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**COVID-19 ADVISORY**

At press time, all information in this guide is accurate. Dates and details may change as we receive additional guidance and instructions from the University of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the State of Georgia, and the Centers for Disease Control, processes.

Students are receiving weekly updates about housing via their UGA email address. If you are not a fall 2020 resident and would like to receive these updates, please opt in to our friends and family e-newsletter at http://eepurl.com/gU0VrD or point your smartphone’s camera to the QR code below.

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@UGAHousing

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**MOVE IN 2020**

Volunteers and staff will be on hand during move-in to help students navigate parking, check-in and cart checkout. For more information on move-in, see pages 16-23.
From the executive director

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 real-life 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. Please review the information about campus resources. In addition, I encourage your student to contact staff whenever questions or concerns arise. Undergraduate, graduate and full-time professional staff members are available to assist within the residence hall where your student lives. We look forward to being a part of your student’s transition to UGA. We are excited about meeting your student this fall and hope they will have a positive and enjoyable on-campus experience.

Sincerely, and Go Dawgs!

Linda Kasper
Executive Director for University Housing

Who’s who in the halls

Both professional and student staff members support residents’ academic success and personal growth at UGA; here’s a glimpse of the staff students will find while living on campus.

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

Residence Hall Director (RHD)
Full-time, live-in professional staff members who supervise the area desks and desk assistants, advise hall and community councils, supervise RAs and CAs, coordinate educational programs and activities, and support the area coordinator or senior coordinator in the day-to-day administration of the residence halls and apartments.

Community Administrative Assistant (CAA)
Full-time staff members who supervise the student office staff, oversee the office operations and provide administrative support for the full-time staff.

Customer Service Assistant (CSA)
Customer service assistants are student workers who staff the 24-hour desks in all of 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, giving tours 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 GRS supervise RAs, while others support academic and leadership efforts for University Housing.

C.L.A.S.S. Advocate (CA)
The Continuing Legacy of AfricAn American Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.) advocates have many of the same responsibilities as RAs but also serve specifically to engage populations of students who could potentially feel marginalized on campus.

Resident Assistant (RA)
Student staff members who live with residents and are trained to help other students be successful at UGA. RAs assist and/or refer students with academic and personal concerns to help maintain an academically supportive environment.
Security is a top priority

Moving away from home and into a residence hall is a significant change for most students, and understandably, a common concern among students and their families is safety. University Housing is also concerned about resident safety, which is why the provision of secure on-campus housing options is a core element of our mission statement.

Everyday sustainability

University Housing is combining the student learning experience and sustainable initiatives.

Universities are small communities, said Christy Tweedy, University Housing's sustainability coordinator. "Volunteers separate cardboard, plastic film and Styrofoam," said Tweedy. "Plastic film and Styrofoam do not go into our mixed recycling stream, but they go to the Center for Hard to Recycle Material." Student ambassadors and eco representatives, known as EcoReps, engage in educational efforts and provide guidance to Housing residents.

Haley Swanger served in the Myers Community as an EcoRep by educating residents about the compost tumbler, located outside of Rutherford Hall. This tumbler speeds up the food decomposition process to reduce methane in landfills. "I have tabled in Myers to teach residents how to compost and the purpose of it by handing out bananas as a tool to explain the issue of methane in landfills," Swanger explained. EcoReps learn how to communicate with peers in their halls and use critical thinking skills to reduce environmental impact in their halls, said Tweedy.

Housing’s newest sustainability initiative involves collecting compostable materials from the residence halls. Nearly all halls now have a compost bin, in which residents may place food scraps, which are then collected and converted at UGA’s Bioconversion Center. From there, the compost is used on all UGA landscapes, including at the UGAbarn, a teaching farm that grows food for hungry community members.

Another key initiative to reduce impact is the Green Cup Challenge, which is an energy conservation competition between residence halls during October. This past year, the highest electricity reduction from baseline was 21 percent. "We also suggest making residence hall events zero-waste by having students bring their own mugs in exchange for something like a cookie. We also offer zero-waste event kits with reusable dining utensils, plates and cups," Tweedy said. The focus on reusing items carries into the move-out process during Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster and Donate, when students donate their futons, shelves and other items to local organizations.

