Your guide to
UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Transfer Edition
2020-2021
Welcome Home!

One of your first decisions as a new student will be choosing where to make your home on campus. We hope you’ll choose University Housing to be a part of your ILLINOIS story!

As a transfer student, you may be required to live in University-approved housing depending on your number of credit hours and/or experience living in a residence hall at another institution. Please contact the Housing Information Office at (217) 333-7111 to confirm your housing requirement status.

It’s a great place to begin living your ILLINOIS story.

Why Choose University Housing?

No matter your year in school, you’re looking for an experience that fits this stage of your college career. Living with University Housing is the best way to adjust to your new academic environment, make connections with fellow students, and enjoy all of the conveniences and resources of on-campus living.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We offer a variety of housing options for our 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.

BENEFITS OF LIVING ON CAMPUS

Transfer students who live in University Housing enjoy:

- Built-in community of friends
- Easy access to classes and dining
- Leadership and job opportunities where you live
- Academically supportive environment
- One affordable rate that includes everything from dining to laundry

All Halls Have

- Wireless internet, Xfinity™ cable, and streaming TV
- Computer labs, study lounges, and learning commons or libraries
- 24-hour front desk services and on-call maintenance
- Live-in professional staff, resident advisors (RAs), and multicultural advocates (MAs)
- In-hall laundry, cost included. No quarters necessary!
Undergraduate Residence Halls

There are 24 undergraduate halls organized into four residential communities. Each hall and community offer a variety of features, personalities, and traditions that make them unique.

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 conditioning, and programming that meets the needs of upper-division students.

For complete details on all of the undergraduate halls, including Bousfield Hall, visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/UNDERGRADHALLS.

Living-Learning Communities

Students who share similar interests live together in the same building or on the same floor. Each living-learning community (LLC) offers a variety of events and services around a specialized academic area or personal interest.

Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/LLC to learn more about our 11 LLCs, including how to apply.

Special Living Options

Rooms and floors are set aside to meet specific student needs or support identity groups.

The Transfer Community is available in two locations — Bousfield Hall and Scott Hall. These communities provide a unique experience just for transfer students. As a resident, you can live with others who are also adjusting to campus, participate in programming focused on your needs, and make friends with other students on the same journey as you.

Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/SPECIALOPTIONS to learn more about our six special living options.

Graduate and Upper-Division Residence Halls

Daniels Hall and Sherman Hall provide private and shared rooms 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 conditioning, and an academically focused community. Both halls are open over fall, winter, and spring break. Contracts are available for a full year, the academic year, and summer.

Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/GUDHALLS for more details on each hall.

Apartments

Ashton Woods is an air-conditioned, pet-friendly apartment complex with spacious two-bedroom furnished or unfurnished apartments and flexible lease options. Conveniently located southwest of the center of campus, residents of this community are a mix of upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, students with families, and faculty/staff. 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.
The University Housing meal plans let students eat in any dining halls, restaurants, cafés, and convenience stores operated by dining services. The meal plan week runs from Sunday to Saturday.

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 convenience. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MEALPLANONLY for meal plan rates.

Students with special dietary needs can still enjoy meal plans. We have a dietitian on staff to help with healthy eating, food allergies, and special diets. Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/SPECIALDIETS to learn more.

Illini Cash can be purchased 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 to learn more.

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

**12 Classic Meals + 15 Café Credits**
Get a consistent number of meals to use each week. Use the added Café Credits for occasional hunger on the go.

**10 Classic Meals + 45 Café Credits**
Enjoy the consistency of a weekly meal plan with added flexibility. Use the extra weekly Café Credits for quick, light meals or snacks.

**All Classic Meals**
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.

**All Café Credits**
Use Café Credits to pay for what you eat, when you eat it. Eat at any dining hall or get beverages, convenience foods, or prepared food at University Housing retail locations anytime.

**6 Classic Meals**
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.

**6 Classic Meals + 25 Café Credits**
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.

*Meal plans available to Daniels, Sherman, and Ashton Woods residents only.*
**Apartments**
If you are interested in renting an apartment at Ashton Woods, apartment assignments for new residents begin May 1. Email apartments@illinois.edu or call (217) 333-5656 to discuss leasing options.

**Residence Halls**
Signing up is easy! Visit [HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/APPLY](http://HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/) to start your online contract.

**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 assignments considerations sections.

**To select your residence hall room, follow this timeline for the best results:**

**Before May 15**
Accept your offer of admission, wait 48 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 received an Admissions application fee waiver are eligible to receive a waiver of the $50 application fee, and the $150 advanced payment is deferred until fall semester.

You have the best chance of getting your preferred roommate, space, living-learning community, or special living option if you complete your contract by the May 15 priority deadline.

**Late May**
If you complete your contract by the deadline, you’ll be assigned a random entry time in late May to log into your contract and choose your room and meal plan. You can make changes anytime until housing selection closes in mid-June.

**Late June**
We’ll send you a notice that confirms your room selection and roommate.

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**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 together. Both roommates need to select a room during the entry time.

**Don’t have a roommate yet?**
Complete the lifestyle questions to match you with potential roommates. Use our email feature to send messages to other students to learn more about living together before requesting to be roommates. You can also use incoming Illinois student groups on social media to connect with potential roommates.

**Don’t have a preference?**
Go random. Place yourself in a double room with one open bed space to be paired with an unknown roommate, or 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](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/) for postings.

**CHOOSING A LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC)**
To receive priority consideration to live in an LLC, you must indicate your preference before the May 15 priority deadline and complete the LLC essay. If you are approved for an LLC, you’ll be assigned a special early entry time in late May to select your room. If you do not select your room during this entry time, you may not be guaranteed a room in the LLC. We’ll send you a notice that confirms your LLC selection and the name of your roommate in late June.

If you and your preferred roommate want to live together in an LLC, both of you need to list that community in your preferences during Step One of the contract and complete the LLC essay question. If you aren’t approved to be placed in an LLC in May, you can check back in early June to see if your preferred LLC has space available.

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**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 available space and your location preferences. We’ll send you a confirmation when your assignment is made.
**MOVING IN**

**Residence Halls**
First-year residents move in to the residence halls on August 20. First-year residents of living-learning communities who are attending LLC Orientation move in August 18.

If you need to move in prior to these days, you can do so as early as August 16 for a fee of $60 per day.

Visit [HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MOVEIN](http://HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MOVEIN) for more information about moving in and early arrival options.

**Apartments**
If you will be moving in to Ashton Woods, visit the Family & Graduate Housing office on the first day of your lease to check in and pick up your keys.

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