From Brumby to Busbee and Myers to McWhorter, throughout the years our residents have impressed us with their originality and creativity when it comes to residence hall living.

This book features some of the best rooms we’ve see in hopes they will inform and inspire future residents.
Some spaces have more storage than others, but keeping just one season’s worth of clothes on hand at a time helps maximize space.
**Don’t just attend Georgia... live it.**

You’re moving to the coolest college campus on earth but the time you spend in your residence hall room won’t be limited to sleeping and recharging your phone. So while you’re here, why not make the space your own? Here’s how.

**FIRST LOOK**

- More than 7,600 residence hall beds and 578 Family and Graduate Housing apartments are available on campus
- University Housing owns four Greek Park houses and 18 buildings on UGA’s nearby Health Sciences Campus
- About 2.8 million square feet of area are maintained and cleaned by our facilities staff
- The residence hall population is about 70 percent first-year students
- University Housing employs more than 700 full- and part-time staff members
- In 2015, the Residence Hall Association will celebrate its 45th anniversary
- An average of 2,000 programs are presented to residents during each academic year
Each year the University of Georgia community welcomes thousands of new students into the residence halls in a very condensed period. The Hunker Down with Housing program streamlines the move-in process and addresses resident and family feedback concerning traffic congestion, parking lot availability and elevator service. Hunker Down with Housing volunteers work to ensure the initial days of move-in run smoothly. Hundreds of Hunker Down with Housing volunteers will be located all over campus to greet new students and parents, give directions to area parking lots, direct traffic and generally serve as a resource for residents and their families.

You may have heard our rooms don’t have walk-in closets but with a little planning and ingenuity, you’ll have all the space you need.

If you like, coordinate with your roommate to rent or buy a microfridge and microwave (specifications are listed in the online Community Guide) but every hall has full kitchens available for resident use—just bring your own pots and pans.
strategize

MYERS HALL

Ask yourself what’s important to you. Location, room size, storage, bathroom privacy, atmosphere? Just remember priority is determined by housing registration date so don’t procrastinate!

OGLETHORPE HOUSE

ABOVE: We provide 17-position adjustable beds and mattresses. No homemade lofts allowed.

BELOW: Use your UGACard and PIN to access your residence hall. Community desks are open 24-7.

WELCOME WEEK ON LEGION FIELD

ROOKER HALL
organize

**ABOVE:** Maximize closet space with five-pant hangers then cover for a clean look.

**BELOW:** Set up a snack zone with a microwave and mini fridge. Store food in air-tight containers to deter pests.

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**ABOVE:** Keep surfaces tidy with clever organizers and DIY projects that display your stuff while keeping it out of the way.

**BELOW:** Keeping just one season’s worth of clothes on hand at a time helps maximize space.
EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

Rooms come with either closets or wardrobes but add your own inexpensive shelves and storage boxes to hide clutter as well as a pop of color and personality.

MELL HALL

ABOVE: Boggs, Church, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell halls have some of the biggest storage areas—as well as sinks in every room.

BELOW: Lamps and area rugs make rooms feel more homey while sheer curtains soften the window casings without blocking natural light.

SHARED SPACE

Whether you’re a neat freak or a slob, you have someone else’s feelings to consider. With a little give and take, you can each adjust accordingly and make your environment comfortable. You need to make sure that you both (1) agree to how you are going to keep the room, and (2) what you are going to do if one of you is not living up to your agreement.

Just because you are sharing a room, doesn’t mean you may want to share other things. Talk about what you want to share and what you want of your own. Setting these boundaries early can avoid later conflicts.
MAKE IT WORK

Our 17-position adjustable beds leave a lot of room for imagination. They’re easy to adjust—you just need a rubber mallet, which is available for checkout at your community desk. (you may want to bring your own during move-in—it’s a great way to make new friends! Want a tutorial? Check out our How to Loft Your Bed video at housing.uga.edu.

Adding curtains and rugs (see the Community Guide for housing’s standards and policies for room décor) makes a standard room more personal and inviting.

HILL HALL

ABOVE: Match or don’t match, it’s up to you. Spend some quality time with your new roomie figuring out what you like. These roomies bonded over creating a coffee table out of old wood pallets.

BELOW: Whatever your style, make sure it works for you.