In 2019, the department prevented roughly 20 roll-off loads of trash, which averages around 50,000 pounds. To be a part of these efforts, housing annually requests volunteers to assist with move in and move out.

University Housing provides sustainability education and infrastructure to 8,000 residents. A coordinated effort in August, called Hunker Down with Housing, organizes and ensures packaging from new futons, mini fridges and appliances are properly recycled during the move-in process, said Christy Tweedy, University Housing’s sustainability coordinator.

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 residential areas. Security is enhanced through the use of surveillance camera systems. Each resident is issued a key to his/her individual room door and, in the event of lost keys, doors to resident rooms are re-keyed.

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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. every night. Responding to emergency situations, identifying or 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 nine 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.

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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.

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Higher involvement means higher GPAs

National studies show students who are involved on campus earn higher GPAs and have higher graduation rates. 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.

Where does your housing fee go?

The outstanding services and programs that make living in University Housing 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 housing fee go?**

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**Personnel Services**

25.58%

Personnel services accounts for the salaries, wages and benefits of the University Housing staff members, including student workers. University Housing employs more than 400 student workers and is one of the largest student employee pools on campus.

**Utilities**

7.02%

With the rising costs of natural resources, energy costs have also increased. The luxury of having all utilities included in rent utilizes a significant portion of the rent dollar. For instance, last year alone, University Housing paid approximately $3.4 million for utilities.

**Communications**

3.79%

The high-speed Internet and expanded cable services, as well as keeping up-to-speed with modern technology advancements such as video streaming devices can be a significant portion of the rent dollar for University Housing residents.

**Operating Expenses**

11.17%

Services such as insurance, administrative overhead, supplies and regular repairs and maintenance.

**Capital Improvements**

33.01%

Each year, any revenue amount that exceeds operating expenses is contributed to University Housing’s fund balance. In order to keep the buildings as up-to-date as possible, all halls are assessed for renovation needs. For instance, over the past fiscal year, we renovated Brumby Hall, replaced lounge furniture, improved egress lighting in University Village and replaced carpet in Myers Hall.

**Debt Services**

19.44%

Paying off long-term debt associated with past large-scale capital projects results in debt service payments (mortgages) each year. East Campus Village (built in 2004), Building 1516 (built in 2010) and Rutherford Hall (built in 2013) account for the majority of debt obligations. All of these projects were financed by the UGA Real Estate Foundation.

**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 on issues that affect their living environments.
Improving access to housing

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

For the 2020-2021 academic year, University Housing awarded three students the Jim Day Housing Scholarship, which offers 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. If awarded a scholarship, recipients get first pick of their on-campus space and must commit to living on campus for the 2019-2020 academic year. 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 to assist students with financial need offset the cost of on-campus housing.

TREYVIN GRAY

The largest lesson that I have learned throughout my time on campus has been how to fellowship with others through different mediums. We are all college students that are attempting to find our niche on campus, while maintaining focus on our studies and enjoying the experience as well. This balance is something that is only attained through time, specifically time on campus. Living in a residence hall allows for all of these factors to be found much more effectively. Embedded in those halls are connections that cannot be found virtually.

Utilities, Internet service, security, and more are all automatically covered in my rate, which means I do not have to worry about compromising my quality of life. In addition, continuing to live on campus has granted me many opportunities to meet new people and develop lasting friendships. I came into UGA knowing only a few people from my high school, but through basketball games on Myers’ courts, communal events, RA activities, and more, I have gained more friends than I thought possible.

Housing provides an environment that can’t be found elsewhere. Living in such close quarters gives us a unique opportunity to bond with our roommates, dormmates, and the residents of our entire community. These special bonds can often turn into lifelong friendships, and I’m grateful to have so many chances to form them. Secondly, on-campus housing is extremely convenient for me. I enjoy being within walking distance of a gym, the gym, the health center, and an art museum. When I need to go to other parts of campus, I can hop on a bus and be there within a matter of minutes.

