



OFF CAMPUS GUIDE TO HOUSING 2020 – 2021

Les Berges du Rhône



Webster University Geneva offers full-time students housing within 10 kilometres of campus. Residence “Les Berges du Rhône” is centrally located on the banks of the river Rhone, and is well serviced by public transportation, both train and bus. All types of units are fully furnished. We offer shared facilities in suites or private studio apartments, subject to availability. We are unable to accommodate families.

All University and Residential Policies apply there. Contracts are subject to review every semester. Webster reserves the right to terminate a contract if the student violates policy. **Please refer to our Housing Policy Booklet.** Every student upon arrival will sign a contract that binds him/her to all rules or regulations stipulated in our Student Handbook and the Housing Policy Booklet.

Webster Geneva aims to provide clean, secure and pleasant student accommodation which all students can enjoy.

****All Webster University student accommodations are smoke free****

Academic Term Dates Schedule for the Year

| Term: | Application Deadline | Move-in Date | Move-out Date latest (only if moving) |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Fall semester | May 15 | Monday & Tuesday before start of term | Monday following end of term |
| Fall II For Transfer & Graduate students only | July 15 | Wednesday before start of term | Monday following end of term |
| Spring semester | October 15 | Tuesday before start of term | Monday following end of term |
| Spring II For Transfer & Graduate students only | December 15 | Wednesday before start of term | Monday following end of term |
| Summer | February 15 | Wednesday before start of term | Saturday following end of term latest noon |

RESIDENCE LES BERGES DU RHONE



The residence “Les Berges du Rhône” is a “V” shaped edifice, located on the banks of the river Rhone and facing the ‘Pont de Sous-Terre’. The bridge connects the communes of ‘Junction’ and ‘St. Jean’ in the centre of Geneva. Its large picture windows afford lots of light. Les Berges accommodates 72 students.



The building Amenities at 'Les Berges du Rhône'

- Wireless Internet access
- Well serviced by public transportation – one minute walk to the bus stop!
- Public parking 5 minutes' walk – at Seujet, Finances and David Dufour
- Security cameras and Security night guard
- Nearby jogging along a nature path
- 3 Assistant Resident Coordinators (ARCs)

Overview - type of units

- Double shared studio: two beds, kitchenette, and ensuite bathroom.
- Suites: single and shared bedrooms, 2 shared ensuite bathrooms, and a kitchen.
- Single studios: kitchenette, ensuite bathroom.

Additional Information:

- Rent includes: internet connection, electricity, heating and hot water.
- Some terms we may have more students seeking accommodation than available rooms. There may be times when shared rooms become a necessity for a period of time when demand is greater than available rooms.
- Rooms at 'Les Berges du Rhône' may not be available before or after the designated arrival or departure dates, so please make alternative housing arrangements if you plan to come early or stay longer.
- Note: Webster reserves the right to make room changes and consolidate roommates temporarily: if a resident vacates a room, the remaining student must be willing to accept another roommate or move to another space when requested by the university to do so.
- "Les Berges du Rhône" cannot accommodate family members.
- Residents are required to sign a housing contract prior to move-in.
- All Webster Geneva residents are required to subscribe to Personal Liability Insurance at a cost of approximately CHF100 per year.

TESTIMONIES

“Fatima and I spent all day yesterday exploring the area around les ‘Berges du Rhone’. Not only is the building situated right on the water, providing the apartments with beautiful views; it is also a short walk to Plainpalais. Plainpalais is filled with great restaurants, bars and shops. The neighbourhood around ‘Les Berges du Rhone’ is very convenient for Webster students. The Post Office is very close, along with grocery stores and small shops and cafes. We were even able to find a cafe with billiard tables! The new apartment building is also close to various tram and bus stops making the short commute to school very easy”. **Simone**

“When I heard about the new Webster building in town, I thought it was a great idea, however, I wasn’t very sure about moving there and letting go of my apartment 2 minutes away from the train station. However, after going to visit it and walking around the river and the entire area, I changed my mind. The area is quiet and beautiful. It’s right on the river. It seems like its going to be a great apartment building.... and its only 15 minute walk to Plainpalais!” **Fatima**



