FIND YOUR HOME ON CAMPUS

Housing Guide for Transfer Students

ILLINOIS University Housing
Looking for the true ILLINOIS experience?
Start with University Housing.

As a transfer student, you may already be familiar with college life, but your transition to our campus is a new opportunity to connect with fellow students and all that Illinois has to offer. Living on-campus with University Housing is the best way to find your place, make connections, adjust to your new academic environment, and enjoy the conveniences and resources of life in the Illinois campus community.

BENEFITS OF LIVING ON-CAMPUS

Transfer students who live in University Housing enjoy all the convenient benefits of on-campus living:

**Dining** – Residents choose from many different food options at multiple dining locations across campus.

**Academics** – Services such as advising, tutoring, classes, computer labs, and workshops in the halls help our residents get better grades and graduate sooner.

**Programs and Activities** – Make friends and get involved in the Illinois Residential Experience by participating in hall groups, social events, and educational programming.

**Safety** – Many security measures are in place throughout the halls and around campus to protect our residents.

**Location** – We offer a variety of living options located on the east and west sides of campus that make it easy to get to classes, labs, libraries, and recreational facilities.
“When I came here as a transfer student, I was super nervous about getting to know people and how to get around on campus. It was a lot harder to make friends. My resident advisor (RA) really helped the transition process. He helped me discover my thing and find my way. Now I can’t imagine being anywhere else.”

Salim
Senior, Biology major
Transfer from the University of Illinois at Chicago
No matter what your year in school, you’re looking for an experience that fits this stage of your college career. We offer a variety of on-campus housing options for transfer students — residence halls, suite-style living communities, and apartment living.

Visit GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/UHMAP to see where housing options are located on campus.

RESIDENCE HALLS

UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENCE HALLS

Conveniently located all over campus, our 24 undergraduate halls are organized into four residential communities. Each hall and community offers a variety of features, personalities, and traditions that make it unique. All halls have in-room wireless high-speed internet, cable TV with on-demand streaming, access to computer labs and study lounges, and the cost of laundry is included. Meal plans are required. Visit HOUSING. ILLINOIS.EDU/UNDERGRADHALLS for more details on each hall.

Allen Hall
Bousfield Hall
Our featured residence hall, **Bousfield Hall**, is specifically for upper-division undergraduate students. One of the newest halls on campus, it offers doubles, singles, and suites with furnished common space. Students enjoy in-suite shared bathrooms, air-conditioned facilities, and programming that meets the needs of upper-division students. Bousfield is conveniently located near the Activities & Recreation Center (ARC), the Armory, Huff Hall, and the Gies College of Business. Parking is available, but not included. Meal plans are required. Visit [HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/BOUSFIELD](http://HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/BOUSFIELD) for more details including photos and floor plans.

**COMMUNITIES**

**LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLC)**

Students who share similar interests live together in the same building or floor. Each LLC offers a variety of events and services around a specialized academic area or personal interest. Visit [HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/LLC](http://HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/LLC) to learn more about our 11 LLCs.

**SPECIAL LIVING OPTIONS (SLO)**

Rooms and floors are set aside to meet specific student needs or support identity groups. Visit [HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/SPECIALOPTIONS](http://HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/SPECIALOPTIONS) for more details on each option.

Our featured SLO, the **Transfer Community**, is located on two coed floors in Scott Hall. This community provides a unique experience just for transfer students in a traditional residence hall setting. As a resident of this community, you can live with others who are adjusting to campus, participate in programming focused on your needs, and make friends with other students on the same journey as you.

*For the best chance to live in a special living option like the Transfer Community, be sure to complete the online contract and indicate your location preference before the May 15 priority deadline.*
GRADUATE AND UPPER-DIVISION RESIDENCE HALLS

Daniels Hall and Sherman Hall provide private and shared rooms and are designed to meet the needs of upper-division undergraduate students, as well as graduate and professional students. Students enjoy a private or semi-private bathroom, air-conditioned facilities, and a community that is academically focused. Both halls are conveniently located in the center of campus within walking distance to many academic buildings, and they do not close over fall, winter, or spring break. Academic year, summer, and 12-month contracts are available. All rooms come with a combination microwave/refrigerator. Parking is available, but not included. Meal plans are available, but not required. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/GUDHALLS for rates and more details on each hall.

APARTMENTS

Ashton Woods is an air-conditioned, pet-friendly apartment complex in a quiet environment. Conveniently located southwest of the center of campus, this community is a mix of upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, students with families, and faculty/staff. There are spacious two-bedroom furnished or unfurnished apartments with flexible lease options. Cable TV, high-speed internet, parking, laundry, and some utilities (water, trash, and sewer) are included in the rent. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/ASHTONWOODS for more details including rates, photos, and floor plans.
The University Housing meal plan is the only plan that lets students eat in any dining hall on campus as well as restaurants, cafes, and convenience stores operated by dining services. There’s always a fresh, nutritious, and delicious dining option nearby.

Meal plans are required for students living in the undergraduate residence halls (including Bousfield Hall.) Meal plan pricing and room rates are combined for these halls into one inclusive package.

Students living in Sherman and Daniels halls or Ashton Woods apartments are not required to purchase a meal plan. Many students find it worthwhile to purchase one because of the flexibility, quality of the food, and convenience. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MEALPLANONLY for meal plan rates.