NICHOLAS KUNDIN

Since September of 2017, University Housing has employed current residents to capture their experiences through a vlog (video blog) on housing’s YouTube channel. The student vloggers have given viewers a tour of their rooms, shown us a day in their life as a student and offered some great tips for residents on entering the annual Room of the Year contest. They also collaborate with campus partners to offer advice about topic such as roommate relationships, studying, staying healthy and getting involved in campus organizations.

Video producer Sam Matthew documented the Ramsey Center’s annual Ramseypaloza, where he caught students paddleboarding in the Olympic sized pool and playing team Xbox on huge screens in the racquetball courts.

In fall 2019, housing added social media ambassadors, whose job it is to document happenings in the halls. The first group of ambassadors helped with RA recruitment, Housing Against Hunger—the department’s annual canned food drive—and worked with peers to create a sense of community among COVID-19 to lead to an early move out. Housing is currently on the lookout for a few more energetic residents to join the social media team. Both positions are paid and satisfy UGA's experiential learning requirement. Incoming residents can apply by visiting housing.uga.edu and clicking on the ambassador feature story. Keep up with housing and video producer positions offer a student perspective on campus living.

Like and subscribe
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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.

**SPANISH AND FRENCH 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. The communities are supervised by faculty coordinators. In each community, a graduate assistant specializing in the target language, serves as residential language coordinator. Their role is to facilitate the use of the target language through spontaneous and organized activities, such as informal conversations, movie nights, dinners, cooking demonstrations, guest lectures, concerts, excursions, community outreach, and a required weekly conversation course. The communities complement classroom language instruction by offering more intensive and natural exposure to the target language. Any student, incoming or already enrolled at UGA, who has studied French or Spanish at the intermediate level is eligible to apply.

langcomm.uga.edu

**THE LAUNCH PAD**
*CRESWELL HALL*

The Launch Pad Living Learning Community is the launch-pad for aspiring entrepreneurs at UGA.

The Launch Pad houses up to 40 innovative students who live in an environment where first-years immediately begin collaborating on ideas and processes.

Launch Pad students also benefit from:
- 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

**RUSSIAN FLAGSHIP PROGRAM**
*BUILDING 1516*

The UGA Russian Flagship Living Learning Community provides a means for students to blend their residential and academic experiences to enhance the overall quality of college life and to explore and promote Russian language and culture through a simulated immersion environment.

Residents speak Russian daily through spontaneous and organized activities and informal conversations. Russian Flagship tutoring sessions are offered on site weekly. Additional residential activities include movie screenings, dinners, dances, socials, guest lectures, concerts, excursions, performances and exhibitions. UGA Russian Flagship Program students are encouraged to live in the community.

gstudies.uga.edu/flagship

Undergraduates Isabelle Palma, Logan Haynes, Andrei Caisson, and Lauren Gower working on a group project during a First-Year Odyssey entrepreneurship class in the Launch Pad in Creswell Hall.

**FRESHMAN COLLEGE SUMMER EXPERIENCE (FCSE)**
*RUSSELL HALL*

Freshman College Summer Experience (FCSE) offers a transformative four-week academic residential program to a diverse community of first-year undergraduates. Introducing scholars to the rigor and unique learning opportunities at America’s first state-chartered university, FCSE 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.

freshmancollege.uga.edu

**HONORS MAGNET PROGRAM**
*MYERS HALL*

This residential program creates a community living environment for approximately 250 first-year UGA Honors participants to share ideas and views from different disciplines. The Honors program offers smaller classes taught by leading faculty member and provides an array of special beyond the classroom opportunities. All first-year Honors students take an introductory honors course that helps students establish a shared experience and sense of community. The Honors Program maintains a satellite office in Myers Hall to provide academic advising. Incoming, transfer, and current UGA students are welcome to apply to the Honors program. You can learn more about it at honors.uga.edu.

honors.uga.edu

**FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (FRC)**
*RUTHERFORD HALL*

The Franklin Residential College or “FRC” is UGA’s oldest living learning community, 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 mid-year should email frc@uga.edu in the fall.

frc.uga.edu
Enterprise Information Technology Services, or EITS, is the central IT department at the University. EITS manages many key technologies across campus, such as UGAMail, Athena, wireless networks, the official UGA mobile app, and eLearning Commons (eLC).

