

# HOUSING: RESIDENT LIFE

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University of Maryland students engage, learn, and discover together, and the Maryland Residential Experience provides students with a tremendous opportunity to magnify those experiences while living at the center of everything needed to have an enriching, meaningful, and engaging college experience.

The Division of Student Affairs Department of Resident Life manages the residence halls and creates opportunities for all residents to thrive and grow. We promote growth and learning, cultivate connections through community, and create safe, inclusive residential environments to foster a sense of belonging for all. Living on-campus offers Terps convenience, flexibility, affordability, and 24/7 support while immersed in the Terrapin Community!

A vital and fundamental component of a student's UMD education is beginning their Maryland experience by living on campus. As part of their four-year housing plan, all undergraduate students should begin their University of Maryland experience by living in the residence halls their first two years.

While living on campus is not required, nine of every ten students in Maryland's undergraduate first-year class make the choice to live in the residence halls. More than 90 professional and graduate staff and over 500 undergraduate student employees are available to support on-campus students and to help ensure a safe, engaging, and enjoyable living environment.

The on-campus housing program is home to more than 12,500 undergraduate students living in university-owned residence halls and public-private partnership apartment communities. Thirty-nine residence halls are home to approximately 9,500 undergraduate students. Four different living styles are available to students who live in the residence halls: traditional halls, semi-suites, suites, and apartments. Many first-year residents live in traditional-style single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy rooms, but students may be assigned to location in all areas of campus. All rooms have a data jack for each student and wi-fi capability, and one telephone jack in each room.

Our nationally acclaimed Living-Learning Programs include Advanced Cybersecurity Experience for Students (ACES), BioFIRE Living & Learning Center, Carillon Communities, College Park Scholars, Design Cultures and Creativity, Flexus: The Dr. Marilyn Berman Pollans Women in Engineering Living & Learning Community, Gemstone, Honors Global Challenges and Solutions, Honors Humanities, Integrated Life Sciences, Jiménez-Porter Writers' House, Language House, University Honors, Virtus Men in Engineering Program, and Interdisciplinary Business Honors. All of these programs add to the variety and quality of residence hall housing programs.

First-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing provided they complete their Residence Hall Housing and Dining Services Agreement, Enrollment Confirmation, and enrollment deposit by May 1 (December 15 for spring semester). Transfer students who want to live on campus should also complete these actions and will be allotted housing in the

residence halls on a space-available basis. Students may apply for housing without confirming university enrollment. The Residence Hall Housing and Dining Agreement will be canceled if a student does not enroll at UMD full-time. A non-refundable \$50 housing application fee is assessed upon submission of the Housing Agreement.

In addition to the university-owned residence halls, Capstone On-Campus Management (COCM) operates The Courtyards (CTY) and South Campus Commons (SCC) apartment communities, which house upper-class undergraduate students and are located on university land. The university's Off-Campus Housing Services Office [och.umd.edu](http://och.umd.edu) (<http://och.umd.edu>) also offers support and services for students seeking alternative housing options in and around the greater College Park area.

Join a talented community of peers from across the country and around the world who have chosen the on-campus Maryland Residential Experience. Live here and be within steps of resources and support on your path to graduation!