Students with special dietary needs can still enjoy the meal plans. We have nutritionists on staff to help with healthy eating, food allergies, and special diets. Note special dietary needs on your contract so we can work to accommodate you. You can also use the UI Dining App to review menu offerings and filter by nutritional and allergy needs. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/SPECIALDIETS to learn more.
MEAL PLANS

There are six meal plans to choose from. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MEALPLANS for more information on each plan and the rates.

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<td>The most affordable plan.</td>
<td>Get a consistent number of meals to use each week. Use the added Café Credits for occasional hunger on the go.</td>
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<td>10 Classic Meals + 45 Café Credits</td>
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<td>The most popular plan.</td>
<td>Enjoy the consistency of a weekly meal plan with added flexibility. Use the extra weekly Café Credits for quick, light meals or snacks.</td>
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<td>The best value plan.</td>
<td>Eat at any of the dining halls whenever they are open — whether it’s a sit-down meal, a quick snack, late-night munchies, or just a beverage. Most like an unlimited plan.</td>
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<td>A great option for busy students who want to supplement their own cooked or purchased food with a limited number of prepared meals from the dining halls.</td>
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<td>Enjoy the consistency of a limited number of all-you-care-to-eat meals with added flexibility. Use the extra weekly Café Credits for quick meals or snacks between classes.</td>
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*Meal plan available to Daniels, Sherman, and Ashton Woods residents only.
**ILLINI CASH** can be purchased and put on your i-card at any time to supplement the meal plans. Use it like Café Credits to purchase meals and grab-and-go items at any University Housing dining spot and other on-campus retail locations outside of University Housing. Visit [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ILLINICASH](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ILLINICASH) to learn more.
APARTMENTS

If you are interested in renting an apartment at Ashton Woods, we encourage you to make arrangements before you arrive on campus. **Apartment assignment for new residents begins May 1.** Email apartments@illinois.edu or call (217) 333-5656 to discuss leasing options.

RESIDENCE HALLS

If you want to live in a residence hall, you can pick a specific hall, room, and roommate from available spaces if you meet the **priority deadline of May 15.** Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/APPLY to start your online contract.

**Missed the priority deadline?**

Even if you miss the May 15 priority deadline, we’ll still have a space for you. University Housing will pick a room and roommate for you based on the available space and the location preferences you provide in the online contract. We’ll send you a confirmation when your assignment is made.

**Need a special accommodation?**

If you need a special accommodation because of a disability or medical need, let us know in your online contract under the personal contacts and details section. Missed that part? Email us at housing@illinois.edu or visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/ADA for more information.
To select your residence hall room, follow this timeline for the best results:

→ BEFORE MAY 15
Accept your offer of admission, wait 24 hours, then go online and complete your contract. A $50 non-refundable application fee and $150 advanced payment must be paid to complete your contract. Students who receive an Admissions application fee waiver are eligible to receive a University Housing application fee waiver.

We recommend transfer students return a contract before the May 15 priority deadline to have the best chance of getting your preferred hall, living-learning community, or special living option. Transfer students who meet the priority deadline may select their own room and roommate. After the priority deadline, rooms will be available, though options may be limited.

If you complete your contract before May 15, you’ll be assigned a random entry time in late May to choose your room and meal plan. We assign entry times in random order so that all students who meet the priority deadline have an equal chance of getting their preference no matter when they are admitted or accept their offer of admission.

→ LATE MAY
When your random entry time arrives, log in to your contract. Choose the exact room you want from the available inventory. Then choose a meal plan.

Make changes anytime until housing selection closes in mid-June.

→ LATE JUNE
We’ll send you a notice that confirms your room selection and the name of your roommate.
RESIDENCE HALLS

Know your roommate already?
Indicate your roommate preference before May 15 and you’ll both be assigned the same random entry time so that you can choose your room at the same time. Both roommates need to select a room during the same entry time. If you and your preferred roommate want to live together in a living-learning community, both of you need to list that community location in your preferences and complete the essay question.

Don’t have a roommate yet?
Lifestyle questions in the online contract will help you match with potential roommates. Use our email feature to send messages to other students to learn more about living together before requesting to be roommates.

Don’t have a preference?
Place yourself in a double room with one open bed space to be paired with an unknown roommate. You can also place yourself in a double room that isn’t occupied and allow an unknown roommate to select the other space.

APARTMENTS

If you are searching for a roommate for a two-bedroom apartment, we offer a Roommate Bulletin Board for the University Housing apartment communities. Visit GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ROOMMATEBOARD to post a request or search postings.
CHOOSING A LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC)

To receive priority consideration to live in an LLC, indicate your preference before the May 15 priority deadline and complete the LLC essay. If you are approved to be placed in an LLC, you'll get a special early entry time to select your room in the community. We'll send you a notice that confirms your LLC room selection and the name of your roommate in late June. If you have a roommate in mind, both of you need to list the same LLC as a preference and complete the essay.

If you don’t get approved to be placed in an LLC in May, you can check back in early June after all the assigned entry times have occurred to see if your preferred LLC has space available.

MOVING IN TO THE RESIDENCE HALLS

First-year students who are part of an LLC move in on August 21 and all other new students move in on August 23. If you need to move in prior to these days, you can do so as early as August 16 (Daniels and Sherman halls) and August 19 (undergraduate halls) for a daily fee.
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