If you need help with technical services, visit the EITS Help Desk website (eitshelpdesk.uga.edu) for how-to guides on all EITS services. You can also chat with a Help Desk representative via the website during normal business hours. You can also contact the EITS Help Desk at helpdesk@uga.edu or use our online chat service at hd.support.uga.edu if you need assistance.

GET CONNECTED
To use most 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. PAWS-Secure requires just a one-time registration for your device. To access PAWS-Secure, provide your valid UGA MyID and password when prompted.

To get connected to wireless service, the wired (Ethernet) network or cable TV in the residence halls, visit getconnected.uga.edu.

TOOLS FOR LEARNING
You will register for your classes during first-year orientation in Athena—UGA’s online student records management system. 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 eit.uga.edu.

All eligible students, faculty and staff have free access to all Microsoft Office 365 products through their UGAMail accounts. For more information, visit office365.uga.edu.

KEEP YOUR IDENTITY SECURE
Keep your information secure by creating a strong password that is a mix of capital and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. 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/enroll.

EASY PRINTING
Printing is available in all of the computer labs, or you can 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. Kiosks store documents for 96 hours and offer black and white and color printing. You can pay with a credit or a debit card, or with ApplePay, Venmo or PayPal. For more information, visit www.printkiosk.uga.edu.

University Cablevision offers more than 100 free channels for students living on campus. You can find a complete list of channels at eit.uga.edu/network_and_phones/cable_tv/ channel_listing/. The official UGA mobile app offers a campus bus tracker, a campus map, dining hall menus, and access to Athena among other services and tools. The free app is available in the App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit mobileapps.uga.edu.

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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.
Guide to moving in

Each year, the University of Georgia community welcomes more than 8,400 students into its 22 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.

Move in for fall 2020 is 8 a.m. Friday, August 14 until 9 a.m. Thursday, August 20. 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 (click on Resources then Moving In).

**ARRIVAL TIME SLOTS**

In an effort to prioritize the health and safety of our community, move-in time slots will be available to lessen the number of people consistently coming into contact with one another. In staggering check-in times, University Housing is considering how many people would be in the building at a time, including elevator use. In addition, we ask that residents please bring no more than two family members or friends to assist with move-in.

**AUGUST 14-17:** All residents who plan on moving in on Friday, August 14 through Monday, August 17 must schedule an arrival time slot. The arrival time slot scheduling site will open in late June. More specific information about the site and how to schedule an arrival time slot will be shared in advance of the site opening.

**AUGUST 14-15:** Greek recruitment participants, Redcoat Band members and other approved groups will have priority for arrival time slots on August 14-15. This may result in limited time slot availability for students not in approved groups on August 14-15 in some buildings.

**AUGUST 18-20:** Move-in continues round-the-clock with no time slots needed. All residents must check in to their residence hall by 9 a.m. on August 20.

**UNLOADING ZONES**

August 14-17, 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 distributed as they are finalized.

**WHAT YOU’LL NEED TO MOVE IN**

Consider bringing a small cart or dolly. Although carts are available in many 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 his/her UGA Card or government-issued ID to check in. Students should know their student ID number and emergency contact information (preferably, this should be someone in the United States). 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.

**MAIL**

Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service to the central mailboxes assigned in each area or hall. University Village and the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Addresses are listed on the webpage for each building, at housing.uga.edu.

**RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACTS**

Students age 18 or older execute housing contracts online. The contract is a legally binding agreement between the student, the university and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. To view an example of a contract, visit housing.uga.edu/site/resources. 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.

