

Accommodation Dossier

GCU London

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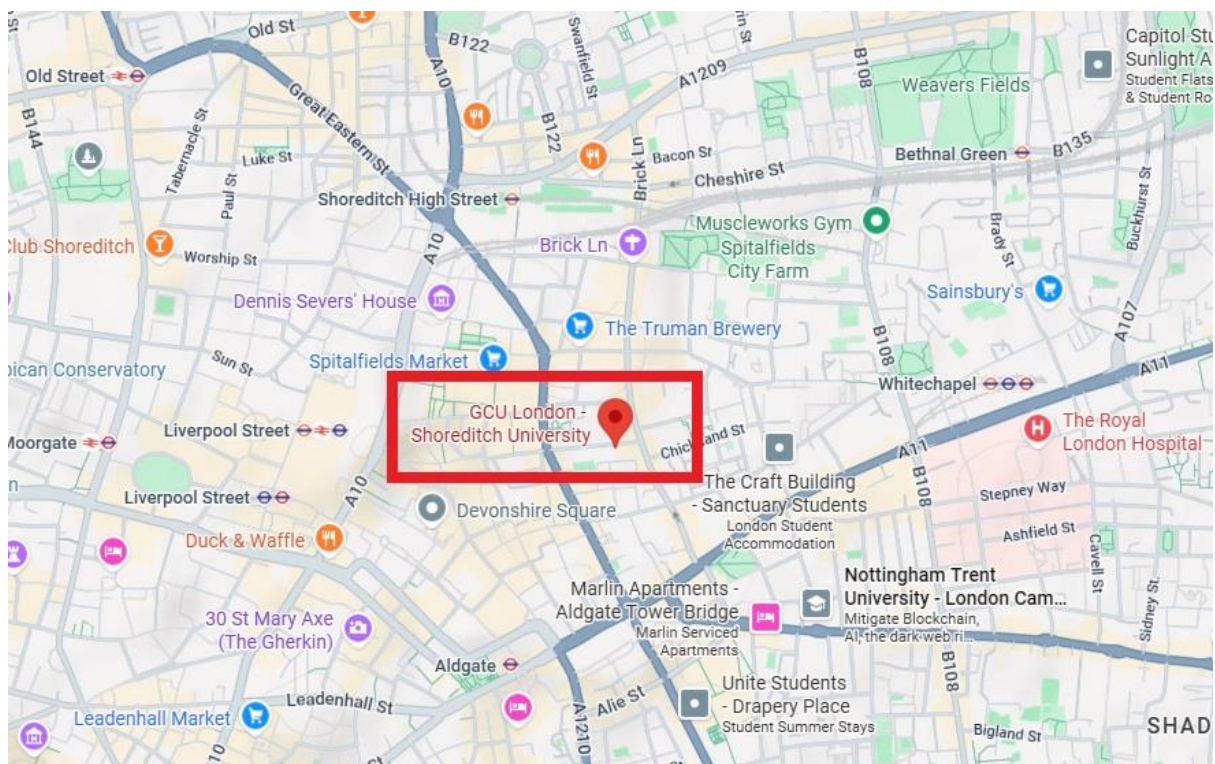
GCU London

As you embark on your student journey at GCU, it is essential that you secure a suitable accommodation for the duration of your student. Searching for accommodation in London can feel quite overwhelming, which is why the Accommodation Support team has created the Accommodation Dossier to help you in your accommodation search. This dossier provides an overview of various areas in London which are popular with students including commuting details from GCU London's campus in Shoreditch.

For any further relevant information about renting, please see our [website](#).

