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**MOVE IN 101:**  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT TO BRING  
VIRTUAL TOURS



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**The transition to college** is a big step, and living on campus is a significant part of the UGA experience for first-year students. We hope this magazine will help you prepare for the transitions ahead.

Students may encounter challenges while moving from home to a residence hall. Students will face a more independent lifestyle and experience new freedoms/responsibilities. Questions are certain to be on your students' minds; Will I get along with my roommate? How academically prepared am I for college? Will I make the right decisions for me about the realities of being an adult? University Housing staff members are a resource for new students finding their individual answers to these questions.

Living on campus may be the first time your student shares a bedroom or bathroom with other individuals. Sharing space with a roommate requires good communication, compromise and a mutual understanding of roommate rights and responsibilities. Students will live and study with individuals who are different from them. We encourage students to develop knowledge and awareness to be successful in our diverse environment that will lead to lifelong skills and friendships.

We look forward to being a partner in your student's transition to UGA and are excited about meeting your student this fall. I hope they will have a positive and enjoyable on-campus experience.



LINDA KASPER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR







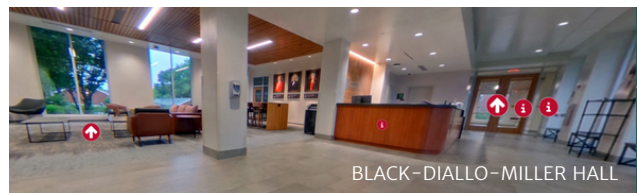
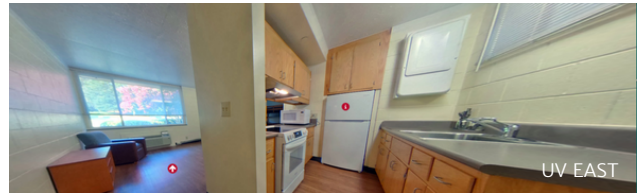
# *residence hall* VIRTUAL TOURS

[housing.uga.edu/sa\\_vrtour](https://housing.uga.edu/sa_vrtour)

*Take a stroll through the halls in this interactive tour experience using 360-degree technology*

Although in-person tours are not an option, virtual tours are the best way to experience the residence halls. University Housing's new virtual tour modernizes our approach to showcasing our residence halls, providing a convenient digital experience. This initiative aims to provide detailed and immersive insights for students and their supporters.

Check out page 22 for more ways to make your room feel like home.





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*Student EcoReps gain crucial leadership skills as they educate peers on how they can positively impact the environment.*

## EVERYDAY SUSTAINABILITY

**On move-in day**, students will see a team of volunteers collecting cardboard, plastic film and Styrofoam for recycling. These efforts are one way University Housing provides sustainability education and infrastructure to more than 9,000 residents.

Students play a crucial role in promoting sustainability practices—educating peers about how the benefits of recycling can have a significant impact on the environment. Student ambassadors—known as EcoReps—lead these efforts and teach critical thinking skills students can use to reduce their environmental impact.

The focus on reusing items carries into the move-out process, when a coordinated effort encourages students donate their futons, shelves and other items to local nonprofit organizations. This program annually prevents around 60,000 pounds of material from being deposited into landfills.



*staff are on hand to help!*

# WHO'S WHO



## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AD)

Full-time, professional staff members who manage residential areas. They coordinate educational programs and activities spanning the halls and are the primary administrator for day-to-day community operations.



## COORDINATOR FOR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AND BELONGING

Full-time, professional staff member with a primary focus on maintaining an inclusive community by promoting belonging and healthy living environments within residential communities.



## RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR (RHD)

Full-time, live-in professional staff members who advise hall and community councils, supervise RAs and GRs, coordinate educational programs and activities, and support the assistant director in the day-to-day administration of the residential communities.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Full-time staff members who supervise the student office staff, oversee the office operations and provide administrative support for the full-time staff.



## DESK ASSISTANT

Student workers who staff the desks in all the halls. They are responsible for numerous tasks that include, but are not limited to, checking the ID cards of residents, checking out temporary keys, handling packages and answering phone calls.



## GRADUATE RESIDENT (GR)

Full-time graduate students who provide basic academic, personal and disciplinary advising for individuals and groups of students. Some supervise RAs, while others support academic and leadership efforts for University Housing.



## RESIDENT ASSISTANT (RA)

Through active learning, RAs support the personal development of residents. RAs are peer leaders who facilitate community involvement, assist in the management of student concerns, and educate residents on their responsibilities as members of a residential community.



## RESIDENTIAL BELONGING ASSISTANT (RBA)

RBAs serve to assist students in achieving a sense of belonging and inclusion with an emphasis on community building, interpersonal skills, social awareness and responsibility, and wellbeing.