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**MOVE IN GUIDE TO THE NUMBERS**

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| **TIME SLOT REQUIRED** |
| **GENERAL MOVE IN** |
| **AUG 14** |
| **AUG 15** |
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| **AUG 19** |
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Each student must have his/her UGA Card or government-issued ID to check in. Students should know their student ID number and emergency contact information (preferably, this should be someone in the United States). 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.

**MAIL**

Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service to the central mailboxes assigned in each area or hall. University Village and the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Addresses are listed on the webpage for each building, at housing.uga.edu.

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Students age 18 or older execute housing contracts online. The contract is a legally binding agreement between the student, the university and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. To view an example of a contract, visit housing.uga.edu/site/resources. 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.
Five dorm must-haves

Upcoming third-year and Busbee Hall Danielle Harvey recommends five things that helped her make the most of living on campus

MATTRESS TOPPER
With this item, you won’t miss your bed back at home as much when you’ve transformed your plain old mattress into a cloud!

LINENS: Sheets, pillows, comforter, towels. Check housing.uga.edu mattress sizes

BATHROOM SUPPLIES: Bring a shower basket if you will have community showers

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES

CLOTHES HANGERS

STORAGE CONTAINERS

SHOE ORGANIZER

IRON AND IRONING BOARD

COMPACT REFRIGERATOR*: Must be ENERGY STAR® compliant

COMPACT MICROWAVE*: Must be 1.0 cubic ft maximum capacity

EARPLUGS AND HEADPHONES

LAPTOP OR COMPUTER

ETHERNET CABLE

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

THROW BLANKET

UGA ID CARD

POSTER MOUNTS

THUMBATACKS: Only in Brumby, Russell, Rutherford and the East Campus Village Community

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Some items—such as pets (except fish), candles, electric stoves with heating coils and space heaters—are prohibited. For a complete list of policies and guidelines, visit the Community Guide at housing.uga.edu

WHAT TO BRING

Sweet aromas flowing throughout your dorm can boost your mood by causing you to release endorphins. Since candles are not permitted, try a diffuser and choose from a wide range of oils that remind you of grandma’s cookies baking or your backyard.

Plants are great for your dorm because they produce oxygen—literally breathing new life into your space. They also give you something to care for in case you’re missing your pets at home.

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UGA HOUSING ON PINTEREST
for more great dorm decorating ideas
Buyer beware
Do your research on rental companies

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 the University of Georgia 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 does not endorse, solicit on behalf of, or maintain a partnership with any outside vendors or manufacturer. The department does not certify that any products or appliances meet our specifications or abide by our policies. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that products and services used in the residence halls are permitted and adhere to housing guidelines and policies. 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 you must be present.

Move-in recycling

During move in, designated cardboard and Styrofoam recycling areas help us reduce the waste going into landfills and—just as importantly—help us save money! Athens-Clarke County pays us for our recycled cardboard and charges us for emptying dumpsters, so recycling is a win-win.

Students can help by taking cardboard, Styrofoam and other recyclables (glass, aluminum and plastic packaging) to central recycling locations during move in, where our volunteers will be there to help break down boxes and keep the clutter to a minimum.

While living on campus, residents are responsible for their own trash and recycling. We try to make recycling easy—wherever there is a dumpster or a trash can, there should also be a recycling bin. There’s no need to separate recyclables; the county uses a single-stream system. Many halls even have compost bins, where residents can deposit food waste that UGA turns into compost!
### Residence halls at a glance

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### Glossary

**Apartments**
- Residents have private and/or shared bathrooms. All apartments feature living rooms and kitchens.

**Double with Community Bath**
- Two residents share a room and an attached bathroom.

**Double in Suite with Bath**
- Two residents share a bath with two other residents of the same gender in a neighboring room.

