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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.

University Housing is committed to providing comfortable, affordable and secure places where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported. I encourage your student to contact staff whenever questions or concerns arise. Undergraduate, graduate and full-time professional staff members are available to assist your student.

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

To protect our current residents’ security and privacy—and because of our focus on deep cleaning and renovation taking place over the summer—virtual tours have replaced in-person tours as 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 31 for more ways to get to know the residence halls and room types.

housing.uga.edu/sa_vrtour/
Student EcoReps gain crucial leadership skills as they educate peers on how they can positively impact the environment.

On their 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 to 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.
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THE ON-CAMPUS ADVANTAGE

National studies, as well as internal research, show students who live on campus consistently earn higher GPAs than students who live off campus.

RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT

University Housing offers a few ways for residents to be involved in their community and on campus, including Residential Hall Association (RHA) and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). In these organizations, students gain valuable leadership experience as they facilitate events, socials and service opportunities for residents throughout the year.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The primary governing bodies in our halls are community councils composed of elected officers and representatives of residents within that hall. Taking part in residence hall government is an excellent way to develop leadership skills and to become involved in the community. Each group’s purpose is the same: to implement programs and activities that respond to the needs and requests of residents.
Dawg Fest has become an annual tradition on Myers Quad shortly after move in. Hosted by Residence Hall Association (RHA), Dawg Fest is an opportunity for new students to meet, gather and enjoy carnival games, food and giveaways.
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.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSISTANT (CSA)
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.

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.

GRADUATE RESIDENT (GR) OR GRADUATE ASSISTANT (GA)
Full-time graduate students who provide basic academic, personal and disciplinary advising for individuals and groups of students. Some supervise RAs, while others supervise front desks and CSAs and support academic and leadership efforts for University Housing.

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.

RESIDENT BELONGING ASSISTANT
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.

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.

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STUDENT STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

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Aniyah is a second-year accounting student from Fitzgerald, Ga. Beginning fall 2024, Aniyah will work with residents in Black-Diallo-Miller, Boggs, Church, Creswell, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell Halls. She is involved in the Dean William Tate Honor Society, Guide Dog Foundation and SGA First-Year Senate. Her advice for new students? “Don’t stay in your dorm, and always be open to making new friends!”

A third-year political science major from Acworth, Ga., Jackson wanted to become an RA because he wanted to help first-year students to make connections and have positive experiences at UGA. Jackson regularly hosts movie nights and gaming events in his Black-Diallo-Miller room for residents. His goal is to host “a space for anyone and everyone to relax and build community together in their home away from home.”

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University Housing promotes residents’ academic success by supporting special programs both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to the department’s new residential curriculum—an intentional way of guiding students to specific learning outcomes within the residence halls—University Housing works with academic partners to support cohorts based on common interests.

THE LAUNCH PAD | CRESWELL HALL

The Launch Pad is the launch point for aspiring entrepreneurs at UGA and houses up to 40 first-year students in an environment where they immediately begin collaborating on ideas and processes.

Launch Pad students also get:
- Automatic acceptance into the Entrepreneurship Certificate Program during their first year
- Enrollment in the Entrepreneurship First-Year Odyssey Seminar
- Membership in the Athensmade Tech Incubator and/or other local incubators
- Membership in the Society of Entrepreneurs, the student organization for innovative students
- Access to maker spaces in the lobby of Creswell and at Studio 225, the Student Center for Entrepreneurship. Both include 3-D printing capability, raspberry pi support, vinyl cutters, and tools for prototyping concepts. ugaentr.com

Launch Pad participants strategize their business plans and bring their ideas to life with guidance from faculty and local entrepreneurs.
THRIVE AT GEORGIA | RUSSELL HALL

THRIVE offers a transformative four-week academic residential program to a diverse community of first-year undergraduates. Introducing scholars to the rigors and unique learning opportunities at America’s first state-chartered university, THRIVE allows students to form meaningful academic and social networks, equipping them for future academic success.