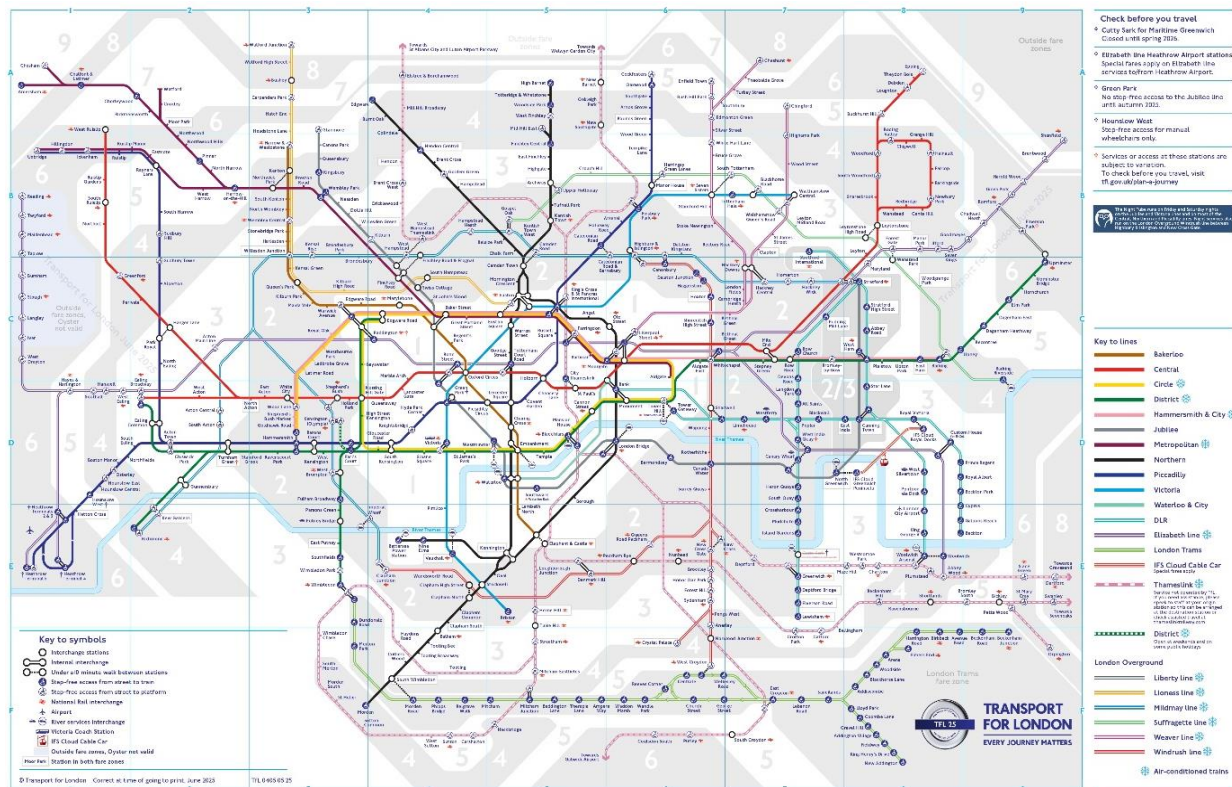
GCU London is located in the culturally rich area of Spitalfields, known for its rich history, diverse culture, and trendy markets, with easy access to transport links.

- Aldgate station (Circle Line; Metropolitan Line): 11 mins walk
- Aldgate East Station (District Line; Hammersmith & City Line): 5 mins walk
- Liverpool Street station (Central Line): 10 mins walk
- Shoreditch High Street station (Windrush Line): 10 mins walk
- Whitechapel station (District Line; Hammersmith & City Line): 14 mins walk



Map of London by Travel Zones

London is divided into 9 transport (underground/train stations NOT bus) zones, however, most areas fall between Zone 1 and 6. Zone 1 covers Central London in a ring and subsequent zones extend from that ring. A detailed map can be found [here](#).



Zone 1: City of London, Camden, Hackney, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, Westminster

Zone 2: Camden, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, Westminster, Brent, Ealing, Greenwich, Hounslow

Zone 3: Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Wandsworth, Barnet, Brent, Bromley, Croydon, Ealing, Greenwich, Hounslow, Merton, Richmond upon Thames, Waltham Forest