# *fall housing* CHECKLIST

MAY

- ☐ Create a roommate group before you choose a space
- ☐ Check your UGA email for an appointment time to choose your space

JUNE

- ☐ Choose your space in The Dawg House during your appointment time
- ☐ Sign your housing contract by the deadline sent to you via email
- ☐ Choose an arrival time if moving in August 7-9

JULY

- ☐ Explore GradGuard renters insurance to protect your belongings
- ☐ Review the Community Guide for policies and expectations

AUGUST

- ☐ Set up your access PIN once you have your UGACard
- ☐ Check your UGA email for move-in information specific to your building
- ☐ Move in!
- ☐ Attend a community meeting with your RA



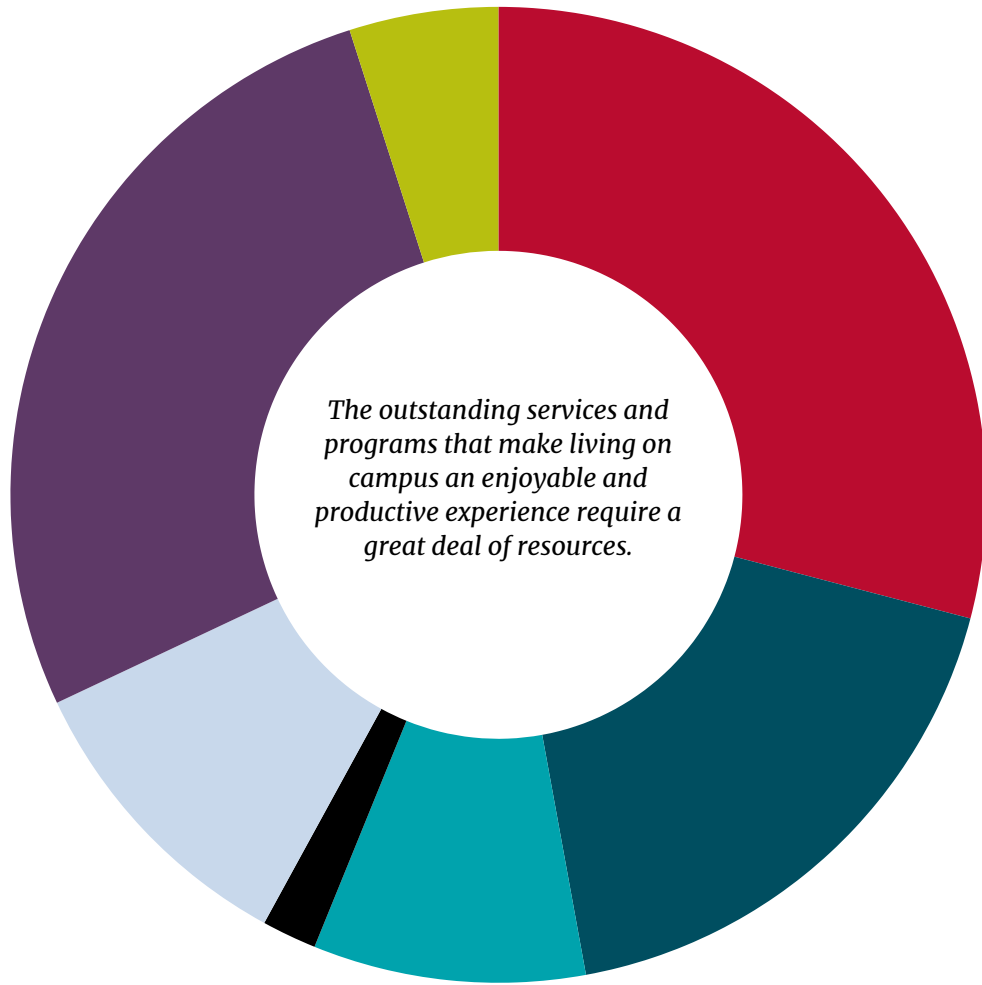
The Dawg House is the online portal where students search for roommates, choose their space and sign their housing contract. Students can also:

- Access roommate information (if not restricted by the student)
- Change their permanent address
- Add or change emergency contact information
- View floor plans of the buildings
- View past communications from housing



The Dawg House is accessible to students with their UGA MyID





## WHERE DOES YOUR FEE GO?

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**27%**

This summer, for example, we are replacing furniture and mattresses in Myers, mattresses in Reed, painting exteriors of Boggs, Church, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell, and replacing an elevator in Oglethorpe House.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**2%**

High-speed Internet, office phone lines, as well as cell phones for on-call staff.

### **SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

**29%**

Personnel services accounts for the salaries, wages and benefits of housing staff members, including more than 400 student workers.

### **DEBT SERVICES**

**18%**

Mortgages for East Campus Village (2004), Building 1516 (2010), Black-Diallo-Miller (2022) were financed by the UGA Real Estate Foundation.

### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

**9%**

Administrative overhead, insurance, supplies and technology.

### **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

**5%**

On more than 2.8 million square feet of facilities

### **UTILITIES**

**10%**

Last year alone, University Housing paid more than \$6 million for utilities.