Students enroll in two credit-bearing courses including a high-demand discipline-based course and a service-learning course that fulfills the university's experiential learning requirement for most majors.

doe.uga.edu/initiatives/thrive/thrive

LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES | MARY LYNDON HALL

The language communities in French and Spanish provide a means for interested students to blend their residential and academic experiences and improve language skills through a simulated immersion environment. A graduate assistant specializing in one of the target languages serves as resident language coordinator—they facilitate the use of the languages through spontaneous and organized activities, such as informal conversations, dinners, cooking demonstrations, guest lectures, concerts, excursions, community outreach and a weekly conversation course. Any student, incoming or already enrolled at UGA, who has studied French or Spanish at the intermediate level is eligible to apply.

rom.uga.edu/language-communities

Below, THRIVE participants help out at the UGArden; right, many language community participants join the program in preparation for studying abroad.
ART OF WELLNESS | BUILDING 1516

The Art of Wellness Living Learning Community acknowledges the unique needs and experiences of arts students entering college. The program supports them by offering wellness instruction and mental health resources, as well as programming and social activities, including performances, cooking classes, yoga and mindfulness, open mic nights and more. The community is open to all first-year aspiring arts majors and minors. Students live together in Building 1516 and participate in two academic courses—one each semester—that teach yoga, meditation, and other wellness-related skills and practices.  
danc.franklin.uga.edu/art-of-wellness/home

FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE | RUTHERFORD HALL

The Franklin Residential College or “FRC” is one of UGA’s oldest living learning communities, open to students with a major or minor in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Under the leadership of a faculty director and an academic adviser in residence, FRC features a vibrant calendar of academic events, service learning projects, and social gatherings. The FRC also provides opportunities for student leadership and employment, as well as experiential learning credit and funding, through its executive board. Students interested in applying to join should email frc@uga.edu in the fall.  
frc.uga.edu

Above, FRC students gather during service-learning trips, social outings and academic events. The program is open to all students with a major or minor in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.
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.
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.

First and foremost, it’s important to recognize that 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 packing and organizing their belongings, arranging transportation and ensuring they have all the necessary supplies and essentials.

Consider creating a checklist or packing guide to help them stay organized and focused.

On move-in day, it can be helpful to have a plan in place. Coordinate with your student’s roommate and plan to arrive at the dorm 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 orientation events and get involved in campus activities such as #welcomeuga.

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.
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 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.

**C L E A N I N G**

**A shared responsibility**

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**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 that 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 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 on how students can help and what we do to maintain a healthy environment, visit 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 INSPECTIONS
Periodic health and safety inspections are conducted to ensure comfortable and clean living spaces. These inspections 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 these inspections, so there’s no need to worry about being present in your room at the time.

MAINTENANCE MEASURES
To ensure the dorms remain in top-notch condition, University Housing takes proactive steps. This includes regular maintenance such as changing 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 college dorms 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 and reporting concerns, students can contribute to a safe, clean and comfortable living space for themselves and their fellow residents.

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.
security (continued)

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. Roommate’s rights have priority over visitor’s rights. Residents can further restrict the current visitation policy, but not broaden it. 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 student hallways, rooms or bathrooms.

COMMUNITY GUIDE
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 PD, and/or a housing contract review. These actions may occur simultaneously, separately and/or independently.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOUSING

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

For the 2023–2024 academic year, University Housing awarded five students the Jim Day Housing Scholarship, which offers $2,200 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.
Create a roommate group before you choose a space
Check your UGA email for an appointment time to choose your space
Choose your space in The Dawg House during your appointment time
Sign your housing contract by the deadline sent to you via email
Explore GradGuard renters insurance to protect your belongings
Review the Community Guide for policies and expectations
Choose an arrival time if moving in August 9–11
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)
- Change their permanent address
- Add or change emergency contact information
- View floor plans of the buildings
- View past communications from housing
Residence hall directors (RHDs) are integral part of the housing team—their position as live-on staff members is indicative of their important role in supporting residents and in creating safe, comfortable and inclusive communities with a focus on student learning. They lead programmatic and academic initiatives, advise student groups and supervise graduate residents and resident assistants.