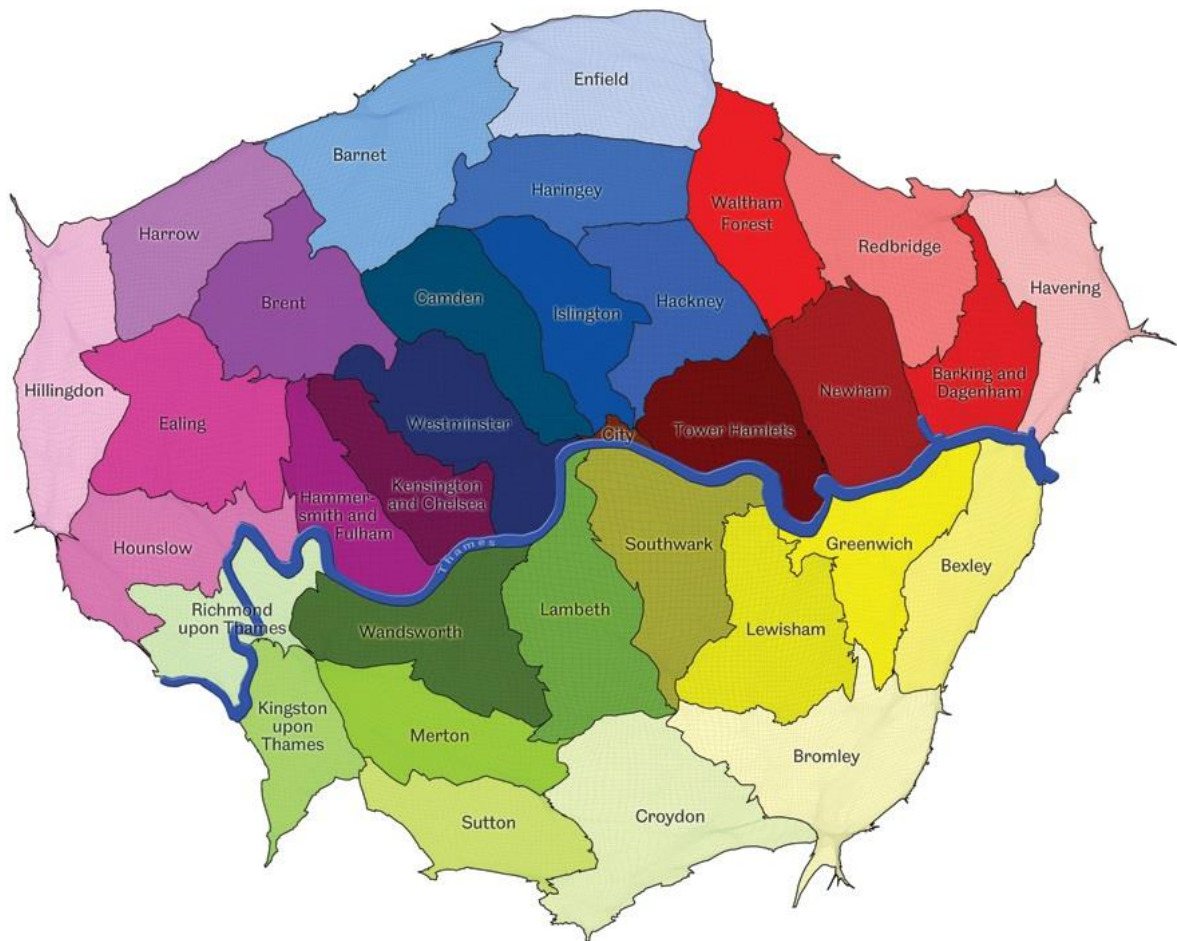
Zone 4: Lewisham, Haringey, Newham, Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Greenwich, Hounslow, Kingston upon Thames, Merton, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton, Waltham Forest

Zone 5: Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kingston upon Thames, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton, Waltham Forest

Zone 6: Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Enfield, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kingston upon Thames, Richmond upon Thames

Map of London by Boroughs

London has 32 boroughs which combine to make Greater London



Central London:

Aldgate

- Aldgate is a vibrant district on the eastern edge of the City of London. It combines historic significance with modern developments, making it popular with students, professionals, and creatives. Local attractions include Spitalfields Market, Brick Lane, Whitechapel Gallery, and Leadenhall Market.
- GCU London campus is located directly within Aldgate East, ideal for walking or cycling. It has excellent bus and cycling routes which connect Aldgate to the rest of London.
 - Aldgate East Station (District and Hammersmith & City lines) is just a few steps from the university.
 - Aldgate Station – (Circle and Metropolitan Line services).
 - Liverpool Street Station (mainline rail, Overground, Elizabeth Line).

Bankside

- Bankside is a vibrant riverside district in Central London, located on the south bank of the Thames. It is known for its cultural landmarks, including the Tate Modern, Shakespeare's Globe, and Borough Market. It is popular for its lively atmosphere and scenic walks along the Thames Path.
- Travel to GCU London (Aldgate East) typically takes 20–25 minutes.
 - Closest Underground stations: Southwark (Jubilee Line), London Bridge (Jubilee & Northern), and Blackfriars (District & Circle).
 - From London Bridge: Northern Line to Moorgate/Liverpool Street.
 - Several bus routes and cycle paths also connect Bankside to East London.

Bishopsgate

- Bishopsgate is a bustling area in the City of London, right next to Liverpool Street Station. It is known for its mix of skyscrapers, heritage buildings, and fast-paced financial activity. It offers students easy access to cafés, co-working spaces, and markets like Spitalfields and Brick Lane. Nearby Shoreditch and Hoxton offer popular nightlife activities.
- Travel to GCU London is just a 10–15 minute walk from Bishopsgate, making it extremely convenient.
 - Nearby Liverpool Street Station offers Central, Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan lines, Overground, and Elizabeth Line.
 - Excellent bus and cycling routes to campus.

