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**FAQs on
Residential
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Welcome to UDS! Congratulations on your admission to one of the most prestigious Universities in the World. The Baobab family is an inclusive one and uniquely placed to accompany you on the path to progress. We are happy you have chosen UDS for your next level of education and life. We will reciprocate this confidence you have invested in our community by attending to your needs as much as we can. Dear Fresher, as we welcome you, we will urge you to spend a few minutes to familiarize yourself with some of the important questions often asked by students enrolling with us for the first time.

Q. How do I get accommodation?

A. There are limited accommodation facilities on our campuses as indicated below;

Tamale Campus

Hall/Hostel	Bed Capacity
Guss (Males and Females)	806
Sagnarigu (Males and Females)	200

Nyankpala Campus

Union Hall (Males)	200
Nyankpala (Females)	152
Graduate (Females)	20
Jeddah (Females and Males)	272

- To ensure that Fresh students settle smoothly for academic work, most of the beds in the University-owned Halls have been reserved for Fresh men and women on first-come-first-served basis.
- You can access information on University accommodation online by using your Unique Identification Number (UIN) to reserve rooms. Students will have 48 hours to go to the accredited bank (Stanbic bank, for now) to pay for the reserved rooms.
- If you are a student on the Tamale Campus, you may contact the GUSS hostel (udsgusshostel.com) and register for a room or look for a recognised private hostel listed in Table 3.
- If you are a student on the Nyankpala campus and do not get accommodation in the university Halls, you can register at Ghana hostels limited (SSNIT) for a room. There are also a number of registered private hostels around the Campus and Nyankpala town (Table 4)
- Please note that the Clinical Hostel at the Tamale Teaching Hospital is for **only** Clinical Students (Level 500 and 600 medical students).

- Students on the City Campus can access accommodation at GETFund hostel at the Tamale Technical University (TaTU) which is a walking distance from the City Campus. There are also private hostels on the TaTU campus.
- Please note that Freshers admitted into the Business School for the 2023/2024 academic year will be hosted at the Tamale Main campus (Dungu) while the continuing students will remain at the City Campus

Q. Can I rent a private hostel?

A.

- Whilst our preference is for Freshers to stay in University Halls, we recognise that not all fresh students can be accommodated. We strongly advise all freshers to verify from the accommodation portal to ascertain if accommodation has been reserved for them in the University Halls before looking for a private hostel.
- There are many private hostels around our campuses. However, for safety reasons, we entreat you to contact the university authorities and the Students' Representative Council (SRC) on contacts shown in [Table 1 below](#) to know accredited and safer private hostels.
- For students on the Tamale Campus, The GUSS hostel is at the entrance of the university and it is our first recommendation for fresh women and men.

Q. Is accommodation fee included in the fees stated in my admission letter?

A. No. The accommodation fee is called Residential Facility User Fees (RFUF). It is different from the Academic Facility User Fees (AFUF) stated on your admission letter.

Q. How much is the RFUF?

A.

- The RFUF varies from Campus to Campus. You can find information on RFUF in [Table 2](#).
- Please note that most rooms take four students. students in rooms that take two people pay more than their counterparts in rooms with 4 occupants.

Q. Which bank and account will I pay the RFUF into?

A. The bank authorized to collect Residential Facility User fees (RFUF) is Stanbic bank. You can pay in any of their branches nationwide. Please check to be sure the receipt shows that the money was paid into Residential Account. If you are paying to GUSS hostel, which is a private facility, the bank account details will be provided in the invoice that will be issued to you.

Q. How do I get University accommodation?

A. It should be indicated in your admission letter that you are resident student. You will need to log into the accommodation portal: <https://ucm.uds.edu.gh> with the default password 123456.

Q. I had admission but before I could print the admission letter online my name has been removed. How do I get my admission letter?

A. Contact the Academic Affair section on [0372093382](tel:0372093382) for help

Q. Apart from the RFUF will I make another payment on campus?

A. Yes. There are other charges apart from the RFUF. These charges include SRC souvenir dues for fresh students, Junior Common Room (JCR) dues, and Faculty Association dues. Some Campuses/Faculties/Programmes also charge bench fee for practical work. You need to check the amount with your campus contacts provided below (Table 1).

Q. If I want to be alone in a room meant for many students will the university allow me?

A. That depends on room availability. You can check with the Senior Hall Tutors in relation to this.

Q. Do I have to bring mattress along?

A. No. The university halls and GUSS hostel will provide you with one. However, you should bring along a pillow and two sets of bedsheets. Please also note that most private hostels do not provide mattresses.

