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If you are only going abroad for one semester, you will need to consider what will happen to your room in Manchester for that semester. Can you afford to pay rent for the full year when you will only be there for half the year? If you are renting privately you may wish to either look for a room for one semester only, or take a full year lease and then advertise your room. If you wish to do the latter, you must be aware that letting your room can be very challenging and discuss this with your housemates and landlord in case they have any objections. There is also an option to go back into halls and request a semester only contract. Please note that this is possible for those students studying abroad in semester two, however this can be difficult to secure for those students on exchange in semester one.



“ *In my time abroad I stayed in the University Halls Accommodation.*

This was a real bonus to my experience as it gave me the chance to live like an American student. As well as having a room-mate to keep me company, it was great to be able to mix with other students who lived on my floor. I really enjoyed living on-campus as everything I needed was within a 5 minute walk! ”

Eleanor Horowitz,
Psychology with International Study,
University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA



A useful site to both look for and advertise a room is the Manchester Student Homes website:

www.manchesterstudenthomes.com/MessageBoard

where many single semester rooms are advertised.

Manchester Student Homes is a free, university-run housing service for students. Gumtree, Facebook and SpareRoom.com are also worth a try, but should be used with caution.

If you wish to advertise your room to incoming exchange students, you should first discuss this with your housemates in case they have any objections. Since single semester exchange students are not guaranteed a room in university accommodation at Manchester, they will often be looking for short-term private accommodation. You can advertise your room through the International Programmes Office Facebook Accommodation Exchange group. You should receive an invitation to join the Accommodation Facebook group where you can post an advert for your room. Please note that the deadlines for Erasmus+ incomers to apply to Manchester are:

- 1 June for semester 1 incomers
- 1 November for semester 2 incomers

The incoming students won't be invited to join the Facebook group until after these dates.

Writing a housing advert

- Remember that students from Europe will not know what 'Sainsbury's' is, or where 'Fallowfield' or 'Withington' is in relation to the university, so please make this explicit in your advert. Is your house near a bus stop/shops/bars/internet café etc? How long will it take a student to get into the university walking/on the bus? Also be sure to mention exactly who they would be sharing with (male/female, smokers etc).

- It is also helpful to mention if any of your flatmates speak any foreign languages themselves, as a French student may feel happier sharing with someone else who can speak their language for example.
- If you have any photos of either the interior or exterior of your house, then feel free to include those in your advert, as it will help 'sell' your room more effectively.

Arranging a contract

- You will need to speak to your landlord regarding payment arrangements, to see whether they are happy to change the name on the housing contract for the second semester and receive payment directly from the foreign student.
- Alternatively, your landlord may want you to be responsible for collecting payment from the foreign student, in which case it would be a good idea to have the foreign student sign a written agreement with you. You can buy standard rental contracts from places like WHSmith, or seek advice in the Students' Union, to ensure that you are legally covered should the foreign student cause any damage to the house/ leave unpaid bills etc.
- The Students' Union is open for advice from Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, term-time and vacation. No appointment is needed – just call in. If you do want to make an appointment, you can do so by telephoning **0161 275 2952**.
- Manchester Student Homes offers a free contract checking service to any student from any landlord. You may want to consult Manchester Student Homes if you are changing the name on your housing contract. Tel number: **0161 275 7680**, email: **manchesterstudenthomes@manchester.ac.uk**.



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