Portsoken

- Portsoken is a small, historic ward located just east of the City of London. It's home to modern residential developments and close to Aldgate's business hubs. It is close to Petticoat Lane Market and Tower Bridge.
- Travel to GCU London is a 10–15 minute walk or a short bus ride.
 - Served by Aldgate, Tower Gateway (DLR), and several bus routes.

Shoreditch

- Shoreditch is a trendy and artistic area filled with street art, start-ups, and creative studios. It offers a buzzing social scene with markets, rooftop bars, and cafés. Ideal for students looking for vibrant nightlife and co-working spaces.
- It is served by Shoreditch High Street, Liverpool Street, and Old Street stations.

South Bank

- South Bank is a riverside cultural hub, home to the Tate Modern, Southbank Centre, and National Theatre. It offers scenic views, riverside cafés, and frequent festivals and events. It is ideal for students interested in arts, media, and creative industries.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 20–25 minutes via Jubilee Line or bus.
 - Local stations are Waterloo and Blackfriars stations

Southwark

- Southwark is a diverse and historic area with landmarks like Borough Market and The Shard. It offers a mix of modern flats and heritage buildings, close to London Bridge. The area has lively food markets and direct access to the Thames Path.
- Travel to GCU London is about 15–20 minutes via Northern Line and walking.
 - Local stations are Southwark, London Bridge, and Borough stations.

Vauxhall

- Vauxhall is a riverside area with a growing mix of residential and commercial developments. It is known for its nightlife, especially the LGBTQ+ scene, and proximity to the Thames. It is close to the Oval cricket ground and parks like Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens.
- Travel to GCU London is about 25 minutes via Victoria Line and Bank interchange.
 - Local station is Vauxhall Station (National Rail, Victoria Line, buses).

East London:

Limehouse

- Limehouse is a quiet, riverside neighbourhood in East London, located between Canary Wharf and Whitechapel. It is known for its historic maritime character, Georgian architecture, and scenic views of the Thames and Limehouse Basin. Local shops, cafes, and riverside pubs make it a comfortable and safe place to live.
- Travel to GCU London takes 15 – 20 mins through
 - Limehouse Station (DLR)

Mile End

- Mile End is a vibrant East London neighbourhood known for its green spaces like Mile End Park and Regent's Canal. It has a strong student presence, with nearby Queen Mary University of London. It offers affordable eateries, local pubs, and cultural spots like the Genesis Cinema.
- Travel to GCU London is around 20 minutes via Central Line and short walk.
- Excellent cycling routes and quick access to Central Line and District Line via Mile End Station

Shadwell

- Shadwell is a multicultural riverside area in East London with strong community roots. It is known for its proximity to Wapping and scenic Thames walks. It is popular with students due to lower rent and excellent transport connections.
- Travel to GCU London takes approximately 15 minutes via DLR to Bank
 - DLR and Overground station nearby offer quick links to Bank and Shoreditch.

Iford

- Iford is a bustling town in East London, known for its vibrant high street, diverse community, and growing residential areas. It offers a mix of urban and suburban living, with excellent shopping options, including The Exchange Shopping Centre, and easy access to green spaces like Valentines Park. It's a hub for families, students, and professionals alike. It is a great option for students seeking budget-friendly living with excellent local amenities and transport links.
- Popular student areas in Iford include Cranbrook, Loxford, Seven Kings
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 20–30 minutes via the Elizabeth Line, with direct trains to Farringdon and Liverpool Street stations.
 - It is served by Iford Station (Elizabeth Line & C2C), with easy access to Central London. Multiple bus routes connect to surrounding areas and Tube stations like Redbridge (Central Line) and Gants Hill.

Spitalfields

- Spitalfields is a fashionable area known for Spitalfields Market and Brick Lane. It offers a mix of vintage shops, curry houses, and artisanal coffee spots. It is popular with students and creatives for its blend of culture and convenience.
- Travel to GCU London is just a 10-minute walk.

- Local stations are Liverpool Street, Aldgate East, and Shoreditch High Street stations.

Stepney

- Stepney is a residential area in East London with a strong local community. It is close to Stepney Green Park and Queen Mary University. It offers more affordable living with good access to central areas.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 20 minutes via District or Hammersmith & City lines.
 - Local stations are Stepney Green and Mile End stations.