CRESWELL HALL

ROOM OF THE YEAR

Think you’ve got a room to brag about? Enter our annual Room-of-the-Year or Video Tour of the Year contest and show off your space. Winners get first pick of their room for the next academic year, a giant prize basket and may have their room featured in university publications for years to come!

Visit housing.uga.edu/residence/contest for more info.
These guys got creative with their posters and used paper to create a removable wallcovering.

Adjustable bedposts serve as ladders but why climb when you can slide?

Curtains, posters and rugs make rooms anything but cookie-cutter.

Yes, that is a hammock. And a pool noodle that serves as a pad so you don’t bonk your head. Brilliant.
**personalize**

**BUILDING 1516**

**ABOVE:** Make it your own with a custom headboard slipcover or sink skirt.

**BELOW:** Vinyl wall decals come in endless designs to go with any décor and can be removed easily.

**RUSSELL HALL**

**ABOVE:** You’ll spend more time at your desk if it’s tidy. Make it personal with photos and handmade projects.

**BELOW:** Red and black is a popular theme— but we never see the same thing twice!

**BRUMBY HALL**

**CRESWELL HALL**
Make it yours

Get creative with furniture placement. We're always impressed by the unique ways residents arrange their spaces! Our 17-position adjustable beds allow for lofting or bunking, creating endless possibilities. Don’t forget to bring poster mounts and easy-release hooks and hangers for wall decorations. Removable vinyl wall decals are popular and versatile—so are the ubiquitous strings of lights.

**MELL HALL**

**ABOVE:** Rugs, wall hangings an posters make your room your own. See the Community Guide for housing’s standards and policies for room décor.

**BELOW:** Make room for a small sofa and you can create a living room area ready to host all your new friends.

**HILL HALL**
All rooms come with desks and desk chairs meant to be versatile, durable and comfortable. You’re here to learn, and studying takes top priority.

Several halls have academic advising offices located in them, so you’re never far from the help you need.

**DESK JOB**

**ABOVE:** Designate your desk as a study zone and keep it clean with organizers and cord keepers.

**BELOW:** Find a place where you can focus. Having friends drop by all the time can be a blessing and a curse!

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

University Housing’s core mission includes creation of residential communities that nurture and support residents’ academic success.

To us that means much more than providing residents with desks and study lounges. In fact, University Housing employs a full-time academic initiatives coordinator whose entire focus is to forge collaborative partnerships across interdepartmental boundaries that maximize the flow of academic resources to our large and diverse resident population.
prioritize

**ABOVE:** Make studying a bit more pleasant with family photos and things that are special to you.

**BELOW:** All halls have common areas and study lounges if you need more room or a change of scenery.

**OGLETHORPE HOUSE**

Consider a laptop to save space. Some manufacturers even offer student discounts on hardware and software. In fact, all UGA students can get Microsoft Office 365 for free at eits.uga.edu.

**CRESWELL HALL**

**RUSSELL HALL**

**MELL HALL**
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**ABOVE:** No carpet? Check the amenities chart at housing. uga.edu for suggested area rug sizes.

**BELOW:** Get out of your room. With more than 2,000 programs a year in the halls, there’s something for everyone.

RUTHERFORD HALL

**ABOVE:** Open your door! You may find a new best friend or the perfect study partner right down the hall.

**BELOW:** It’s a hassle but moving in a few days before class starts means you have a head start on making new friends.

REED HALL

BRUMBY HALL
HUNKER DOWN WITH HOUSING

It’s what we call the first two days of move in—our favorite time of year! Yes, it’s hot and hectic but more than 200 volunteers will be there to help you through the process.

Wi-Fi and high-speed Ethernet ports are included in your rent, which means Netflix nights and PlayStation playoffs are a breeze. HINT: don’t bring your own Internet router and make sure to disable your printer’s wireless capability. They will interfere with the on-campus network and may make your neighbors angry.

We’ve been doing this a while—since 1806, in fact—and one thing hasn’t changed: residents love the sense of community and personal...
WANT MORE GREAT IDEAS?

Check out our Pinterest page, where you’ll find stuff like:

- What to bring
- What not to bring
- DIY crafts
- Decorating ideas
- Storage solutions

Like, follow, watch, blog and pin to keep informed about what’s going on at University Housing and to participate in cool contests!