Q. What things do I need to bring along?

A. Clothing for lectures and personal use, mosquito net, toiletries and a valid NHIS card. You may cook for yourself and need to bring cooking utensils, rice cooker and a hot plate electric stove having three square pin plug.

Q. Can I bring a Gas cylinder and LPG?

A. No. For your safety and that of other students, we do not allow LPG in the Residential Halls in order to avoid LPG-related fire outbreak.

Q. What happens when there is power outage and I cannot get electricity to cook?

A. There are decent canteens and restaurants in and around Campus where you can purchase food if you cannot cook.

Q. Can I bring a fridge to my room?

A. This is allowed. However, the fridge should be new, table top, have high star rating, and three square pin plug. Please bear in mind that your room cannot contain many fridges if all roommates decide to bring fridges. Be advised also that you cannot use the fridge to sell iced water and cold drinks.

Q. Can I bring along microwave oven and washing machine?

A. No. These are high energy consuming appliances and we do not accept them in University Halls. Remember the university pays the utility bill.

Q. When I am sick, who will take care of me?

A. The campuses have clinics which will serve you. However, you will bear the cost of treatment. You are advised to bring a valid NHIS to school. Without the card you will have to pay for your treatment.

Q. Who can we contact for further information on the campuses?

A. Table 1 below contains contact information for people you can contact for information and assistance.

Table 1: Contacts of officers who have information on our halls/hostel (updated in Nov 2023)

Designation	Contact
Nyankpala campus:	
Nyankpala Hall SHT	0248690686
Jeddah Hall SHT:	0244393855
Union Hall SHT:	0244393855
SHT (Private Hostel)	
Hall Master:	0208114382
Vice Dean of Students:	0244959690
SRC president:	0548910554
JCR of Jeddah	0544594212
JCR of Nyankpala	0548968825
JCR of Union	0547200007
Tamale campus:	
SHT (Private Hostels)	0242712712
Sagnarigu Hall SHT	0244768635
GUSS Chief Porter	0242809767
Hall Master	0559353023
SRC president	0545296218
SRC PRO	0247399987
JCR of Sagnarigu	0558299384
JCR of GUSS	0556986618

Table 2: The Residential Facility User Fees at the campuses for 2023/2024 Academic year.

Campus	Hall/Hostel	Type of Accommodation	2022/2023 RFUF (GHS)	2023/2024 RFUF (GHS)
Nyankpala	Nyankpala	4 in 1	950.00	1000.00
	Union	4 in 1	950.00	1000.00
	Jeddah	2 in 1	1400.00	1600.00
	Graduate	2 in 1	1400.00	1600.00
Tamale Main	Sagnarigu	4 in 1	1500.00	1600.00
	GUSS	2 in 1 Executive	4000.00	4000.00
		2 in 1	3000.00	3000.00
		3 in 1	2500.00	2500.00
		4 in 1	2000.00	2000.00
Tamale Teaching Hospital	Clinical Hostel	Old block 2 in 1	1500.00	1800.00
	Clinical Hostel	New Block 2 in 1 Standard Room	2000.00	2300.00
	Clinical Hostel	New Block 2 in 1 Executive Room	2500.00	2800.00

Table 3: Recommended Private Hostels* at the Tamale Campus.

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ID	Name of Hostel, Class & Rent	Owner's Name	Owner's contact number	No. of Rooms	No of beds per room	Beds and mattress provision	Electricity metering type	Study desk	Toilet type	Provision of Pipe borne water and reservoir	Tenancy inclusive of holidays	Rent inclusive of utility bills	Fire extinguishers provided	Usage of LPG	Estimated Distance from classroom	Other Relevant information
1	RJ HOSTEL(A)	YUSSIF MOHAMMED JIMAH	0207856228	20	2	5	5	3	5	6	-		0	YES	1½KILO METERS	NONE
2	TARAK HOSTEL(A)	ABDUL LATIF	0242255829	18	3	5	5	3	5	6	1		0	YES	2½KILO METERS	NONE
3	YBM (A)	ANDANI SAYIBU	0243089954	17	3	3	5	0	5	6	1		3	NO	2 ½ KILOMETERS	NONE
4	NEST HOSTEL (A)	NELSON AWOTWO	0249080370	27	2	5	5	3	5	6	1		3	YES	2KILOMETERS	NONE
5	CITADEL HOSTEL (A)	IBRAHIM FARID	0246625449	52	2	5	5	3	5	6	1		3	YES	3KILOMETERS	NONE
6	LADABSI HOSTEL(A)	ABDUL LATIF MOHAMMED	0541165831	37	3	5	5	3	5	6	3		0	YES	4½ KILOMETERS	NONE
7	PEEKAK HOSTELS (A)	EBENEZER BAFFOMENSAH	0245946204	8	2	5	5	3	5	6	1		0	YES	3KILOMETERS	NONE

