Appendix: University Housing Editorial Style Guide

This style guide is based upon the University of Georgia Style Guide (https://brand.uga.edu/writing-style/styleguide/) and the AP Style Guide and applies to all web pages managed by University Housing staff, including the public website, The Dawg House and the work request site, as well as all publications produced by University Housing staff, whether for internal or external audiences.

Building Names

Building __________

For UV buildings: add “(University Village)” or “(Rogers Road)” or “(Brandon Oaks)” after name if not previously referenced or if not in a listing grouped by communities

Building A (University Village)

East Campus Village (ECV)

Spell out with (ECV) on first mention, then use abbreviation.

Oglethorpe House

The informal “O-House” may be used only following the first reference of “Oglethorpe House.” Never “O’House.”

Department Name

University Housing. Not “the Department of University Housing.” Capital U and H.

Unit Names

Administrative Services and Communications, Executive Director’s Office, Facilities, Residential Programs and Services

Office Names

Offices within units should be capitalized (e.g., Housing Assignments Office, Work Control Office)

Capitalization

assistant director, residence hall director, resident assistant

Always lowercase, unless in the title of a document or publication or as a formal title before a name.

Contact the area coordinator for Brumby Community.
Resident Assistant Manual
Executive Director Linda Kasper

C.L.A.S.S. advocate

Capitalize C.L.A.S.S. as an acronym (Continuing the Legacy of African American Student Success)
Lowercase “advocate.”

He is your C.L.A.S.S. advocate in Russell Hall.
community Lowercase the word community except when used with community name. 
Brumby Community

executive director Lowercase when referring to a position, capitalize when used as a title. 
Linda Kasper is the executive director for University Housing. Meet Executive Director Linda Kasper.

vice president The vice president for Student Affairs will be here. Vice President Victor Wilson will be present.

RA (one) No punctuation required.
RAs (multiple) Refers to more than one RA.
RA’s (singular possessive) Refers to one RA in possession of something.
RAs’ (multiple possessive) Refers to more than one RA collectively in possession of something.

student account Lowercase unless you refer to Student Account System or the department known as Student Accounts.

The Dawg House Three words. Capitalize T, D and H.

University of Georgia Full name, use capital U and G. “The” is not part of the formal name.

the university, the department Partial name, use lowercase u/d.

housing Partial name, lower case h. 
This is a great honor for University Housing. 
This is a great honor for all housing staff members.

academic initiatives Lower case unless dealing with proper nouns. 
Living Learning Communities 
French and Spanish language communities 
Franklin Residential College 
UGA Study Abroad program 
Thrive at Georgia

vice president for Student Affairs NOT vice president of Student Affairs

Division of Student Affairs Formal reference, external audience. 
University Housing is part of the Division of Student Affairs at the University of Georgia.
Internet

e-mail  No hyphen, lowercase e
website  Use as one word, lowercase w.
online  Use as one word, lowercase o.
email addresses  Italicize, unless used as a hyperlink.  
Ex.: housing@uga.edu or housing@uga.edu.
webpage  One word, lowercase w.

Semesters, Terms and Breaks

summer semester  All semesters are lowercase.
2021 fall semester, fall semester 2021

short session I, extended session  All sessions are lowercase (except the “M” in May session).
May session  Use May session, not Maymester.
spring break, winter break  Breaks are lowercase (exception: Thanksgiving break).

Sentence Structure and Punctuation

Hyphens

check in vs. check-in  As an action, there is no dash.  
Check in to your room.
sign up vs. sign-up  As a description, use a dash  
Use the check-in RIC.
move in vs. move-in
check out  As an action, there is no dash, check out is two words.  
Check out of your room by noon.
checkout  As a description, checkout is one word.  
Your RA can explain the checkout process.

first-year student  Use lowercase and hyphenate.
first year live-on requirement  Use all lowercase and hyphenate “live-on.”
on campus or on-campus  As the place, there is no dash: “on campus.”
As the description, use a dash: “on-campus.”  
You can get on-campus housing.  
Living on campus is great.
campus-wide or university-wide  Use lowercase and hyphenate
high-rise  Use hyphen in both the noun and description.  
Never “hi-rise.”  
Brumby Hall is one of three high-rises.  
Russell Hall is a high-rise building.
Parentheses  Ending punctuation is outside of parenthesis – unless the entire sentence is in parenthesis.
   My dog likes to run (especially when chasing squirrels).

Phone numbers  706-542-1421
   Area code, dash, three digits, dash, four digits

Numbers  Spell out whole numbers below 10. Use figures for 10 and above. See current AP Style Guide for exceptions and details.
   Three halls and 15 apartment buildings

Quotations  Ending punctuation is inside quotations.
   "My dog likes to run," says Bob.

Spacing between sentences  Single space after end punctuation (do not double space).

Time  Use lower case and periods, with one space after time
   1:15 p.m. or 1 p.m.
   No zeros on the hour.
   1 p.m., not 1:00 p.m.

Words in a series  No comma before the and/or in a list, unless the list items already contain and/or.
   The flag is red, white and blue.
   The stores in the area are Macy’s, Big and Tall, and Sears.

Other

That vs. which  The word “that” is for essential clauses and the word “which” is for nonessential clauses. Always place a comma before the word “which.”
   I remember the day that we first met.
   The team, which finished a year ago, is in first place.

e.g. vs. i.e.  The abbreviation “e.g.” means for example. The abbreviation “i.e.” is used for that is. Both abbreviations are always followed by a comma.
   The high-rise buildings (i.e., Brumby, Creswell, Russell) were built in the 1960s.
   There are many buildings on campus built in the 1960s (e.g., Brumby, Creswell, Russell).