Whitechapel

- Whitechapel is a vibrant and evolving area with rich history and a multicultural atmosphere.
- It is home to the Royal London Hospital and Whitechapel Gallery. It offers students easy access to street food, markets, and art spaces.
- Travel to GCU London is around 10 minutes by foot or quick ride on the Elizabeth Line.
 - Local station is Whitechapel Station (Elizabeth, District, Hammersmith & City, Overground).

Barking

- Barking is a bustling area with a rich cultural diversity and excellent transport links. The area has undergone significant development in recent years, making it a popular choice for students.
- Travel to GCU London is 25–30 minutes via the District Line or C2C.
 - Served by Barking Station, connecting to the District Line, C2C, and Overground, as well as several bus routes.

Seven Kings

- Seven Kings is a residential suburb located in Ilford, East London. Known for its leafy streets and family-friendly atmosphere, it has a growing community with schools, parks, and local shops.
- Travel to GCU London is 30 minutes via the Elizabeth Line from Seven Kings Station.

Goodmayes

- Goodmayes is a suburban area in Ilford, known for its peaceful environment and growing housing developments. The area features parks, local shops, and schools, with easy access to transport hubs.
- Travel to GCU London is 30–35 minutes by Goodmayes Station

Redbridge

- Redbridge is an affluent area in East London, known for its tree-lined streets, good schools, and strong community feel. It combines suburban charm with excellent transport links to central London.
- Travel to GCU London is 35–40 minutes via the Central Line from Redbridge Station.

Clayhall

- Clayhall is a tranquil suburban area located near Ilford. It is primarily residential, offering a calm environment with parks and local shops. Ideal for those seeking peace but with good transport access to central London.
- Travel to GCU London is around 35–40 minutes via bus or train.
 - It is served by Ilford Station (Elizabeth Line) is nearby, providing fast links to central London.

Barkingside

- Barkingside is a well-connected suburban area known for its residential properties, local shopping centres, and family-friendly environment. It's also home to several parks, making it ideal for students looking for a quiet space near the city.
- Travel to GCU London is around 40 minutes via the Central Line.
- It is served by Barkingside Station.

Romford

- Romford is a lively East London suburb with excellent connections to central London. It features shopping centres, schools, and vibrant nightlife.
- Travel to GCU London takes about 30–40 minutes via Overground or Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street.

North London:

Brondesbury

- A quiet residential area in northwest London with Victorian terraces and green streets. Close to Kilburn and West Hampstead. Local attractions are Kilburn High Road, Queen's Park, The Lexi Cinema.
- Travel to GCU London takes 35–40 minutes via Overground to Shoreditch High Street.
 - It is served by Brondesbury Station.

Colindale

- Colindale is fast-developing area in North West London, popular with students and young professionals due to new builds and affordable rents. Local highlights are RAF Museum, Colindale Park, Bang Bang Oriental Food Hall.
- Travel to GCU London takes 45–50 minutes via Northern Line.
 - It is served by Colindale Station.

Dalston

- Trendy East London neighborhood known for nightlife, arts, and a multicultural vibe. Popular with students and creatives. Local highlights include Ridley Road Market, Arcola Theatre, Dalston Roof Park.
- Travel to GCU London takes 20–25 minutes via Overground to Shoreditch High Street or bus.
 - It is served by Dalston Junction and Dalston Kingsland stations.

Edmonton

- Edmonton is a diverse area in North London with a mix of residential streets and high-rise flats. More affordable than nearby areas. Local attractions are Pymmes Park, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, Lea Valley.
- Travel to GCU London takes 40–50 minutes via Overground and Tube.
- It is served by Edmonton Green station.

Harrow

- Harrow, in North West London, offers a suburban lifestyle with excellent access to the city. It's ideal for students who prefer a quieter environment while staying connected to London's cultural scene.
- Travel to GCU London: 30–40 minutes via Metropolitan Line
 - It is so served by Harrow-on-the-Hill station.

Kilburn

- Kilburn is a lively area straddling Camden and Brent, with strong Irish and Afro-Caribbean communities. Good transport and lots of shops. Local highlights include Kiln Theatre, Kilburn Grange Park, buzzing local pubs and cafés.
- Travel to GCU London takes 30–35 minutes via Overground or Jubilee Line.
 - It is served by Kilburn High Road and Kilburn Station.

Kingsbury

- Kingsbury is a quiet, suburban district in North West London, ideal for students wanting green space and more affordable rent. Fryent Country Park, Roe Green Park, Kingsbury High Street are the local attractions in this area.
- Travel to GCU London takes 45–55 minutes via Jubilee Line.
 - It is served by Kingsbury Station.