**Rumpus Room**
- Located in the basement of each building.

## Frequently asked questions

**What can I do to make move-in go more smoothly?**
- Although there will be large rolling carts available for students to use for free, quantities are limited. So bring a small cart or dolly if you have one. Also consider bringing a small tool kit if you have items to put together—including a rubber mallet for raising or lowering the adjustable beds. You may place all of your trash and recycling in designated exterior locations around each building.

**If I have a question about my room or building, who can I call?**
- New residents may contact the area office directly with specific questions. Area office phone numbers are listed on page 4.

**What if I want a different room or roommate?**
- Any resident with a housing contract may request a room change at any time. Requests are granted in the order in which they are received and as spaces become available. The more flexible students are about where they would like to move, the more quickly a move is likely to happen.

**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.

**What if I need special accommodations?**
- All special requests for housing go through the Disability Resource Center (DRC), including requests to accommodate a disability or a medical condition (physical or mental).

**Do I have to leave my room during winter break and spring break?**
- Most undergraduate halls are closed for mid-year breaks, meaning residents must leave during these breaks. Exceptions include Brown Hall, Reed Hall and Payne Hall, which remain open. East Campus Village apartments, University Village apartments and HSC townhomes remain open, as well.

**How can I get around campus if I don’t have a car?**
- UGA has an extensive transit system. In fact, it carries the highest volume of any university-operated transit system in the United States. Free access to the UGA bus system and the Athens–Clarke County bus system is provided through the student transportation fee.

**Are the halls air-conditioned?**
- All halls have air conditioning and heat.

**What do I do if I have a maintenance problem in my room?**
- 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. The desk assistant will contact the appropriate housing staff to address the problem.

**Do I need insurance for my belongings while living on campus?**
- University Housing recommends that students obtain some type of renter’s insurance whether that be a special policy or as part of the parents’ homeowner policy.

**How does cleaning work in the halls?**
- Custodial staff clean the common areas and bathrooms in each traditional-style residence hall every week. To limit the number of people in student spaces, custodial staff will not clean bathrooms in suite-style rooms until further notice. In no case will the custodial staff take out the trash or otherwise clean individual student rooms. Students must take their trash to the hall’s dumpster or trash chute, whichever is applicable.

**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 fridges and microwaves?**
- Yes. You will get information from vendors and you can order them from vendors if you’d like but, as a state institution, we don’t endorse them. Since room sizes vary widely even within halls, we suggest waiting until you either have your formal room assignment or have moved in to purchase rugs and carpet. Check for guidelines in the Community Guide. Russell Hall rooms have a mini-fridge and microwave combination.

**How do the community style bathrooms work?**
- Students will never be required to share a restroom with members of the opposite gender. In co-ed halls with community baths, students are generally separated by gender on different floors or wings. In suite-style bathrooms, each suite house only same-gender students. All halls have gender-neutral bathrooms available.

**Do the halls have kitchens?**
- All halls have communal kitchens—usually on multiple floors. Students must clean up after themselves and use their own utensils, cookware and dishes. Apartment-style rooms have kitchenettes complete with cabinets, a microwave, a kitchen sink and a full-size refrigerator.

**Do the halls have laundry facilities?**
- All halls have laundry facilities onsite. Laundry is included in the room rate and machines do not accept cards or coins.

**When is the housing fee due? How do I pay?**
- Fall fees are typically due when classes begin in August, and spring fees are typically due when classes begin in January. All transactions will be made through Student Accounts in the UGA Bursar’s Office. Do not remit any payments to University Housing.

**Double with Shared Bath?**
- Two residents share a bathroom with one or two other residents of the same gender in a neighboring room. Residents do not have access to their neighbors’ room.

**East Campus Village Expanded?**
- Residents share a room in a 2, 3 or 4-bedroom apartment another resident of the same gender with semi-private bathrooms. All apartments feature living rooms and kitchens.

**Supersuite?**
- Entry into a common area room that shares access to at least one full bathroom. Bedrooms may be doubles or singles. A resident’s key only opens their bedroom.

**Visitation?**
- Visitation permitted Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night).

**11.5 Month Contract?**
- Contract includes summer 2021 with an additional rent payment due for summer.

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