RENT RATE OVERVIEW

LES BERGES DU RHONE

Rent per bed in Swiss Francs

(Applies to Sophomore, Junior, Senior and Graduate students)

| | Fall semester | Spring semester | Summer term | Summer break (July-August) |
|--|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Double shared room within Suite * | CHF 4,950.00 | CHF 4,950.00 | CHF 2,475.00 | CHF 1,240.00 |
| Double shared corner room within Suite * | CHF 5,265.00 | CHF 5,265.00 | CHF 2,635.00 | CHF 1,320.00 |
| Double shared Studio * | CHF 5,320.00 | CHF 5,320.00 | CHF 2,660.00 | CHF 1,330.00 |
| Single room within Suite | CHF 5,410.00 | CHF 5,410.00 | CHF 2,705.00 | CHF 1,350.00 |
| Single Studio | CHF 7,110.00 | CHF 7,110.00 | CHF 3,555.00 | CHF 1,780.00 |

* Rents for double rooms used as single occupancy would double

N.B.: Subject to availability. Units vary in size. Reservations on a first-come first-served basis.



HOW TO APPLY FOR HOUSING:

Complete the Housing Request Form located in the back of this booklet.
Alternatively, you may find it on the website www.webster.ch

Mail or email the completed form along with evidence of payment of the refundable CHF 1,000.- housing deposit to:

Webster University

To the attention of:
Residential Life/Housing Office
15 route de Collex
1293 Bellevue
Switzerland



You may wire the CHF 1,000.- deposit to:

Webster University Geneva Bank Account Details:

Within Switzerland:

UBS SA

FONDATION WEBSTER

Account # 290052.00A

Clearing code: 0240

Swift (BIC): UBSWCHZH80A

From outside Switzerland:

UBS SA

FONDATION WEBSTER

Account # 290052.00A

Code IBAN: CH98 0024 0240 2900 5200 A

Swift (BIC): UBSWCHZH80A

Address of Bank:

UBS SA

35, Rue des Noirettes

1227 Carouge

Switzerland

P.S. Please indicate student's name as reference for proper crediting of the deposit

OVERVIEW

- Understand that your housing request is for space. Webster Geneva reserves the right to determine room assignments and roommates if needed. If a resident vacates a room, the remaining student must be willing to accept another roommate or move to another space when requested by the Residential Life Office staff to do so.
- During some terms Webster Geneva may have more students seeking accommodation than available rooms. There may be times when shared rooms become a necessity for a period of time if demand is greater than available rooms.
- Webster Housing is not available before or after the designated arrival or departure dates, so please arrange alternative accommodation if you plan to come early or stay longer.
- Accommodation depends on space availability.
- Residents are required to subscribe to Personal Liability Insurance at a cost of approximately CHF100 per year.
- Respect the application deadline please. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed to late request for housing.
- Assistance will always be given to accommodation seekers!

RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF

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*All housing requests are to be addressed to:
housing@webster.ch*

WHAT IS NOT PROVIDED

While all Webster Geneva accommodations are fully furnished with a bed, a desk, shelves, a night table, and wardrobe, etc, **students are obliged to provide their own bed linen, towels, kitchen utensils and dishes.** We do not provide TVs, radios, alarm clocks or hair dryers.

PACKING IDEAS

RULE OF THUMB:

PACK ONLY WHAT YOU CAN COMFORTABLY CARRY BUT DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT!

- Backpack
- Pens & pencils
- Dictionary/Thesaurus (English)
- French dictionary/phrase book
- Soap & toothbrush containers
- Stationary supplies
- Lonely Planet Guide Book (or similar guide books)
- First aid kit
- Single bed sheets & pillow case!
- Calendar
- Swimming suit/beach towel
- Raincoat/umbrella
- Bath Robe/slippers
- Comfortable shoes
- Dress shoes
- Dress clothes
- Sweaters/Jackets
- Laptop computer
- Adaptors
- Camera/Cables/Film
- CD Player
- Alarm Clock
- Calculator
- Over-the-counter medicine
- Vitamins
- If you have a pre-existing health problem, please make sure that you bring all medication you will need for the duration of your stay!!
- Toiletries/cosmetics
- Journal
- Deodorant
- Towels
- Any food(s) you can't live without (although, it might be good to experience new and different things here!)

“Travel is the only thing that you buy that makes you richer...”

I understand that Webster University will treat my housing deposit as a security deposit. Therefore deposits are not refundable until after the student has vacated university housing and all housing related charges have been paid.

After you sign and submit this form, if you no longer require student housing for any reason, you must notify the Residential Life Office at least six weeks prior to the start of the term or you will be held liable for all outstanding rent for the term.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please mail or email this form to:
Webster University Geneva – Residential Life Office
15 route de Collex, 1293 Bellevue, Switzerland
housing@webster.ch