Newington Green

- Newington Green is a charming neighborhood on the Islington-Hackney border, known for its cafes and calm residential vibe. The local highlights are Newington Green Park, Stoke Newington Church Street, artisan cafés.
- Travel to GCU London takes 20–25 minutes by bus or Overground (Canonbury or Dalston).
 - It is served by Canonbury and Dalston Junction.

Queensbury

- Suburban neighborhood on the edge of northwest London, quieter and more residential, with large South Asian community. Queensbury Park, Honey Pot Lane shops, local temples and mosques are some of the local attractions.
- Travel to GCU London takes 50–60 minutes via Jubilee Line.
 - It is served by Queensbury Station.

South Tottenham

- South Tottenham offers diverse and up-and-coming area in North London with growing student and artist communities. Close to green spaces and nightlife. Local highlights include Markfield Park, River Lea towpath, local Caribbean and Middle Eastern cuisine.
- Travel to GCU London takes 30–40 minutes via Overground to Shoreditch High Street.
 - It is served by South Tottenham (Overground) and nearby Seven Sisters (Victoria Line).

Stamford Hill

- Stamford Hill is known for its large Orthodox Jewish community, Stamford Hill is culturally rich and peaceful with good connections. Clapton Common, local kosher bakeries, Springfield Park
- Travel to GCU London takes 30–40 minutes via Overground and bus.
 - It is served by Stamford Hill Station.

Stoke Newington

- Stoke Newington is a bohemian and leafy area known for independent shops, diverse culture, and a strong community feel. Local highlights include Abney Park Cemetery, Clissold Park, Church Street cafés.
- Travel to GCU London takes 25–30 minutes via Overground or bus.
 - It is served by Rectory Road and Stoke Newington Stations (Overground).

West Hampstead

- West Hampstead is an upmarket and well-connected neighborhood popular with young professionals and students. Bustling high street with cafés and shops. Local highlights include Hampstead Heath, local gastropubs, and weekly farmers' market.
- Travel to GCU London: ~25–30 minutes via Overground or Thameslink.
 - It is served by West Hampstead Overground, Underground (Jubilee), and Thameslink.

West Hendon

- West Hendon is a suburban area undergoing major regeneration, offering more affordable housing near green spaces and water. Local highlights include Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Brent Reservoir (Welsh Harp), West Hendon Broadway.
- Travel to GCU London takes 40–50 minutes via Thameslink or Northern Line.
 - It is served by Hendon Station.

South London:

Croydon

- Croydon is a large and rapidly developing town in South London, known for its shopping centres, Boxpark, and growing tech and arts scenes. It offers students a mix of big-city energy and suburban affordability, with co-working spaces and late-night venues.
- Travel to GCU London is around 35–45 minutes via Southern or Thameslink trains to London Bridge or Blackfriars.
 - It is served by East Croydon Station

Thornton Heath

- Thornton Heath is a residential area just north of South London, with a strong sense of community and diverse cultural mix. It is known for its local markets, independent food spots, and affordable housing for students and young professionals.
- Travel to GCU London is around 40–50 minutes via Southern Rail to London Victoria or London Bridge.
 - It is served by Thornton Heath Station and there are multiple bus routes into Central London.

Peckham

- Peckham is a vibrant, youthful neighbourhood in South East London, known for its street food, nightlife, and art culture. It offers students rooftop bars (like Frank's Café), independent cinemas, and co-working hubs.
- Travel to GCU London is about 30–35 minutes via Overground to Shoreditch High Street or rail to London Bridge.
 - Served by Peckham Rye Station and extensive bus routes.

Nunhead

- Nunhead is a quieter, residential area close to Peckham, offering green spaces and village-like charm. It is known for Nunhead Cemetery, local bakeries, and more affordable rents for students.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 35–40 minutes via Overground or Southeastern to London Bridge.
- It is served by Nunhead and Queens Road Peckham stations.

Denmark Hill

- Denmark Hill is a diverse and creative area with a strong student presence due to nearby art schools and hospitals. It offers art galleries, cafés, and community spaces like Camberwell Green.
- Travel to GCU London takes about 30 minutes via bus or Southeastern rail to Blackfriars.
 - It is served by Denmark Hill Station and several direct bus routes.

Abbey Wood

- Abbey Wood is a growing neighbourhood in South East London, boosted by the Elizabeth Line's arrival. It offers modern flats, green spaces, and quick access to Central London.
- Travel to GCU London is around 35–40 minutes via Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street. Abbey Wood Station offers rapid Elizabeth Line connections.

