



## Campus vs. City Universities

There are two different types of university that you can choose to go to: a campus university and a city university. Neither is better than the other, but each have their own advantages.

A campus university is a university where all of the buildings, facilities, and often students are all on one distinct site. Examples include the University of York and the University of Warwick.



A city university is a university which is dotted around a city, as seen at King's College London which has 5 campuses across London (other examples include the University of Leeds, and the London School of Economics).



### Pros of Campus living

1. A greater sense of community. If there's a large group of people living in reasonably close proximity then it creates a greater sense of community amongst those students who live on that campus.
2. More facilities on your doorstep. Most campuses will have a good selection of facilities right on your doorstep for you to use. You will likely get simple things like laundry services but you might even have sports facilities such as football pitches and a gym, bookshops, and small supermarkets! You will have access to all of this (and more) at a city campus, but you'll probably have to travel further to find it all.
3. Shorter distance to get to uni. Being on campus means that you can roll out of bed and it's not that far to get to lectures.

### Pros of City living

1. You're in the heart of the city. You can step out of your front door and be smack bang in the middle of the city, which is perfect for shopping, sightseeing and entertainment. Think of everything you have at your fingertips: music venues, restaurants, museums, cinemas, shops, and so much more. You'll definitely never be stuck for something to do.
2. Good transport links. Being in the middle of the city means there is always plenty of transport options. For example, if you're in London you can use the Tube, taxis, buses or even hire bikes. This is also handy if you're planning trips home, as you're probably not that far away from a train station.
3. You can find some stunning accommodation. Whilst many people think of messy, grotty little houses when they think of student accommodation, you'd be surprised at how amazing some of it actually is. Living there whilst at uni would be pretty amazing!

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## Living at Home vs. Living at University



When you go to university, you also get to decide where you live. There are a variety of different options. For instance you can:

- Live in halls of residence. These are dormitories, provided by the university, where students live, sleep, eat and socialise. Students pay to live here, and you often get the chance to live next to friends. This accommodation is usually very close to where you will be studying
- Rent private accommodation. This is where you rent accommodation from a private landlord who is not connected to the university. You can choose to live with friends or by yourself
- Stay at home. Lots of students choose to live with their families at home while at university and travel into university for their studies
- Choose a combination of all three! Many students opt to live at home in the first year of their studies, move into university halls of residence in their second, and then maybe opt for private rented accommodation in their third. It is completely fine to mix and match, and a decision at the start of your course shouldn't tie you to that choice for your whole degree.

No single option is better than another. It all depends on your personal preferences and there are pros and cons to each.

### Pros of staying at home:

- It may be cheaper
- Your parents may be kind enough to do your laundry, cooking and cleaning!
- Your family home may provide a great support structure for you to complete your studies

### Pros of moving out:

- You get the opportunity to live with friends, which can be a fantastically fun experience
- You develop a greater sense of independence. You'll need to learn to cook, clean and do your laundry!