Murano Street Student Village Frequently Asked Questions
How close is the Residence to the University and the city centre?
Approximately 20 minutes walk to the main campus and a 30 minute walk to the city centre.

Is there a bus that goes to the University from the residence?
There is public transport that runs from Byres Road to Maryhill Road or Murano Street taking you to and from the University. A few minutes walk from the residences there is a bus stop where there is public transport taking you directly into Glasgow City centre.

What is the emergency contact number?
The office telephone no. is (0141) 945 5976.

Is there anyone available out of office hours?
After 6pm there is always a Senior Resident available to assist with any problems. The residence also has 24hr security that will be happy to assist with any queries you may have.

Can I arrive before the start of my contract?
You must arrange any additional nights before you arrive by applying for pre-term accommodation via your online accommodation account. The cost of this extra accommodation will be added to your MyCampus account. We will do our best to arrange for you to be allocated to your normal term time accommodation though we cannot guarantee this will be possible. Students who arrive prior to the commencement of their contract without a pre-term booking cannot be guaranteed accommodation with the University and may be required to find themselves alternative accommodation until their contract begins.

How much do I pay for heating, lighting and internet?
All heating, hot water and electricity, and internet is included in your rent.

Can I extend my stay over the summer months?
It may be possible to extend over the summer months, but places are limited. You will be asked to complete a form in third term indicating that you wish to extend. Please note that you may be required to move flats.

Can I possibly look around a typical room before I decide to accept?
It may be possible to arrange a visit by contacting the MSSV office. Tel: (0141) 945 5976.

If you arrive for a visit without contacting the office first we cannot guarantee that there will be a staff member available to show you the accommodation.

Additionally you can check the University website for a list of University Open days where it may be possible to visit the Residence.

Are there medical facilities near the residence?
There are several doctors’ surgeries near MSSV; we will supply further information on your arrival in our accommodation. There is also a medical centre within the university, further information can be found at http://www.universitybarclay.com/.

When can I get into the room?
Any time after 4pm on your contractual start date.

What am I responsible for cleaning?
This is dependant on whether or not your flat receives a weekly service but either way, you are responsible for cleaning your own bedroom and keeping all shared areas such as kitchen, toilets and shower clean and tidy throughout the week.

Will an inventory be carried out on my room / flat?
Upon arrival, you must complete your room inventory (this is online and will be sent to you by your university email address) and return it to the office within five days of moving in. There will be 2 flat and room inspections carried out during your stay, you will be provided with further information on this when you arrive.

Does the residence have student cooking facilities?
Each flat has an electric cooker, a microwave oven, kettle and fridge freezer as it is a self catering residence.

Are cooking utensils, crockery supplied?
No, crockery etc is not supplied by the University. We do supply an iron, ironing board, vacuum cleaner, brush, shovel, mop and bucket.

How can I recycle my waste?
There are recycling bins which are situated at either side of the CSB. Paper, cans, tins and plastic bottles can all be recycled. Glass recycling bins are also available at the CSB car park for your use.

Can I bring my bike?
Yes, you can bring your bike. There are two lockable bike stores within MSSV. All bikes are required to be registered and tagged, contact Reception for details. Please note that all tenants are responsible for making sure that their bicycle is adequately insured and secured. You can insure your bike as part of your Block Halls policy by going to http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/fees/insurance/.
How can I find out what the Block Halls Insurance Policy covers?
University of Glasgow has arranged some contents insurance cover for you with Endsleigh, the number 1 student insurance provider. Input your policy number HH1357 at www.endsleigh.co.uk/reviewcover to check your policy details. Here you will find more information on how to check what is covered, some key exclusions and limitations, how to check your policy excess, how to extend and personalise your cover and most importantly, how to make a claim.

Is there a car park attached to the Residence?
There are limited private car parks on site. Anyone wishing to use the private car park during term time must register their car details at reception.

Is there a phone in my room?
Yes, the telephone system operates using Keycom, details can be found here: http://www.keysurf.net/uoghelp/. You can set up an account by using either debit or credit. Further details are available on arrival.

Is internet/ WiFi available in the room?
Yes, Wi-Fi is available in the CSB building and all flats within the residence.

Can I bring my own TV?
Yes, but it must be fitted with a correctly rated fuse, correctly wired plug and a cable in good order. Students must obtain their own TV license. See http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk for more details.

Do I need to take everything out of my room at Christmas and Easter Holidays?
No. As your contract includes the holiday periods you do not have to remove your belongings.

Can my friends stay overnight?
Yes. They must be registered at the Central Services Building (CSB), where a guest pass will be issued. A minimum 24 hours notice is required. Guests can stay for a maximum 3 nights with one guest per flat allowed at any one time. Permission from flatmates must be sought first. A full list of guidelines will be issued to you when registering your guest.

What happens if I lose my keys?
You must let staff at the CSB know. Please try to avoid carrying your keys with anything that would identify your address. A charge will be made for the replacement key and fob.

What happens to my mail/parcel delivery?
Mail is delivered directly to the letter boxes at the front door of the flats. If an item is too big for your letter box, the postman will put a note in your letter box telling you where to collect it.

Will I have to share a room?
No.

How do I report a repair?
All repairs must be reported to the office and staff will take appropriate action. In an emergency out with office hours you should contact the duty senior resident who will call the relevant member of the maintenance team. This is in an extreme emergency only. If the repair is non-urgent and the office is closed please complete an on-line repair form at: www.gla.ac.uk/services/residentservices/maintenance/reporting/

How can I get to Glasgow International Airport?
A taxi will cost you approximately £20. If you wish to use public transport it is possible to get a bus from Partick Bus Station to take you to the Airport. Please allow yourself plenty of time to get to the Airport if you choose to use this service. Alternatively there is an airport shuttle bus that will take you directly to the airport from Buchanan Bus Station, a single ticket costs £6.50 and an open return lasting 28 days is £9.

What do I need when living in halls?
Everything that is needed for independent living! Linen, Bedding, Crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, saucepans, towels. If you wish, before you arrive at University, you can purchase your essential items through an organisation called click2campus. This company provides a variety of ‘essentials’ packs, which contain all the items necessary during your time in student accommodation, including towels, crockery, and cooking utensils, all delivered into your study-room before you arrive. For further information on pack contents, prices, and other services offered by this company, please visit the click2campus website http://www.click2campus.com/store/University-of-Glasgow.html.

Anything else that would be useful for me to bring?
A Glasgow Street Guide, tea towels, a padlock for the food lockers and warm clothing for the winter months.

What assistance is available in the residence?
Murano Street Student Village office is based on site and is open from 8am-6pm, Monday to Friday. Senior Residents – pastoral staff members appointed by the University – are responsible for the flats outwith office hours. There are also night security staff based in the Central Services Building who are on duty 24 hours a day.