# A SUPPORTER'S GUIDE TO COLLEGE MOVE IN



*It's hot, it's stressful and emotions are high. Here are some tips for supporting your student before, during and after their move to campus.*





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**It's helpful to set communication expectations before students move in. How often do you expect to communicate with your student and by what means?  
A call once a week? A text every day?**

**For many first-year students,** move-in day can be a daunting experience. The transition from home life to dorm life can be overwhelming, and students may feel homesick or unsure about how to navigate their new environment. As a supporter, there are several things you can do to support your student during this time.

Move-in day is a big transition. Students may feel anxious or uncertain, and it's important to provide emotional support and reassurance. Encourage your student to talk about their feelings and concerns and offer words of encouragement and support before the day arrives.

Another way to support your student is to help them prepare for move-in day. This can include helping organize and pack their belongings, arranging transportation and ensuring they have all the necessary supplies and essentials.

Consider helping them create a packing checklist to help them stay organized and focused.

On move-in day, it can be helpful to have a plan in place. Plan to arrive at the residence hall at their scheduled arrival time. Be prepared to help with the move-in process, but also give your student space to explore their new environment and get settled. Encourage them to meet new people, attend welcome events and get involved in campus activities such as Freshman Welcome, DawgFest and North of the Arch.

We've found it's helpful to set communication expectations before students move in. How often do you expect to communicate with your student and by what means? A call once a week? A text every day? Make sure you and your student are on the same page to avoid frustration down the road.

Finally, stay connected with your student throughout the move-in process and beyond. Check in regularly, but also give them space to navigate their new independence. Encourage them to reach out for support and resources if they need it and offer guidance and advice as needed.

Move-in day can be a challenging time for first-year students and their families. However, by providing emotional support, helping them prepare and staying connected throughout the process, supporters can help their students make a smooth transition to life at UGA.



# CLEANING

## *A shared responsibility*

As college students, the excitement of dorm life often overshadows the responsibility that comes with it. Maintaining a clean and healthy living environment is not solely the job of professional housing staff members; it's a collective effort. Because students live closely on campus, the environment of one room has the potential to impact that of several others. Let's explore how students can play an active role in promoting a healthy environment in the residence halls.

### **PROFESSIONAL CLEANING**

First and foremost, it's essential to acknowledge the hard work of the professional housing staff. They diligently clean common areas and community bathrooms daily, ensuring high-traffic spaces remain sanitized and neat. This routine cleaning is vital for preventing the spread of germs and maintaining a comfortable living environment.

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

Students also play a crucial role in maintaining the cleanliness of their living space. They're responsible for taking out their own trash and recycling, as well as keeping the room clean. Residents with private and semi-private bathrooms are responsible for cleaning those, as well. These small tasks can go a long way in preventing clutter and maintaining a sanitary environment. For more information how students can help and what we do to maintain a healthy environment, visit [housing.uga.edu/student-wellbeing](https://housing.uga.edu/student-wellbeing)

### **REPORTING CONCERNS**

Residents are encouraged to report any concerns through the work request system. This reporting system ensures that issues are promptly addressed.



### HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS

Periodic health and safety checks are conducted to ensure comfortable and clean living spaces. These checks involve a team of professionals who assess various aspects of dorm life, including facilities-related concerns and the condition of life-safety equipment like sprinklers and smoke detectors. Residents receive advance notice of health and safety checks, so there's no need to worry about being present in the room at the time.

### MAINTENANCE MEASURES

To ensure the residence halls remain in top-notch condition, University Housing takes proactive steps, including regular maintenance such as: changing air filters on a schedule, replacing furniture and mattresses on a cycle, deep cleaning during breaks, and assessing plumbing, electrical, HVAC and emergency systems.

Maintaining a healthy environment in the residence halls is a shared responsibility. While professionals play a vital role in cleaning and maintenance, students also have a significant part to play. By following simple guidelines—using hand sanitizer, removing trash from rooms, showing respect for neighbors and staff, and reporting concerns—students can contribute to a safe, clean and comfortable living space for themselves and their fellow residents.

## *residence hall* **SECURITY**



# SECURITY IN THE HALLS

**Our most important resource** for residence hall security lies in the hands of our residents. Students must remain diligent in complying with all of University Housing's security policies, including not holding doors for people who may be seeking to sneak in past a secure checkpoint, not allowing unescorted visitors to circulate in living areas and never propping open exterior doors. Security is part of our departmental mission, and it is also every resident's responsibility.

### ACCESS

In addition to providing a form of identification, the UGACard is necessary to enter the secure areas of residence halls in conjunction with a PIN that controls the doors to residence halls. Each resident is issued a key to their individual room door and—in the event of lost keys—doors to resident rooms are re-keyed.

### SECURITY PERSONNEL

University Housing employs its own team of uniformed security personnel who assist with the monitoring of residence halls between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. Responding to emergency situations, identifying security concerns and checking access to residence hall entrances and exits are just a few of the nightly duties of security personnel.