West Heath

- West Heath is a quiet residential area known for its greenery and peaceful setting. It offers students affordable housing with access to parks and nature.
- Travel to GCU London is about 40–45 minutes via Abbey Wood Station and the Elizabeth Line.

Crossness

- Crossness is a riverside area near Thamesmead, with open landscapes and a historic Victorian pumping station. It is more secluded, but offers space and affordability for students willing to commute.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 45–50 minutes via Abbey Wood and the Elizabeth Line.

Thamesmead

- Thamesmead is a sprawling, waterside residential development in South East London. It is known for its Brutalist architecture, canals, and increasing regeneration projects.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 45 minutes via bus to Abbey Wood and Elizabeth Line.

Bermondsey

- Bermondsey is a trendy neighbourhood in South East London. It is home to Maltby Street Market and Bermondsey Street, lined with coffee shops, galleries, and the White Cube art gallery. Nearby is the Thames Path, perfect for riverside walks or cycling.
- Travel to GCU London takes 20–25 minutes. It is close to London Bridge for extra transport links and rail services.
 - Bermondsey Station (Jubilee line)
 - Cycle or take a bus over Tower Bridge directly to Aldgate.

Lambeth

- Lambeth is a large, diverse borough in South London, stretching from Vauxhall to Streatham, including areas like Brixton, Kennington, and Clapham. Known for its vibrant multicultural communities, buzzing street markets, music venues, and nightlife — especially around Brixton and Clapham. It offers a mix of student-friendly housing, green spaces, and excellent food options. Amenities in the area include libraries, gyms, and cultural centres.
- Travel to GCU London takes 30 – 35 mins through
 - Brixton Station (Victoria Line)
 - Vauxhall Station (Victoria Line)
 - Kennington (Northern Line)

West London:

Fulham

- Fulham is an upmarket area in West London, known for its riverside pubs, boutique shops, and proximity to Chelsea and Parsons Green. It offers students a mix of calm residential streets, local markets, and green spaces like Bishops Park.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 30–40 minutes via District Line to Monument.
 - It is served by Fulham Broadway, Parsons Green, and Putney Bridge stations; strong bus and cycling links.

Hayes

- Hayes is a suburban area with residential developments, retail parks, and proximity to Heathrow. It is affordable for students, with access to larger supermarkets and shopping centres. Areas include north and south Hayes, and Yeading.
- Travel to GCU London is around 40–50 minutes via Elizabeth Line
- It is served by Hayes & Harlington station and has excellent local buses connections.

Harlington

- Harlington is a quiet, residential pocket just north of Heathrow, popular for its low rents and calm surroundings. It offers green spaces and a small-town feel, though it is limited in nightlife or student hotspots.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 50 minutes via bus to Hayes & Harlington, then Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street.

Feltham

- Feltham is a suburban town in the Hounslow borough with shopping centres, green parks, and Heathrow access. It offers students low rents and a variety of housing options.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 50–60 minutes via train to London Waterloo, then Northern Line to Bank and short walk.
- It is served by Feltham Station and good bus routes.

East Bedfont

- East Bedfont is a residential neighbourhood close to Heathrow, offering suburban living with local shops and green areas. It is popular with students for affordability but does not offer a cultural or nightlife hub.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 60 minutes.
 - It is served by Feltham Station.

Hatton

- Hatton is a small area by Heathrow, primarily residential and quiet, with strong transport links. It is not geared towards student lifestyle but provides cheaper accommodation options.

- Travel to GCU London is around 55–65 minutes via bus to Feltham or Elizabeth Line from Heathrow.

Isleworth

- Isleworth is a scenic and historic area by the Thames, offering green walks, riverside pubs, and calm surroundings. It is close to Richmond and Kew, ideal for nature-loving students.
- Travel to GCU London is about 45–55 minutes via South Western Railway to Waterloo, then Northern Line to Bank.
 - Served by Isleworth Station and excellent bus links.

Whitton (North-East part)

- North-East Whitton borders Twickenham and offers residential calm with good connections. It is a peaceful area with access to local parks and shops.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 50–60 minutes via train from Whitton to Waterloo, then to Bank and walk.
 - It is served by Whitton Station and buses.

Southall (North & South)

- Southall is a bustling, multicultural hub in West London, known for its South Asian food, fashion, and festivals. It offers students affordable housing and vibrant cultural experiences.
- Travel to GCU London is around 30–40 minutes via Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street, then a short walk.
 - It is served by Southall Station and extensive bus routes.

