

A young woman with dark hair tied in a bun, wearing a black and white striped long-sleeved shirt, is standing in a kitchen. She is looking down at a smartphone in her right hand and holding a white mug with a blue floral pattern in her left hand. The kitchen has white tiled walls and a dark countertop. On the counter, there is a white electric kettle, a glass, and some other small items.

Student Accommodation

Please contact SAMS Accommodation
Team on accommodation@sams.ac.uk
if you have any questions.

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Welcome

We are delighted you have chosen to study at SAMS!

Students who study at SAMS reside in either on-campus accommodation, Oban-based halls or rent from private landlords in the area, usually staying in Oban or surrounding villages such as Connel, Taynuilt or Benderloch.

All SAMS student accommodation is self-catering and residents are responsible for their own cleaning.



Dunollie Halls of Residence

Dunollie Road, Oban, Argyll PA34 5PH

Key Facts

Dunollie Halls offer self-catering accommodation for up to 22 students. The building is a converted church, full of character, located between Breadalbane Street and Dunollie Road in Oban. There are 16 single occupancy rooms and three twin-occupancy rooms.

Residents share communal facilities: the large lounge/kitchen/diner, laundry and storage room. Rooms in the main church building share use of the shower rooms/wcs on their landing. Annex rooms have their own ensuite shower room/wc with a shared kitchen/communal area. Students in the Annex can access the shared laundry, bike storage and larger communal area in the main church building, next door.

Due to the unique architectural character of this building, please note that rooms vary in size and shape.

Residents are responsible for their own cleaning and catering with the addition of a weekly bathroom cleaning service only for the shared shower room/toilet facilities.

Benefits

- **EXCLUSIVELY** for use by SAMS students during term time
- **IN OBAN TOWN**, close to shops, restaurants, pubs, cinema, theatre, beaches and leisure centre
- **FREE INDOOR STORAGE** room (bicycles, wetsuits, luggage)
- **HEATING THROUGHOUT**
- **ROUTINE REPAIRS** can be reported to SAMS Accommodation Team
- **COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION** for full time students
- Local **BUS SERVICES** from Oban to Dunbeg
- **NATIONAL TRANSPORT LINKS** from Oban include bus, rail and ferry services

Accommodation fees include

- Furnished bedroom (bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, bedside table)
- Use of shared shower rooms/toilets in main church rooms
- Ensuite shower rooms/toilets in annex rooms
- Use of kitchen, laundry room, communal lounge, storage
- WiFi
- Utility bills – all heating, electricity and lighting capped – covers most usual usage but additional usage may be charged

Accommodation fees for a room in Dunollie Halls

SINGLE OCCUPANCY BEDROOM

Single room **£640** per person, per month. (**£5,440** for the academic year)

SHARED TWIN BEDROOM

Twin room **£475** per person, per month. (**£4,037** for the academic year)

NB: If these revert to single occupancy at any time, they will be charged at the single occupancy rate of £640 per person per month.

INITIAL ADMINISTRATION FEE

All student residents pay a £100 non-refundable administration fee to cover SAMS' administration costs.

DEPOSIT

All student residents pay a £400 deposit.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

Payable in GBP (British Pound Sterling) to SAMS including administration fee and deposit.

OCCUPANCY PERIOD

8.5 months. Arrive: 24th August 2025
Depart: 8th May 2026.