### ON-CALL STAFF

After normal business hours and on weekends, student and professional staff members are on call to support student needs. Each of housing's residential communities also has a 24-hour desk, where residents can get assistance with missing keys, verify their identity for entry and report maintenance issues.

## VISITATION

Visitation designations are specific to each hall: Visitation 1 (restricted): Visitation permitted Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday–Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night). Visitation 2 (24-hour): Visitation permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visitation designations are at [housing.uga.edu/explore-options](https://housing.uga.edu/explore-options).

Roommate's rights have priority over visitor's rights. If consensus cannot be met independently, RAs will assist in creating a written agreement with the roommates.

## CAMERAS

Security is enhanced through the use of camera systems. Security cameras cover entrances and exits, as well as public spaces such as lobbies, elevators, laundry rooms and kitchens and stairwells. Cameras are not present in private spaces.

## POLICIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

All residents are expected to read, understand and conduct themselves in accordance with the terms, conditions and policies set forth in the University Housing contract, the Community Guide, and the University of Georgia Code of Conduct, as well as all federal, state and local laws. Residents are also expected to adhere to the information shared through emails, posters, policy changes or written/verbal correspondence issued by University Housing or its agents. Although guests may not be residents or students, the policies and procedures apply. Failure to adhere to any policies, rules and regulations may result in documentation, referral through a student conduct process, involvement of the UGA Police, and/or a housing contract review. These actions may occur simultaneously, separately and/or independently.

[housing.uga.edu/community-guide](https://housing.uga.edu/community-guide)



VANDIVER HALL

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOUSING

*An endowed scholarship makes it easier for non-first year students to continue benefiting from living on campus*

For the 2025–2026 academic year, University Housing awarded four students the Jim Day Housing Scholarship, which offers \$1,000 of financial assistance to outstanding students to offset the cost of living on campus.

Recipients of the scholarships are current UGA undergraduate students with on-campus room assignments, who demonstrate financial need as determined by the UGA Office of Financial Aid. Recipients also must commit to living on campus for the fall and spring.

These stand-out students contribute to others' on-campus experiences by actively participating in their communities.

The executive director of University Housing from 1990 to 2006, Dr. James "Jim" Day, conceived and initially funded the University Housing Scholarship Fund upon his retirement.



*The Dawg Path is University Housing's curricular approach to creating a meaningful and enriching experience for students living in residence halls. This program emphasizes community building, interpersonal skills, social awareness and wellbeing, providing students with the tools they need to succeed in college and beyond.*

### **THE ROLE OF RESIDENT ASSISTANTS**

One of the cornerstones of the Dawg Path is the genuine personal connection between students and their resident assistants (RAs). Throughout the semester, they will intentionally reach out to residents at least three times to check in, share resources and offer guidance. This consistent interaction helps build a sense of community and ensures that students have someone to turn to for support and advice.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

Community is at the heart of the Dawg Path. Each semester, RAs organize community gatherings for residents on their floor, providing opportunities for social interaction and teamwork. Additionally, RAs plan at least two fun events designed to enhance the social community on the floor, such as game nights, movie nights or themed parties. These events help students build connections with their neighbors and create a vibrant living environment.

### **FOCUS ON WELLBEING AND SOCIAL AWARENESS**

Wellbeing encompasses multiple dimensions, including emotional, physical, occupational, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental and financial health. Through various initiatives, students are encouraged to form and practice habits that promote a healthy lifestyle. By developing these habits, students become more resilient and better equipped to handle challenges.

Social awareness is another critical component of the Dawg Path. Residents are encouraged to understand who they are, how their values and beliefs shape their worldview and how their actions impact the community and environment. Exposure to different ideas and viewpoints helps students develop cultural competency and fosters inclusive communities.



### **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS**

Effective communication is key to building relationships and engaging with the world. Students are encouraged to practice various communication strategies, engage in self-reflection and develop interpersonal skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

### **RESIDENTIAL BELONGING ASSISTANTS**

Residential belonging assistants (RBAs) plan and implement various belonging initiatives throughout the year. These initiatives aim to create a warm and inclusive environment where students feel valued and supported. In support of the Dawg Path, RBAs work to ensure that every student has opportunities to connect and engage.



