

Analysis of University Students' Residential Preferences

** Required question*

Section A - Introduction

Welcome!

This questionnaire is part of an academic research project. Its purpose is to estimate students' households' willingness to pay for different forms of student accommodation and to assess the relative importance assigned to selected housing characteristics, including location, monthly rent, accommodation type, facilities, and thermal comfort.

The questionnaire comprises two substantive parts: a respondent-profile part and a choice-experiment part in which you will select your preferred option from pairs of hypothetical accommodation alternatives.

Completion time is approximately 10-12 minutes. All responses are anonymous and will be used exclusively for research purposes.

Thank you for your time!

Translator's note: This document is an anonymized English translation of the original Italian questionnaire. Institutional and funding references in the title and introductory text, as well as institutional department names, have been replaced with neutral wording or labels for double-blind peer review. The number and order of department response options have been preserved. All other questions, response options, attribute definitions, and choice scenarios are unchanged.

Section B - Respondent Profile

1. Gender *

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

2. Year of birth (YYYY format) *

Response: _____

3. Which department is your degree programme affiliated with? *

- ☐ Department A
- ☐ Department B
- ☐ Department C
- ☐ Department D
- ☐ Department E
- ☐ Department F
- ☐ Department G
- ☐ Department H
- ☐ Department I
- ☐ Department J

4. Which year of your degree programme are you currently attending? *

Instruction: Do not count years beyond the standard programme duration. For example, if you are attending third-year courses but have been enrolled for five years, select "3rd year". If you are in the first year of a master's programme, select "4th year".

- ☐ 1st year

- 2nd year
- 3rd year
- 4th year
- 5th year

5. Nationality *

- Domestic
- International

6. Select the income bracket corresponding to your personal income, if any, or your household income *

- EUR 0-15,000
- EUR 15,001-28,000
- EUR 28,001-50,000
- More than EUR 50,000

7. Are you a non-resident student, i.e., living away from your usual place of residence to attend university? *

- Yes
- No

Section C - Choice Experiment Instructions

In this section, you will be shown a series of situations in which you must choose between two accommodation options (Option 1 and Option 2). The options differ according to five key characteristics, called attributes, each of which may take different levels.

1. Location (position of the accommodation relative to the campus)

- **Within easy walking distance:** The accommodation is within walking distance of the main university campus.
- **Accessible by public transport:** Public transport is required to reach the university.

2. Monthly rent (including management charges and ordinary maintenance costs)

- **Monthly cost:** The monthly accommodation cost, ranging from EUR 200 to EUR 650.

3. Accommodation type

- **Shared twin room:** You share the bedroom with another student.
- **Single room:** You have a private bedroom, while sharing common areas with other residents, such as the kitchen and bathroom.
- **Entire dwelling:** You have an entire studio or one-bedroom apartment at your disposal.
- **Student housing:** A university residence offering a broad range of services and shared facilities, such as reception, parking, a gym, laundry facilities, study rooms, security, cleaning, linen changes, and a music room.

4. Bathroom arrangement

- **One shared bathroom per dwelling:** One bathroom shared by all residents of the dwelling.
- **Two shared bathrooms per dwelling:** Two bathrooms available to the residents of the dwelling.
- **Private bathroom:** A bathroom for exclusive use, located either in the room or in the dwelling.

5. Thermal comfort

- **Independent heating:** You can regulate the heating independently.
- **Independent heating and air conditioning:** In addition to independent heating, the accommodation has a cooling system.

How to answer: In each situation, choose the option you would prefer if you were actually looking for accommodation during your university studies.

There are no right or wrong answers: we are interested in your personal opinion.

Section D - Choice Scenarios

For each scenario, select one option only. Monthly rent includes management charges and ordinary maintenance costs.

Question 8 - Scenario 1 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 500	Monthly rent: EUR 650
Accommodation type: Single room	Accommodation type: Entire dwelling
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 9 - Scenario 2 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 300	Monthly rent: EUR 400
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Student housing
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 10 - Scenario 3 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 400	Monthly rent: EUR 650
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Entire dwelling
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 11 - Scenario 4 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 200	Monthly rent: EUR 650
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Single room
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 12 - Scenario 5 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 400	Monthly rent: EUR 500
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Single room
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 13 - Scenario 6 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 500	Monthly rent: EUR 400
Accommodation type: Student housing	Accommodation type: Entire dwelling
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 14 - Scenario 7 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 300	Monthly rent: EUR 200
Accommodation type: Student housing	Accommodation type: Shared twin room
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 15 - Scenario 8 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 650	Monthly rent: EUR 300
Accommodation type: Student housing	Accommodation type: Single room
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 16 - Scenario 9 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 650	Monthly rent: EUR 300
Accommodation type: Entire dwelling	Accommodation type: Shared twin room
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 17 - Scenario 10 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 300	Monthly rent: EUR 200
Accommodation type: Single room	Accommodation type: Shared twin room
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 18 - Scenario 11 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 200	Monthly rent: EUR 400
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Student housing
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 19 - Scenario 12 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 500	Monthly rent: EUR 400
Accommodation type: Entire dwelling	Accommodation type: Shared twin room
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 20 - Scenario 13 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 200	Monthly rent: EUR 300
Accommodation type: Single room	Accommodation type: Entire dwelling
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 21 - Scenario 14 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 650	Monthly rent: EUR 500
Accommodation type: Single room	Accommodation type: Entire dwelling
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 22 - Scenario 15 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 400	Monthly rent: EUR 650
Accommodation type: Single room	Accommodation type: Student housing
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 23 - Scenario 16 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 650	Monthly rent: EUR 500
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Single room
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 24 - Scenario 17 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 500	Monthly rent: EUR 300
Accommodation type: Entire dwelling	Accommodation type: Student housing
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 25 - Scenario 18 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 300	Monthly rent: EUR 200
Accommodation type: Entire dwelling	Accommodation type: Student housing
Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom	Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 26 - Scenario 19 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Accessible by public transport	Location: Within easy walking distance
Monthly rent: EUR 500	Monthly rent: EUR 200
Accommodation type: Shared twin room	Accommodation type: Single room
Bathroom arrangement: Two shared bathrooms per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling
Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning	Thermal comfort: Independent heating

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2

Question 27 - Scenario 20 *

Option 1	Option 2
Location: Within easy walking distance	Location: Accessible by public transport
Monthly rent: EUR 300	Monthly rent: EUR 500
Accommodation type: Student housing	Accommodation type: Shared twin room
Bathroom arrangement: One shared bathroom per dwelling	Bathroom arrangement: Private bathroom
Thermal comfort: Independent heating	Thermal comfort: Independent heating and air conditioning

Select one: ☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2