

DUSA ADVICE

# GETTING TO KNOW DUNDEE

*This is a guide created to help students  
learn a little more about the City of Dundee*

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# LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A PROPERTY WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE MAIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IT IS BEST TO CHOOSE EITHER DD1 OR DD2 POSTCODE AREAS.

## WEST END

The West End is the location of the main University campus and is a very popular area with students. It is a residential area which also has many great shops, cafes, restaurants and bars. There are two main green spaces, Magdalen Green and Balgay Park, which are great for relaxing and playing sport. You will also find the DCA, the Rep and the Whitehall Theatre located in the Cultural Quarter, where you can watch movies and shows.

## LOCHEE

Another popular student residential area is the area from Blackness Road to Lochee Road. Lochee itself has several discount supermarkets and a small high street. There are also good bus links into the City Centre and to Ninewells from Lochee.

[See Bus timetables and routes](#)

## MENZIESHILL

This residential area of Dundee is where Ninewells Hospital is located. Dundee University is a 45 minute walk from Ninewells hospital or 10 minutes on various buses including the number 73 and number 5

## KIRKCALDY CAMPUS

Kirkcaldy is approximately 35 miles from Dundee with a train service running regularly to Dundee and also to Edinburgh.

## CITY CENTRE

In the City Centre there are two main shopping centres and a great variety of restaurants, cafes and bars. In the city centre you will also find the McManus Galleries and the V&A museum. The University of Abertay campus is located in the City centre also along with the main bus and train station. At the City Quay you will find more small shops and restaurants as well as lots of accommodation. Dundee University is a 5- 10 minute walk into the City Centre.

## HILLTOWN

This area is north of the City Centre. It is mainly residential and often has cheaper rent prices than other areas. There are many shops in Hilltown and it is a 5 minute walk into the City Centre. Like its name would suggest its on a big hill!

**FURTHER FROM THE UNIVERSITY –  
STOBSWELL, MARYFIELD, CRAGIE,  
INVERGOWRIE, BROUGHTY FERRY.**

Although not within walking distance, these other areas of Dundee may also be places to consider if you would prefer to live further away from the University. Dundee has excellent transport links from most places to the City Centre.

[www.dundeetravelinfo.com](http://www.dundeetravelinfo.com)

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Where is good to go for a weekly shop?

The Premier – Located on campus, the Premier carries a large range of snacks, fresh foods, newspapers, sandwiches, soft drinks, beers, wines and spirits. A good range of stationery and a wide range of University branded clothing is also available. The Premier shop will save you from having to walk into the city centre and all profits from the Premier Shop help DUSA to provide a full range of student services.

Spar - A small store chain that sells essentials like bread, milk and ready meals. This shop is located on the Perth Road (11 minute walk from campus)

Lidl – This discount supermarket is located on South Ward Road (5 minute walk from campus)

Tesco – There is a TESCO Express (6 minute walk from campus) and a TESCO Metro (12 minute walk from campus) as well as a TESCO Extra Riverside) (16 minute walk from campus)

Where can I buy furniture and bedding?

In the Overgate Shopping Centre you will find Argos and Primark who sell furniture and bedding. You can also visit the Wellgate Shopping Centre where you will find T J Hughes and various pound stores. Tesco Riverside also stocks bedding and household items. In Gallagher Retail Park you will find Matalan and TK Maxx.

Where can I buy a bus pass?

You can get travel information and buy tickets and travel cards online of at the Travel Centre, 92 Commercial Street, DD1 1DQ.

Who do I go to for housing advice?

DUSA Advice – Level 4, TheUnion

Citizens Advice Bureau – 01382 214633

Shelter Scotland – 0808 800 4444

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Where can I join a gym?

Institute of Sport & Exercise (ISE) - Gym, sport, exercise & swimming facilities at the University of Dundee

Dundee Pure Gym - 152 West Marketgait, Dundee DD1 1NJ

DW - East Dock Street, Unit 4 Gallagher Retail

Olympia - 3 East Whale Lane, Dundee

Xercise 4 Less – Wellgate Shopping Centre

Where is the nearest petrol station?

Shell - Ward Road, Dundee, Angus DD1 1QP

Shell- East Marketgait, Dundee, DD1 3HE

Tesco Riverside - Riverside Drive, Dundee DD2 1UG

Where can I park my car in the City Centre/on campus?

There are various pay and display car parks located on or near to campus. There are also several large multi-story car parks in the City Centre.

[www.Dundee.ac.uk/estates/carparking](http://www.Dundee.ac.uk/estates/carparking)  
[www.DundeeCity.gov.uk/visitorparking](http://www.DundeeCity.gov.uk/visitorparking)

Where can I register for a GP (doctor)?

You can find your nearest GP surgery, Dentist or pharmacy by going on to the NHS 24 website and entering your postcode and the service you are looking for or by telephoning NHS 24 on Tel 111. When you have decided on a GP you can contact them and ask to register. Please remember to take three forms of identification with you:

- a passport
- matriculation card
- documentation with your Dundee address on it

During Welcome Week many GP surgeries visit campus and you can sign up then

Where can I find storage?

[www.dundeestorage.com](http://www.dundeestorage.com)  
[www.kangarooselfstorage.co.uk](http://www.kangarooselfstorage.co.uk)  
[www.bigyellow.co.uk](http://www.bigyellow.co.uk)  
[www.keepsafe-storage.com](http://www.keepsafe-storage.com)





## HINTS AND TIPS FOR CHOOSING A PROPERTY

It is recommended that you view a property in person rather than relying on information from the internet. For your own personal safety it is recommended that you view a property with a friend or relative and try to arrange the appointment at a reasonable hour. However, there are advantages to viewing the property after dark so that you can get an idea of how you will feel when walking home at night. It is preferable that you do not transfer any monies before viewing a property.