8	DOKEBENS HOSTELS (A)	EBENEZER BAFFOMENSAH	0245946204	10	2	5	5	3	5	6	1		0	YES	3KILOMETERS	NONE
9	HENAWUNA ROCK CITY (A)	HAJIA HENAWUNA	0504178703	36	2	5	5	3	5	6	0		0	YES	3KILOMETERS	FENCED AND GATED, LOVERS-BENCHES OUTSIDE
10	TIYUMTABA HOSTEL (UNCLASSIFIED)	ABASS KHALID JIMAH	0240151111	20	0	0	5	0	5	6	0		0	YES	1KILOMETER	NONE
11	SUNG-MAALO PREMIER HOSTEL (A)	ABRAHAM IDDRISU	0247409584	10	2	5	5		5	6	0		0	YES	3KILOMETRES	WALLED AND GATED
12	NORTHERN HOSTELS (A)	DR. JIBRIL	0554650379 /024305732 3	48	2	5	5	3	5	6	1		3	YES	4KILOMETERS	WALLED AND GATED

* There are other numerous hostels not registered with us.

University for Development Studies, Nyankpala campus Private Hostels data

S N	Name of Hostel & Class score*	Owner's Name	Owner's contact number	No. of Rooms	No of beds per room	Beds and mattresses provision	Electricity metering type	Study desk	Toilet type	Provision of Pipe borne water and reservoir	Tenancy inclusive of holidays	Rent inclusive of	Fire extinguishers provided	Usage of LPG	Distance from classroom	Relevant information
9	Amazing Grace	Elizabeth Apulla	0248440719 0249382333	5	single	Bed only	1/room	No	WC/Room	Yes	Yes	Piped Water	No	Yes		
10	Adonai 21* (B**)	Gladys Gamor	0549828096	6	4	Both provided	One per hostel	Study desk provided	WCs provided at one location	Pipe water and reservoir provided	Tenancy does not include holidays	Rent includes water and Electricity bills	No	LPG allowed	500 m and close to SSNT	
11	Richmond 24 (A)	Chukwuma Ibe	0245494829	37	two double beds	Both provided	Meter per room		WCs per room & per block for 12 rooms	Pipe water and reservoir provided	Tenancy includes holidays	Rent excludes bills	Yes provided	LPG banned	10 min walking	
12	Faalong 20 (B)	Alexander Faalong	0208493393	38	Single and two beds	Only beds	Meter per block	Desk no provided	Toilet provided for bloc and few with their own toilets	Pipe water and reservoir provided	Tenancy includes holidays	Rent excludes bills	Fire extinguisher not available	LPG not allowed	500 m	
13	Fine Pearls 25(A)	Labraime Braimah	0208404715	12	2 beds per room	Only beds	meter per room	Desk provided	WC in every room	Pipe water and	Tenancy excludes holidays	Rent excludes bill	Fire extinguisher provided	LPG not allowed	600 m but close to Library	

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										reservoir provided						
14	Glass House 19 (B)	Abdul-Hakim Yussif	0247072622	7	1 or 2 beds per room	Beds are provided but not mattresses	Meter per room	Study desk not provided	WC in each room	Pipe water and reservoir available	Tenancy includes holidays	Rent excludes bills	Fire extinguisher not available	LPG allowed for cooking	800 m from lecture halls	
15	Peace 20 (B)	Mohammed Sumaila	0245308680	10	2 beds per room	Bed alone Bed and mattresses	One Meter for hostel	Study desk not provided	WC provided for each section	Pipe water and reservoir provided	Tenancy includes holidays	Rent includes utility bills	Fire extinguisher not available	LPG allowed for cooking	About 800 m	party for occupants yearly
16	White house 7 (Unclassified)	Zakaria Karim	0245810220	19	1 bed per room	Bed not provided	Electricity meter for each block	Study desk not provided	KVIP provided outside	Pipe water and reservoir not provided	Tenancy includes holidays	Rent does not include bills	Fire extinguisher not available	LPG allowed for cooking	About 1 km	Rectangular compound house just for renting
17	Ghana Hostels Ltd (SSNIT)	SSNIT	0244153873 0244967624	36	4 per room	Bed and mattresses	One meter per hostel	Study desk provided	Two WCs for three rooms	Pipe water and	Tenancy ends after TTFPP	Rent includes utility bills	Fire extinguisher provided	LPG allowed for	about 400 metres	common/study room, Generator, DSTV, security

