

Leeds University Union

Essential checklist to complete before you agree to rent

Name of landlord:

Address:

Rent per week:

What to consider	your comments	rating 1-3 (1 very good -3 poor)
Size of rooms:		
Would you be happy with the bedroom? (Think about studying space as well.)		
Is the kitchen a good size?		
Are there enough bathrooms?		
Is there enough natural light in your room?		
Is there a 'social space' to meet others? (How would you feel if you are in your bedroom all the time?)		
Furniture:		
Are you happy with the condition? (If not will the landlord replace any of it?)		
Is there storage space in your room?		
Do you have a desk and chair for studying?		
Are there enough chairs for the dining table?		
Heating:		
Is there central heating in the property? (Test the heating to make sure it works.)		
Is there a large enough radiator in your room?		
Do you think you would be warm enough? (Think about the cold winter.)		

Condition:		
Are there any repairs that need doing?		
Are there any signs of damp patches?		
Would you be happy with the décor and carpets?		
Security:		
Is there a burglar alarm that works?		
Do ground floor windows have locks?		
Are the outside doors strong?		
Would you feel safe in the property?		
Landlord:		
Have you checked the Rate Your Landlord Results?		
Has the landlord signed up to a code of standards?		
Do you think the landlord is treating you well?		
Location:		
How long will it take to get to University? (Check the bus times.)		
Do you know any friends in same area? Are there local shops?		
Would you feel safe in the area? (especially at night)		
Cost:		
Do you know what the weekly rent is?		
Do you know when the rent payments are? (e.g. monthly/three monthly.)		
Can you afford to pay it all yourself?		
Do you have to pay the bills? (e.g. gas/electricity/water.)		
Can you afford the deposit?		