which would be more convenient for public transport. However, you may get results for places such as Horsforth, which would be almost a two-hour walk/30 minute drive from Leeds city centre which would add significant time and cost to the journey.

Provider/landlord - Have you seen a contract? Have you checked the terms and conditions? What do you know about the condition of the facilities? How many people would be sharing the accommodation? What kind of people share the accommodation? Are they all students? We would strongly advise against booking accommodation without seeing a contract.

Look out for Fraud in the private sector

- Scammers may specifically target international students so it is important to be able to recognise common signs of fraudulent activity and know what to do if you come across it.
- Let us know at <u>fraudreporting@studygroup.com</u> if you have any concerns about fraudulent activity when dealing with a private accommodation provider so that we can help to protect you and other international students in case they are targeted in the same way.



Attendance and your Visa

Most students at the International Study Centre have a student visa. As such, we follow UKVI rules and our own policy regarding attendance.

We are clear with all students that we expect 100% attendance, both to ensure that they have the best opportunity to achieve their potential, and also to ensure compliance with visas.

In cases where students' attendance falls below expectation due to the location of their accommodation, in most cases we are <u>unable</u> to authorise this, which may lead to their place at the ISC and their visa sponsorship being at risk.



If you have any questions, please reach out to us:



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