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	24 (A)					provided				reservoir provided				cooking		and cleaners provided
18	Esafeed 25 (A)	Dr. Wilson Dogbe	0244784797 0264603414 Mina: 0246210884 0261670291 0208160583	50	2 per room	Comfortable single beds with high-density mattresses	25 rooms have their own meters while 25 have block meters	Study desk provided	Water closet for each section	24/7 Pipe borne water and reservoir water	Tenancy does not include holidays	Electricity bills inclusive and exclusive, depends on choice	Fire extinguisher provided	LPG allowed in 6 kitchens for cooking	About 500 M next to SSNIT hostel	DSTV and multi TV, It houses the biggest supermarket on campus
19	Blue House 20 (B)	Dr Hypolite Bayor	0247118747	4	2 beds per room	Bed with mattress	One post-paid meter for the whole house	Study desk available	One WC for the house	Pipe water and 3500 litre reservoir provided	Tenancy does not include holidays but special request can be made	Rent does not include utility bill	Fire extinguisher provided	LPG allowed in kitchen for cooking	About 7 min walking distance	Only disciplined and self-respected individuals are admitted
20	Royal Green 11 (D-unclassified)	Amadu Mohammed	0242210907	3	4 beds per room	Bed & mattresses provided	One meter	No study desk	No toilet	Pipe water but no reservoir	Tenancy includes holidays	Students pay their bills	No fire extinguishers	LPG allowed	800 min	Not recommended

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21	Mulikam 20 (B)	Amuda J. Mohammed	02087762100246935235	15	2 or 3 per room	Bed alone	Meter per block	No study desk	WC per block	Pipe borne water & reservoir provided.	Tenancy includes holidays	Rents exclude electricity bill	No fire extinguishers	Yes	10 min walk	Multi TV
22	Jakani 26/27 (A)	James Nahyi	02448519990205904032	14	2	yes	Per room	Yes	Six self-contained /six for eight rooms	Both provided	Negotiated	Only water	extinguishers Provided	yes	10 min walk	JCR, DSTV
23	Jubilee 15 (C)	Mahe Alhassan	0244881459	11	2	no	Per hostel	No	Per room	Both provided	yes	Electricity and water	extinguishers Provided	yes	400 metres	
24	Emmanuel 26/27 (A)	Dr Joyce Bediako	0209270460	14	2	Both provided	Per room	2 per room	50% per room & 50% share	Both provided	No but can be	Water bill	Yes	Allowed	500 m close to lectures quarters	Wardrobes, visitors room, balcony
25	Jakai 26/27 (A)	Joseph Adongo	0208162508	10	1 & 2	Both provided	Per room	Yes	3 self-contained /2 for	Both provided	yes	Students pay water	Yes and smoke detectors	yes	15 min walk to lecture halls	JCR, DSTV

Table 4. Registered Private Hostels at Nyankpala campus

No.	Name of hostel	Name of contact	Phone No.	Comment
1	Adonai Hostel	Gombilla IK Mumuni	0549828096	
2	Amazing Grace	Elizabeth Apullah	0248440719	
3	Cambil Hostel	Joshua Zilblim	0247282984	
4	Cambondial Hostel	Joshua Zilblim	0247282984	
5	Country Side Hostel	Yakubu Bashiru	0244661912	
6	Esafeed Hostel	Wilson Dogbe	0244603414	
7	Fine Peals	Labraine Braimah	0208404715	
8	Faalong Hostel	Faalong A. Alexander	0547154479	
9	Halsumu Hostel	Alhassan Yahaya Haruna	0244810695	
10	Jarotham Hostel	Memunatu Amandi	0208298598	Full
11	Jakani	James Nahyi	0244851999	
12	Jakai Hostel	Mr Joseph Adongo	0208162508	
13	Jarutar Hostel	Joshua Zilblim	0247282984	
14	Kallaam Hostel	Karimu Musah	0246556173	
15	Manikalawa Hostel	Issahku Abdul-Rahman	0245392980	
16	Nash Villa Hostel	Shahadu Abdul Nasir	0240083403	
17	Paragon Hostel	Zakaria Mohammed	0243841460	
18	Peace Hostel	Ismail M. Mohammed	0245308680	
19	Richmond Hostel	Richmond	0245494829	
20	Senam Hostel	Mawuh Nutsugah	0209278339	
21	Simli Hostel	Mohammed Abdul Gafaru	0242727587	
22	St. Gregory Hostel	Suuk Laar	0244881322	
23	The Blue Roses	Rose Saan	0247583729	
24	Third Force Hostel	Abdul Rahman Safian	0242663071	
25	Tipaya Hostel	Iddrisu Katumi	0246259350	
26	Tunteeya Hostel	Mumuni Abdulai	0244772209	
27	Trinity Hostel	Modesta	0247502842	

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