Norwood Green

- Norwood Green is a peaceful residential enclave near Southall, with traditional homes and green spaces. It is not far from Southall's main amenities but more low-key in lifestyle.
- Travel to GCU London is approximately 40–45 minutes via bus to Southall Station and then Elizabeth Line.

Twickenham

- Twickenham is a scenic riverside town best known for rugby and its village feel. It offers leafy streets, riverside pubs, and parks like Marble Hill.
- Travel to GCU London is about 50–60 minutes via train to Waterloo, then Northern Line to Bank.
 - It is served by Twickenham Station as well as good bus and cycle links.

Outside Greater London Authority

Luton & Surrounding Areas

- Luton and nearby areas like Caddington, Slip End, and Woodside are known for their affordability and great local amenities. It features residential areas with parks and local shops. Chalton and Houghton Regis offer rural living with access to Luton's transport hubs.
- Travel to GCU London: 35–45 minutes via Thameslink or East Midlands Railway.
 - It is served by Luton Station.

Woking

- Woking, located in Surrey, is a popular commuter town with excellent transport links to central London. It offers a mix of suburban and urban living, ideal for students seeking quiet yet convenient living.
- Travel to GCU London: 30–40 minutes via South Western Railway to Waterloo then a Tube transfer.
 - It is served by Woking Station which connects directly to London Waterloo.

Basildon (Essex)

- Basildon is a modern town with parks, lakes, and a growing town centre. It offers a lower cost of living and direct trains into East London. Local attractions include: Wat Tyler Country Park, Eastgate Shopping Centre and Noak Bridge Nature Reserve.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 50–60 minutes via c2c to Fenchurch Street.
 - It is served by Basildon Station.

Southend-on-Sea (Essex)

Southend is a lively coastal town known for its beach, pier, and student nightlife. It's ideal for those who enjoy a seaside lifestyle. Local attractions include: Southend Pier, longest pleasure pier in the world; Adventure Island amusement park and Southend Cliff Gardens & Beaches.

- Travel to GCU London takes ~65–75 minutes via c2c to Fenchurch Street.
 - It is served by Southend Central and Southend East.

Chelmsford (Essex)

- Chelmsford is a well-connected modern city with riverside walks, shopping, and historic sites. It offers a safe and active environment. Local attractions include Hylands House and Estate, Chelmer Valley Nature Reserve and Chelmsford Cathedral.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 35–40 minutes via Greater Anglia to Liverpool Street.
 - It is served by Chelmsford Station.

Rochester (Kent)

- Rochester is a charming historic town on the River Medway with cobbled streets, Georgian buildings, and cultural events. Local attractions include Rochester Castle & Cathedral, Guildhall Museum and the annual Charles Dickens Festival.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 45–55 minutes via Southeastern to St Pancras.
 - It is served by Rochester Station.

Slough (Berkshire)

- Slough is a multicultural town with a growing arts scene and excellent Elizabeth Line access into London. Local attractions include Salt Hill Park & Herschel Park, The Curve cultural centre, and Windsor Castle.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 40–50 minutes via Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street station.
- It is served by Slough Station.

St Albans (Hertfordshire)

- St Albans is a picturesque, historic city with Roman ruins, a beautiful cathedral, and an upmarket feel. Local attractions include St Albans Cathedral, Verulamium Park & Roman ruins, and St Albans Market & Historic High Street
- Travel to GCU London takes around 35–40 minutes via Thameslink to St Pancras.
 - It is served by St Albans City Station.

Harlow (Essex)

- Harlow is a post-war town with modern infrastructure, plenty of green space, and relatively low rents for students. Local attractions include Harlow Sculpture Trail which has over 100 public artworks, Parndon Wood Nature Reserve, and the Gibberd Garden
- Travel to GCU London takes Around 40–50 minutes via Greater Anglia to Liverpool Street.
 - It is served by Harlow Town Station.

Reading (Berkshire)

- Reading is a vibrant university town with a busy high street, nightlife, and strong links to London. It's further out but ideal for students wanting a mix of city and campus energy. Local attractions include Reading Abbey Ruins, and the annual musical Reading Festival.
- Travel to GCU London takes around 50–60 minutes via the Elizabeth Line to Liverpool Street.
 - It is served by Reading Station.

Horley, Burstow, Smallfield (Surrey)

- These Surrey areas offer suburban living with great access to London. They are residential communities with schools and parks.
- Travel to GCU London: 40–50 minutes via Thameslink from Horley Station. There are regular trains to London Bridge and Victoria.