“Working in Student Affairs gives me the opportunity to connect with many individuals and make a positive impact on students and professionals. The RHD—and most housing professionals—have knowledge in counseling, leadership, student development theory and governance. This allows us to assist in anything from roommate mediations and having effective conversations with student leaders and parents to effectively working with other departments, divisions and stakeholders.”
WHAT TO BRING

- LINENS: Sheets, pillows, comforter, towels. Check housing.uga.edu for mattress sizes
- BATHROOM SUPPLIES: Bring a shower basket if you will have community bathrooms
- LAUNDRY SUPPLIES
- CLOTHES HANGERS
- STORAGE CONTAINERS
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- 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
- POSTER MOUNTS
  - Boggs, Brown, Church, Creswell, Hill, Lipscomb, Mary Lyndon, Mell, Morris, O-House, Payne, Reed, Soule, UV East
- THUMBTACKS
  - Black-Diallo-Miller, Brumby, Building 1516, Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker, Russell, Rutherford, Vandiver

LEAVE these things at home

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

For a complete list of policies and guidelines, consult the online Community Guide
NOW HIRING!
HOUSING SOCIAL MEDIA
AMBASSADORS & VIDEO PRODUCERS

- teamwork
- creativity
- collaboration
- marketing for a brand
- job skills
- $11/hr up to 20 hrs/week
- experiential learning credit

University Housing
Student Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Arrival times mean student move-in is staggered, but it’s still a well-organized hustle and bustle for several days in a row.
Move in for fall 2024 is 8 a.m. Friday, August 9 until 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 14. 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.

**ARRIVAL TIMES**
In an effort to minimize traffic and check-in congestion, arrival times will be available for students to choose. Arrival times are required for anyone moving in August 9–11, and the arrival time scheduling site will open in late June or early July. 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.

**UNLOADING ZONES**
August 9–11, 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 9**
Arrival times required 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Sorority recruitment participants will have priority for arrival times on August 9. This may result in limited time slot availability for other students on August 9.
AUGUST 10–11
Arrival times required 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

AUGUST 12–14
Move in continues round-the-clock with no scheduled arrival time required. Unloading zones will not be enforced, and residents should park in their assigned lot by 7 a.m. August 14.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED TO MOVE IN
Consider bringing a small cart or dolly. Although carts are available in most buildings, there is a limited number of carts available for students to use. You might also consider bringing a small tool kit and a pen for filling out forms at check in.

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. Only the student can receive a room key; family members and roommates cannot check into a room and 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. Addresses are listed on the webpage for each building at housing.uga.edu/explore-options. Please arrange to have packages arrive after checking in.

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. 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.
Planning your room’s aesthetic can be one of the most exciting parts of moving to campus. This room in Myers Hall is a great example of how to make a room feel homey and personal.
ROOM PLANS
Once students know their building and room number, they can view their specific room plan on the housing website. These are as accurate as we can make them, 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 25 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

It’s that time of the year when the housing office is flooded with calls about furniture and futons, and dimensions and decorations. Here are some helpful resources as your student plans their move to campus.
FIVE MOVE-IN MUST HAVES

**ELECTRIC KETTLE**

A must for me since I make tea quite often! Having hot water to make food in my room was helpful as well (mac n cheese, ramen, etc.) I used mine almost every day and will definitely continue to!

**POSTERS AND PHOTOS**

I love artwork so I brought some of my favorite pieces and hung them up near my room. Depending on your building, use poster mounts or thumbtacks on the walls (see page 25).

**TEA OR COFFEE**

I love tea, so I brought my favorite teas from home and have them all in a drawer. I can make it whenever I want or whenever I'm not feeling well.

**HOBBY SUPPLIES**

I personally love drawing and coloring, so I brought my favorite paint pens from home! Whenever I can find free time, having my art supplies with me are super convenient.

**MATTRESS TOPPER**

Super convenient and comfortable addition to my bed and making it feel like my bed at home. It goes on top of the mattress provided and setting it up is very simple!
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.
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.

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).
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.

Georgia's open records laws require UGA to provide mailing addresses to any outside party that submits a request for the information. Although information on items such as student grades and health records are protected from such a request, unless you have restricted the information, student addresses are not protected.

You may receive mailings regarding products that look to be official from the university, but University Housing only has one vendor partner—GradGuard. They provide renters insurance through a policy tailored to college students; use the QR code on page 9 to get started.

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. If you choose to do business with one of these 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.
The outstanding services and programs that make living on campus an enjoyable and productive experience require a great deal of resources. If you have ever wondered where your fee goes, here we illustrate how useful each and every penny can be.

**WHERE DOES YOUR FEE GO?**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**
32.06%
Each year, any revenue amount exceeding operating expenses is used to keep the buildings up to date. For instance, this summer, we are renovating bathroom and community spaces in Boggs, Church and Hill Halls and replacing furniture in Building 1516 and UV East.

**COMMUNICATIONS**
1.85%
High-speed Internet, office and desk phone lines, as well as cell phones for on-call staff are a small portion of the housing fee for residents.