*As suggested by staff and residents*

# WHAT TO BRING

- ☐ LINENS: Sheets, pillows, comforter, towels. Check [housing.uga.edu](https://housing.uga.edu) for mattress sizes
- ☐ BATHROOM SUPPLIES: Bring a shower basket if you will have community bathrooms
- ☐ LAUNDRY SUPPLIES
- ☐ CLOTHES HANGERS
- ☐ STORAGE CONTAINERS
- ☐ HDMI CABLE for streaming to common area TVs
- ☐ ETHERNET CABLE for wired Internet
- ☐ EARPLUGS AND HEADPHONES
- ☐ LAPTOP, iPad OR COMPUTER
- ☐ SURGE PROTECTOR
- ☐ BROOM AND/OR VACUUM CLEANER
- ☐ AREA RUG: For rooms that do not have carpet
- ☐ SMALL FAN
- ☐ DESK LAMP OR PORTABLE LAMP
- ☐ TRASH CAN LINERS
- ☐ UMBRELLA and/or RAIN JACKET
- ☐ THROW BLANKET
- ☐ UGACARD
- ☐ CLEANING SUPPLIES  
Residents with private or semi-private bathrooms must clean their own bathroom
- ☐ POSTER MOUNTS  
Boggs, Brown, Church, Creswell, Hill, Lipscomb, Mary Lyndon, Mell, Morris, Myers, O-House, Payne, Reed, Soule, UV East
- ☐ THUMBTRACKS  
Black-Diallo-Miller, Brumby, Building 1516, Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker, Russell, Rutherford, Vandiver
- ☐ MINIFRIDGE and/or MICROWAVE  
Bring your own or rent from our partner vendor: [MyCollegeFridge.com](https://MyCollegeFridge.com)



## LEAVE

*these things at home*

Pets (except fish)  
Candles  
Essential oil diffusers  
Plug-in air fresheners  
Toasters  
Space heaters  
Personal routers



For a complete list of policies and guidelines, consult the online Community Guide

Note: Electric scooters may not be charged or stored inside any UGA buildings

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**MOVE IN 101**





*Arrival times mean student move in is staggered, but it's still a well-organized hustle and bustle for several days in a row.*





Each year, the University of Georgia community welcomes more than 9,000 students into its residence halls and apartments. Volunteers work to streamline the move-in process and to address health and safety, traffic congestion, parking lot availability and elevator service.

Regular move in for fall 2025 is 8 a.m. Friday, August 8 until 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 13. At press time, the following details about the move-in process are accurate, but University Housing will provide updates via UGA email and on the move-in portion of the housing website at [housing.uga.edu/move-in](https://housing.uga.edu/move-in).



#### ONE-HOUR UNLOADING ZONES

August 7–9, unloading zones will be established in several parking lots near residence halls to assist residents and their families with move in. Drivers will be issued one-hour parking passes to unload their vehicles and then be redirected to long-term parking lots after unloading. Vehicles remaining longer than the one-hour time period will be towed at the owner's expense. Maps with unloading zones and long-term parking locations for each area of campus will be communicated in mid-July.



#### AUGUST 7: EARLY MOVE IN FOR APPROVED GROUPS

Students registered in approved groups may schedule an arrival time on Thursday, August 7. Arrival times are required. Early arrival incurs a \$50 fee charged to the student account. Groups will notify students about their eligibility for early move in.

#### AUGUST 8-9: REGULAR MOVE IN

In an effort to minimize traffic and check-in congestion, arrival times are required for anyone moving in August 8–9, and the arrival time scheduling site will open in late June. More specific information about the site and how to schedule an arrival time will be shared via students' UGA email in advance of the site opening.

EARLY MOVE IN FOR APPROVED GROUPS  
ARRIVAL TIME REQUIRED  
REGULAR MOVE IN



#### AUGUST 10-13

Move in continues round-the-clock with no scheduled arrival time required.

#### HUNKER DOWN WITH HOUSING VOLUNTEERS

Students have the option of volunteering to assist with move in-activities, such as parking, traffic control, check in and recycling. It's a great way to get to campus early and to meet new friends. Volunteers move in August 7 but do not pay the \$50 early move-in fee. For information about volunteering, visit

[housing.uga.edu/move-in](https://housing.uga.edu/move-in)

#### MOVE-IN TRASH AND RECYCLING

Take trash to the outside dumpsters near each building instead of leaving it in the halls where it poses tripping and fire hazards. Look for volunteers collecting styrofoam, plastic film and cardboard for recycling.

#### CHECKING INTO A RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

Each student must have their UGACard or government-issued ID to check in. Students should also know their student ID number. Family members and roommates cannot check into a room or receive a key on behalf of a student. Students should set up a PIN in advance to use in conjunction with their UGACard in order to have access to their building (except for UV East).

#### MAIL

Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service to the central mailboxes assigned in each area or hall. In University Village and UV East, mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Please arrange to have packages arrive after checking in. Addresses are listed on the webpage for each building at

[housing.uga.edu/explore-options](https://housing.uga.edu/explore-options).

#### RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACTS

Students execute housing contracts online. The contract is a legally binding agreement between the student (parent or guardian if under 18 years of age), the university and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. To view an example of a contract, visit [housing.uga.edu/contract](https://housing.uga.edu/contract). For student-specific contracts, students may log in to The Dawg House or contact the University Housing at 706-542-1421 or [housing@uga.edu](mailto:housing@uga.edu).

# 9,000+

STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

# 230

STAFF AND STUDENT MOVE-IN VOLUNTEERS  
HELPING IN A TWO-DAY PERIOD

# 10,000

AVERAGE GALLONS OF STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC  
FILM RECYCLED DURING MOVE IN.  
THAT'S ENOUGH TO FILL A UGA BUS TOP TO  
BOTTOM AND FRONT TO BACK!