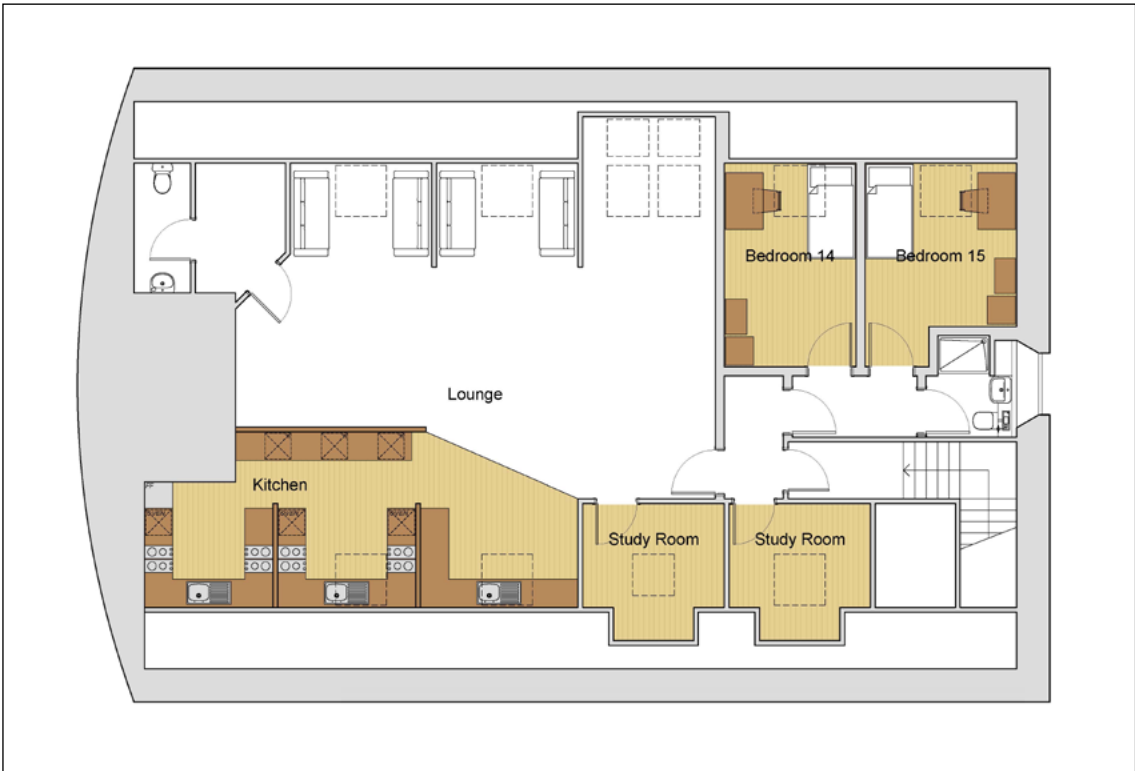
Typical room



Ground floor Plan with Annex

All plans for illustration only

First Floor Plan



Upper Floor Plan

Ground floor kitchen



Snug



Annex room with ensuite



Lounge area



10 IMAGES: Students enjoy lunchtime swims at the beach. Local woodland walks next to campus. Our campus.



11 IMAGES: SAMS... the university on the beach.

The Margaret Barnes Building (MBB)

Margaret Barnes Building, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunbeg, Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA

Key Facts

The MBB offers single-story, self-catering student accommodation for 11 students aged 16 or over. Each bedroom has its own private ensuite bathroom. Residents share the laundry, kitchen and lounge. There are 8 single beds and 3 double beds but all rooms are single occupancy. Residents are responsible for their own cleaning and catering.

Benefits

- **ON CAMPUS** and only a 10-minute walk to Dunbeg village
- **NO DAILY TRAVEL CHARGES** to get to University and back home again
- **NEAR THE BEACH**, Dunstaffnage Castle, Dunstaffnage Marina
- **FREE CAR PARKING**
- **FREE BICYCLE RACKS** in outdoor bike shelter
- Share the building only with other **SAMS STUDENTS**
- **CENTRAL HEATING** throughout
- **SAMS ACCOMMODATION TEAM** to assist if required
- **SAMS FACILITIES TEAM** available for routine repairs
- **OUT-OF-HOURS** security team available
- **COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION** for full time students
- **LOCAL BUS SERVICES** from Dunbeg
- **FREE EDUROAM WIFI**
- **UTILITY AND BILLS INCLUDED**