**SALARIES AND BENEFITS**
26.94%
Personnel services accounts for the salaries, wages and benefits of the University Housing staff members, including more than 400 student workers.

**UTILITIES**
8.15%
The luxury of having all utilities included in the fee utilizes a significant portion of the housing fee. For instance, last year alone, University Housing paid more than $5.2 million for utilities.

**DEBT SERVICES**
17.34%
Paying off long-term debt associated with past large-scale capital projects results in debt service payments (mortgages) each year. East Campus Village (2004), Building 1516 (2010), Black-Diallo-Miller (2022) account for the majority of debt obligations. All of these projects were financed by the UGA Real Estate Foundation.

**OPERATING EXPENSES**
13.67%
Services such as insurance, administrative overhead, supplies and regular repairs and maintenance.
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.

**GETTING CONNECTED**

**Technology on campus**

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**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) for how-to guides on all EITS services. You can also contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106 or helpdesk@uga.edu or use our online chat service at 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). 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.

**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.

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. All eligible students, faculty and staff have free access to Microsoft 365 products through their UGAMail accounts. For more information, visit 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.

You can access computer lab software remotely anytime, anywhere through vLab, the university’s virtual lab environment. Simply point your web browser at vlab.uga.edu.

**DON’T BRING**

Personal wireless routers, wireless switches or hubs, cellphone mobile hotspots, wireless printers or smart home devices. 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.

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.

**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.

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.
**WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MOVE IN GO MORE SMOOTHLY?**

Bring a small cart or dolly and consider bringing a small tool kit if you have items to put together. You may place all of your trash and recycling in designated exterior locations around each building.

**CAN I SEND MAIL OR PACKAGES AHEAD OF MOVING IN?**

Mailrooms and desks do not open until August 9, so please plan for packages to arrive after that date. Otherwise, they may be returned to sender or left outside.

**WHEN IS THE HOUSING FEE DUE?**

All transactions will be made through Student Accounts in the UGA Bursar’s Office and are due according to their guidelines. Do not remit any payments to University Housing. Visit bursar.uga.edu for specific deadlines.

**WHAT IS THERE TO DO BETWEEN MOVE IN AND CLASSES STARTING?**

Resident assistants, student organizations and departments will have plenty of fun activities planned—night and day—to help students meet people and adjust to campus. Visit welcome.uga.edu for a calendar of activities.

**WHEN ARE ROOM CHANGES OFFERED?**

Students with completed housing contracts can make room change requests in The Dawg House portal at any time. We accommodate these requests as much as possible throughout the summer, so students should continue to check their UGA email for room change offers.

**DO I HAVE TO LEAVE MY ROOM DURING BREAKS?**

Most undergraduate halls are closed for breaks, meaning residents must leave during these breaks. Exceptions include Brown Hall, Reed Hall and Payne Hall. East Campus Village apartments, University Village apartments and UV East remain open, as well.

**DO THE HALLS HAVE LAUNDRY FACILITIES?**

Yes. Laundry is included in the housing fee—there is no additional cost for laundry—but bring your own HE (high efficiency) detergent.

**HOW ARE CO-ED HALLS ASSIGNED?**

In co-ed halls with community bathrooms, students are generally separated by gender on different floors or wings, with bathrooms designated by gender. In suite-style rooms with bathrooms, each suite houses same-gender students. Many halls have a single-use bathroom available not designated for a specific gender.

**DO I NEED RENTERS INSURANCE FOR MY BELONGINGS?**

University Housing recommends that students obtain some type of renter's insurance. GradGuard is a university partner that offers policies tailored to university students. Visit gradguard.com/renters/uga for more information.

**WHAT IS THE DECORATION POLICY?**

The condition of the room must be the same at checkout as it is at check in. Residents should review the online Community Guide for the decorations policies specific to the traditional rooms and apartments. Students may bring other furniture but the existing furniture MUST remain in the room.

**CAN I BRING FUTONS, RUGS, CARPETS, MINI FRIGES AND MICROWAVES?**

Yes. Since room sizes vary widely even within halls, we suggest waiting until you either have your final room assignment or have moved in to purchase rugs and carpet. Check for appliance guidelines in the Community Guide.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM?**

Call 706-542-3999 to report a problem or submit an online work request at housing.uga.edu. For emergencies, students should contact their 24-hour community desk to report the problem.
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