# 6

FULL DAYS OF MOVE IN TO LIMIT TRAFFIC,  
PARKING AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN  
COMMON AREAS AND LOBBIES

# 5

MONTHS HOUSING STAFF SPEND PLANNING FOR  
TRAFFIC AND CHECK INS DURING MOVE IN

# 1

HOUR RESIDENTS CAN PARK IN AN UNLOADING  
ZONE AUGUST 7-9

# UNLIMITED

AMOUNT OF TIME TO PARK IN LONG-TERM  
PARKING AS STUDENTS CONTINUE TO  
MOVE BELONGINGS



first day  
of class



Planning your room's aesthetic can be one of the most exciting parts of moving to campus. This room in Rutherford Hall is a great example of how to make a room feel homey and personal.

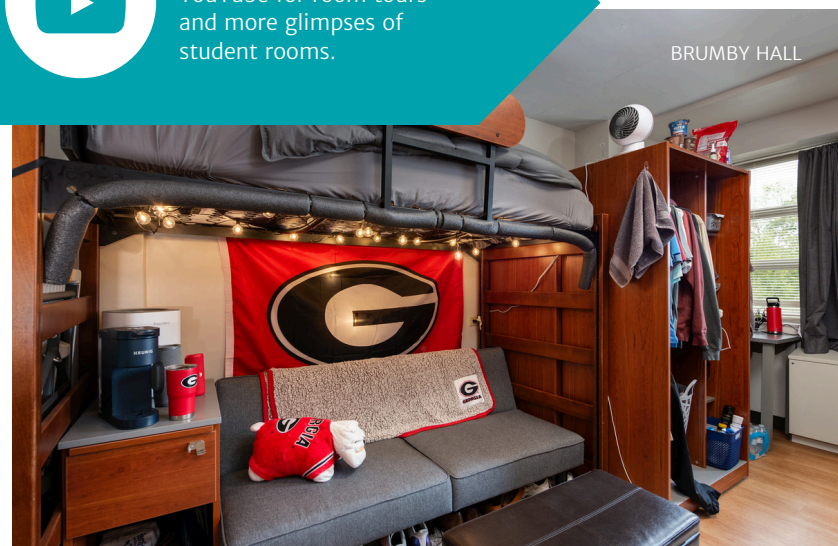


# DORM DECOR





Visit UGA Housing on YouTube for room tours and more glimpses of student rooms.



## ROOM PLANS

Once students know their building and room number, they can view their specific room plan at [housing.uga.edu/floor-plan-search](https://housing.uga.edu/floor-plan-search). These are as accurate as possible, but measurements may vary from room to room—especially in older buildings.

## FLOOR PLANS

Floor plans show where a room is in the context of the larger building. Students can view floor plans by logging into The Dawg House and using the drop-down menu.

## HANGING THINGS ON THE WALL

Students can either use thumbtacks or poster mounts/Command Strips on their walls—depending on the building. For information specific to your student's room, check page 16 for specifics. Nails and screws are not permitted in any building.

## PERMITTED

- Extension cords
- Refrigerators
- Microwaves (up to 700 watts)
- Irons
- Removable wallpaper
- Sealed-unit coffee makers
- Sealed-unit popcorn poppers

## NOT PERMITTED

- Appliances with an exposed heating element
- Resident-owned air conditioners
- Resident-owned space heaters
- Humidifiers
- Essential oil diffusers
- Plug-in air fresheners
- Halogen light bulbs
- Contact paper

*The following appliances may be used in apartment kitchens only:*

- Hot pots and crock pots
- Toasters and toaster ovens

For a complete list of permitted items and more on decorating within policy guidelines, visit the online Community Guide: [housing.uga.edu/sa\\_docs/resources/community\\_guide.pdf](https://housing.uga.edu/sa_docs/resources/community_guide.pdf)





**HILL HALL**



**BLACK-DIALLO-MILLER HALL**



**MCWHORTER HALL**



**MYERS HALL**



**MYERS HALL**



**OGLETHORPE HOUSE**



**CHURCH HALL**



**BLACK-DIALLO-MILLER HALL**



**BRUMBY HALL**



Looking for more inspiration and ideas?  
Check out University Housing | UGA on  
Pinterest, where you'll find photos by  
building, DIY projects, what to bring,  
organization tips and more.



## FIVE MOVE-IN MUST HAVES

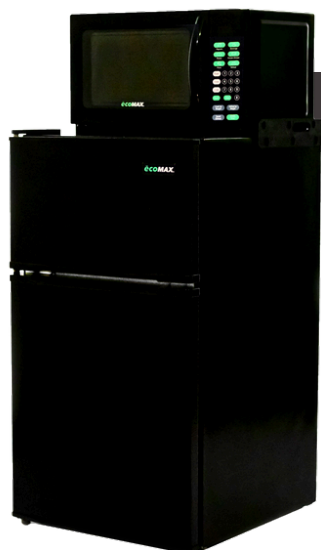
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### BEANBAG CHAIR OR FUTON



Furniture fosters community! I remember countless days when my hallmates and I gathered around on my bean bags and made memories. This also offers an alternate spot to study and relax in your room.