Accommodation fees include

- Fully furnished bedroom (bed, desk, chair, built-in wardrobe)
- Ensuite bathroom (bath, shower, toilet, basin)
- Use of kitchen, free washing/drying in laundry room, communal lounge with TV
- WiFi
- Utility bills – all heating, electricity and lighting
- TV Licence for the TV provided in the lounge

Accommodation fees for a room in Margaret Barnes Building

SINGLE OCCUPANCY BEDROOM

(with either single or double bed)

Single room **£565** per person, per month. (**£4,803** fee for the academic year)

INITIAL ADMINISTRATION FEE

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DEPOSIT

All student residents pay a £400 deposit.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

Payable in GBP (British Pound Sterling) to SAMS including administration fee and deposit.

OCCUPANCY PERIOD

8.5 months. Arrive: 25th August 2025
Depart: 8th May 2026



IMAGE: The Margaret Barnes Building.



14 IMAGES: The Margaret Barnes Building: communal areas - kitchen, laundry, lounge/diner.



15 IMAGES: The Margaret Barnes Building entrance. Typical student bedrooms/bathrooms in the MBB.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ACCOMMODATION IS OFFERED?

SAMS offers self-catering accommodation for up to 11 students in the Margaret Barnes Building on campus and up to 22 students at Dunollie Halls in Oban.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION?

SAMS Accommodation Team emails all undergraduate applicants who have accepted a course offer to see if they wish to apply for SAMS student accommodation.

You will be asked to state your preference for accommodation and room type. Although every effort will be made to offer you your preferred option, this may not always be possible.

We shall email you to let you know if you have been allocated a place in SAMS student accommodation by the beginning of July.

If you have accepted an unconditional course offer, your formal accommodation offer and payment request will be issued in early August.

If you have accepted a conditional course offer, we shall reserve your room but only issue your formal accommodation offer once you meet your entry requirements.

Advance payment of the deposit, administration fee and at least the first month's occupancy fee (£GBP) is required in August before arrival according to the payment schedule in the formal accommodation offer.

Accommodation is only guaranteed once you have paid your deposit, administration fee and first instalment of your occupancy fee instalment in August.

HOW LONG IS THE OCCUPANCY PERIOD AND HOW DO I PAY?

The accommodation occupancy period is 8.5 months.

Payment is in £GBP pounds sterling payable by bank transfer or Standing Order: full details will be provided with formal offers in August.

The accommodation contract is for 8.5 months only and can be paid either monthly, quarterly (ie 3-monthly) or annually in advance. You can specify which payment schedule you wish to follow but you must make all payments in line with the contractual terms.

CAN I BRING MY PETS?

Sorry, no pets are allowed in SAMS student accommodation.

NB, assistance dogs are permitted with prior agreement by the Accommodation Team.

CAN I HAVE MY BEDDING, PILLOWS, TOWELS DELIVERED IN ADVANCE OF MY ARRIVAL?

Yes this is possible to the MBB but please advise SAMS Accommodation Team to expect them. Delivery must be made during normal working hours to the address given in your Margaret Barnes Handbook (failure to add your room and your name may mean parcels cannot be delivered to you).

CAN I SMOKE IN MY ACCOMMODATION?

No smoking, no e-cigarettes, no vaping is allowed in any student accommodation nor in the doorway or grounds.

DO YOU OFFER ACCOMMODATION FOR COUPLES?

No, this is not available.

CAN I BRING MY OWN FRIDGE IF I HAVE TO STORE MEDICATION?

If you have to store medication you are permitted to bring a fridge to MBB only but it does have to be PAT tested. The accommodation does contain shared fridges for use by residents.

WHAT IF THE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IS FULL, WHERE ELSE CAN I APPLY?

Students who study at SAMS rent from private landlords in the area, usually staying in Oban or other surrounding villages such as Connel, Taynuilt and Benderloch.

I STILL HAVE A QUESTION, WHO CAN HELP ME?

If you cannot find the answer in this guide, please do get in touch with SAMS Accommodation Team at accommodation@sams.ac.uk.



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