



THE INTERCOLLEGIATE HALLS

Lighting Policy

The University of London refers to the CIBSE Lighting Guide (no.9) is associated Halls of Residence must meet adhere to the performance criteria contained within. Once built, it is very difficult to make any modification to the access of daylight in a building. Consequently, very careful thought should be given to the provision of daylight, and to the view obtainable from windows. Electric lighting may be altered during the lifetime of a building, and experience shows that the average life of a whole lighting installation is about 20 years. Minor alterations can be carried out at any time. Redecoration and re-furnishing are usually carried out much more frequently, and provide opportunities for improving the internal appearance of buildings.

Natural or artificial lighting not only enables the occupants of a building to see what they are doing, but also provides for amenity, that is the lighting makes the building appear welcoming. In most rooms in communal residential buildings, the amenity factor is important. A further function of lighting is to ensure adequate lighting for people to move around the building safely. Whilst it is important to try to make such premises as like 'home' as possible, the requirements of the law - particularly the provision of fire doors and escape routes - usually mean that it is impossible to make the public rooms and spaces of such buildings appear anything but institutional.

In such places, student residences especially, good lighting provision will foster the right atmosphere within a building. It is important that the atmosphere of UoL Halls of Residence is a sympathetic one. Premises of this kind are often managed with cost-effectiveness in mind. Whilst this has been recognised in the preparation of this Lighting Guide, what is recommended here may be taken as the minimum reasonable level of provision. Proper energy management can ensure that running costs are kept as low as possible and adheres to the University of London Carbon Management Plan.

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Canterbury, College, Commonwealth, Connaught, Hughes Parry, International and Lillian Penson Halls, and Nutford House

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