### MINIFRIDGE

Perfect for storing small snacks and leftovers. It comes in handy during busy exam seasons and late-night study sessions. Rent through a UGA partner vendor and avoid the move-in and move-out hassle:  
[mycollegefridge.com](http://mycollegefridge.com)

### STEAMER



Having a small steamer will save you so much time and space for everyday use. Also, it's extremely convenient for professional networking events and meetings.

### STORAGE BINS



These are great for decluttering and makes your room look so much more organized and cleaner. I put a lot of extra clothes, blankets, and books in baskets and bins. Another suggestion: A shoe organizer. You can fit this into any corner of your room, and it saves you tons of space while also maintaining a clean look.



### MATTRESS TOPPER

Mattress toppers are an absolute game-changer for comfort. Some of the best sleep I've ever had!



*A focus on open communication, respecting boundaries and a shared set of ground rules make for a positive roommate relationship.*

# ROOMMATE RELATIONSHIPS

The transition to UGA can be both thrilling and overwhelming, especially when you're moving away from home for the first time. As you embark on this new chapter, one of the most crucial aspects of your college experience will be your roommate relationship. Sharing a living space with someone new requires understanding, compromise and respect. Here are some valuable tips on how to establish and maintain a positive relationship with your college roommate after moving to college for the first time.

## **Communication is key**

From day one, open and honest communication lays the foundation for a successful roommate relationship. Discuss your expectations, boundaries and preferences early on. This includes sleep schedules, study habits, sharing personal items and even visitors. Your RA can help you complete a Roommate Success Plan, a great tool for establishing these boundaries to prevent potential misunderstandings later.

## **Respect each other's space**

Living in close quarters can sometimes lead to clashes. However, respecting each other's personal space and belongings is essential for maintaining harmony. Always ask before borrowing or using your roommate's things and ensure that your side of the room is neat and organized.





### **Give each other space**

It's essential to spend time together, but it's equally important to have some alone time. College life can be intense and everyone needs space to recharge. Respect your roommate's need for solitude and make an effort to find other social circles on campus to give each other breathing room.

### **Be patient and forgiving**

Understand that both of you are adjusting to college life. Mistakes and misunderstandings will happen. Be patient with one another and willing to forgive. Address issues calmly and respectfully when they arise to prevent resentment from building up.

### **Embrace differences**

You and your roommate may come from different backgrounds with diverse values and cultures. Embrace these differences and use them as an opportunity to learn and grow. Be open to trying new things and be respectful of each other's perspectives.

### **Set up a cleaning schedule**

One common source of tension in roommate relationships is cleanliness. To avoid conflicts, set up a cleaning schedule together. Divide tasks fairly and rotate responsibilities regularly. This ensures that both of you are contributing equally to the cleanliness of the room and bathroom (if applicable).

### **Resolve conflicts rationally**

Conflicts are bound to happen, but it's crucial to handle them constructively. When disagreements arise, address them calmly and rationally. Avoid personal attacks and focus on finding solutions. If needed, involve your RA or a neutral third party to mediate.

### **Celebrate accomplishments together**

Be supportive of your roommate's achievements and celebrate their successes. Whether it's acing an exam, joining a club or making new friends, acknowledging each other's triumphs fosters a positive and uplifting atmosphere. Ring the bell!

### **Create roommate traditions**

Build a unique bond with your roommate by creating traditions together. It could be as simple as a weekly movie night or trying a new restaurant every month. These shared experiences strengthen your connection and create lasting memories.





# BUYER BEWARE

*Vendors are  
looking for  
your money*

As the start of fall semester draws closer, you can expect to receive a number of commercial solicitations from futon companies, refrigerator rental companies and other businesses that provide various products and services targeted to our student population.

You may receive mailings regarding products that look to be official from the university, but University Housing only has two vendor partners:

- [mycollegefridge.com](http://mycollegefridge.com), for mini fridge combination units
- [GradGuard.com](http://GradGuard.com), for renters insurance

Many items are also available through the UGA Bookstore, but it's a student's responsibility to ensure that products and services used in the residence halls are permitted and adhere to housing guidelines and policies—check the online Community Guide for specifics.

[bkstr.com/georgiastore/shop/dorm-home](http://bkstr.com/georgiastore/shop/dorm-home)

If you choose to do business with outside vendors, we urge you to contact your chosen company well in advance of opening day to ensure timely delivery and installation, for which students must be present.

Most importantly, don't pay in cash. A canceled check or credit card statement may be your only proof of payment.



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**NIGHT DESK ASSISTANT**  
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**ENGINEERING ASSISTANT**  
**CONTENT CREATOR**



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# GETTING CONNECTED

*technology on campus*

The University of Georgia has all the technology tools to help you succeed. Whether it is helping you navigate your way around campus, or providing opportunities to enrich your academic experience, UGA has resources available to you.

## Campus Technology Resources

Enterprise Information Technology Services, or EITS, is the central IT department at the university. EITS manages key technologies across campus, such as UGAMail, Athena, wireless networks, the official UGA Mobile App, and eLearning Commons (eLC).

If you need help with campus technology, visit the EITS Help Desk website ([eitshelpdesk.uga.edu](https://eitshelpdesk.uga.edu)) for how-to guides on all EITS services. You can also contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106 or [helpdesk@uga.edu](mailto:helpdesk@uga.edu) or use our online chat service at [hd.support.uga.edu](https://hd.support.uga.edu) if you need assistance.

## Get Connected

To get the most out of the technology tools EITS offers, you will first need a secure Internet connection. The University of Georgia's preferred wireless network is PAWS-Secure, which is available throughout campus. You do not need to bring a wireless router to campus. PAWS-Secure is available to anyone with a valid UGA MyID, such as students, faculty and staff. To access PAWS-Secure, provide your valid UGA MyID and password when prompted.

Eduroam is another wireless network available in all academic buildings on campus. To connect to eduroam, provide your full UGA credentials with your MyID followed by "uga.edu" (example: [YourMyID@uga.edu](mailto:YourMyID@uga.edu)). Students can also use their UGA credentials to get wireless service when visiting participating eduroam institutions in the United States and abroad.

In University Housing, you will need an Ethernet cable to connect Smart TVs and gaming systems to our wired

network; we also recommend it as a more secure connection for your computer while doing classwork. To learn more about connecting to wifi networks or the wired (Ethernet) network in the residence halls, visit [getconnected.uga.edu](https://getconnected.uga.edu).

### Tools for Learning

As part of your first-year orientation, you will use Athena to register for classes. Athena is UGA's online student information system. Along with registering for classes in Athena, you will also pay tuition and fees and view your academic and financial aid records. To log into Athena, visit [athena.uga.edu](https://athena.uga.edu).

Depending on your classes, you may also be automatically enrolled in eLearning Commons (eLC), the University's online learning management system. Your instructors may choose to use eLC for course assignments, quizzes, assessments and class communication. For more information, visit [elc.uga.edu](https://elc.uga.edu). Students, faculty and staff have free access to Microsoft 365 products through their UGAMail accounts. For more information, visit [office365.uga.edu](https://office365.uga.edu).

### Tech Tools Around Campus

At the Miller Learning Center (MLC), you can access our Tech Lending program and the Digital Media Lab. The Tech Lending desk is on the 3rd floor, where you can rent laptops, cameras, and accessories. The Digital Media Lab offers UGA students multimedia software, hardware, and a recording booth for digital media projects. Learn more at [libs.uga.edu](https://libs.uga.edu).

You can access computer lab software remotely anytime, anywhere through vLab, the university's virtual lab environment. Simply point your web browser [vlab.uga.edu](https://vlab.uga.edu).

## LEAVE IT AT HOME

Personal wireless routers, wireless switches or hubs, wireless printers and smart home devices (such as Alexa and Google Home). These devices can disrupt wifi connection for yourself and others in your residence hall.



## EASY PRINTING

Print your documents from the cloud or a USB flash drive at one of the print kiosks located across campus, including in the residence halls. You can pay with a credit or a debit card, or with ApplePay, Venmo or PayPal. For more information, visit [printkiosk.uga.edu](https://printkiosk.uga.edu)

The official UGA Mobile App is your one-stop-shop for everything you will need at UGA. In the UGA Mobile App you can check your class schedule, access student information, track buses, check your meal plan balance and more. The App is free in the App Store and Google Play. For more information visit [mobileapps.uga.edu](https://mobileapps.uga.edu).

### Keep Your Identity Secure

Keep your information secure by creating a strong MyID password that is a mix of upper-case letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters (such as, @! #). If you set up your MyID Profile, you can also change your password on your own at [myid.uga.edu](https://myid.uga.edu).

ArchPass is UGA's two-step login solution, powered by Duo. ArchPass is used by many UGA systems, such as eLC and Athena, during the log-in process to provide an extra layer of security for your UGA accounts. Enroll a device through the Self-Service Enrollment portal at [archpass.uga.edu](https://archpass.uga.edu).



# DAWGfest 2025

AUGUST 10

*Dawg Fest has become an annual tradition on Myers Quad during the first few days of move in. Hosted by the student-led Residence Hall Association (RHA), Dawg Fest is an opportunity for new students to meet, gather and enjoy carnival games, food and giveaways.*

SAVE THE DATE



NOV. 6-9

*Family weekend is an opportunity for students and their families to experience campus traditions, explore Athens and connect with one another. The program will promote student life and the local campus community, as well as provide a holistic overview of academics and other on-campus opportunities.*

