



LIVING AT UC DAVIS

# RESIDENCE HALLS

**UC DAVIS**  
STUDENT HOUSING  
AND DINING SERVICES

# Living on Campus

## Over 11,000 Residents Each Year

Each year UC Davis is home to more than 11,000 students. Over 5,000 of them are first-year students who live in the residence halls.

## Guaranteed Housing\*

All incoming freshmen and transfer students are guaranteed housing with Student Housing and Dining Services.

[housing.ucdavis.edu/guaranteed-housing](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/guaranteed-housing)

\*Students must meet eligibility requirements and all deadlines.

## Why Live on Campus?

- Instant connections with other first-year students
- Excellent academic and peer support programs
- On-site Computer Centers and Academic Advising Centers
- Clean, well-maintained buildings, many of them LEED Certified\*\*
- Living-Learning Communities
- Award-winning dining program

\*\*LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings.

## Eligibility Table

Table assumes a fall quarter move-in (except for Summer Sessions students). Students wishing to move in during another quarter should contact Student Housing and Dining Services regarding their options.

	Residence Halls
Incoming Freshmen (undergraduates)	●
Incoming Transfer Students (undergraduates)	●
Continuing Undergraduates	
Summer Sessions Students	●
Graduate Students	
Students with Families	

Notes: Students must be under age 24 and unmarried to live in the residence halls. Incoming transfer students are offered residence hall space based on availability.

## Housing Staff are Available

Student Housing and Dining Services staff are available to help with any questions or concerns, 24 hours, each day.

Resident advisors (RAs) live on-site in the residence halls. Via an on-call system, staff are always available during non-business hours.

In addition, Student Housing and Dining Services staff help develop and encourage a healthy, safe atmosphere. They facilitate workshops that support community values, including courtesy, sensitivity and respect, and reject discrimination and hatred.

## The Value of Living in the Residence Halls

Living in the residence halls is more than a university tradition or college rite of passage. Living in the residence halls provides first-year students with a wonderful residential experience that combines the support and resources needed to transition and be successful. Residence halls provide opportunities to make new friends, create a new community and recharge out of class with fun activities.

The following services and benefits are included for all students who live in the residence halls:

- Academic advising and tutoring in the residential Academic Advising Centers
- Educational and social theme programming
- Professional and student-level support staff available 24 hours a day
- Healthy food options in three dining facilities and access to a registered dietitian
- 24-hour computer labs
- Internet and cable television
- Facilities and custodial support staff
- Community-based intramural sports teams

National research<sup>1</sup> demonstrates that a residence hall experience leads to students who:

- Do better academically
- Are more likely to persist in college
- Are more involved in and/or integrated with campus

<sup>1</sup>Visit [housing.ucdavis.edu/loc](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/loc) to view the research references for these statements.



## Sustainable Buildings

[housing.ucdavis.edu/sustainability](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/sustainability)

Residence halls incorporate design features and operational and maintenance procedures to reduce their environmental impact. Some buildings are in the process of earning or have already earned LEED certification.

Sustainable initiatives include:

- On-site solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Low-flow/flush bathroom fixtures
- High-performance green cleaning products and procedures
- Filtered water-bottle filling stations
- At least one bicycle parking space per resident

## Well-Maintained Buildings

An efficient, professional maintenance and custodial staff manages buildings, facilitates repairs and upgrades, and cleans all public areas and bathrooms.

## Accessibility

UC Davis works with students to ensure every student has access to university resources. Wheelchair-accessible rooms are available in every residence hall. Shared community spaces are ADA-compliant.

When applying for housing, students should advise Student Housing and Dining Services that they require special accommodations so the necessary arrangements may be made before move-in. Forms for requesting special housing accommodations can be found at [housing.ucdavis.edu/special-accommodations/](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/special-accommodations/).

In addition, students should contact the Student Disability Center ([sdc.ucdavis.edu](https://sdc.ucdavis.edu)) to learn about other resources and to coordinate their needs with their professors.

Student Housing and Dining Services houses students in 31 residence halls organized into three neighborhoods on campus—Segundo, Tercero and Cuarto—each with a dining commons, convenience store, service desk, Academic Advising Center, Computer Center and transition services.

### Segundo

- 14 residence halls
- About 1,800 residents
- Northwest corner of central campus

### Tercero

- 15 residence halls
- About 3,400 residents
- Southwest corner of central campus

### Cuarto

- Two residence halls
- About 700 residents
- One block northwest of central campus

Visit [housing.ucdavis.edu/housing](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/housing) for more information about residence halls and areas.

## Locked 24/7

All residence halls feature an electronic key-card access system for exterior entrances, and all buildings are locked at all times.

Access is limited to residence hall students (and certain Student Housing and Dining Services and emergency staff), so the communities control and limit access to their own buildings.

Every bedroom has its own lock.

## UC Davis Police and Aggie Hosts

[police.ucdavis.edu](https://police.ucdavis.edu)

UC Davis Police Department provides high-visibility patrols, response to criminal incidents and emergencies, and crime prevention education programs.

The Aggie Host Student Patrol, overseen by the police department, offers Safe Rides, an evening service to escort students traveling to and from residence areas and across campus.

## Rooms Are Fully Furnished

Residence hall rooms are carpeted and have a window, a closet or wardrobe and a place to hang towels.

### Furnishings

All rooms are furnished with an extra-long, twin-size bed and mattress (size varies), desk and chair, dresser, desktop bookshelf, desk lamp, and waste and recycling containers.

### Internet, Television and Telephone

Each room includes high-speed Internet service via an Ethernet port and a Wi-Fi network and broadcast television programming through XFINITY on Campus. Optional telephone service is available in some residence halls.

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aggie-abodes](http://housing.ucdavis.edu/aggie-abodes)

## Occupancy Diagrams

Single  
Occupancy  
Room



Double  
Occupancy  
Room



Triple  
Occupancy  
Room



Occupancy diagrams are not to scale but do represent what an average residence hall room may look like. However, there are often a variety of ways in which the furniture can be arranged. Also, rooms do not all have the same dimensions, so not every furniture arrangement can be achieved in every room.

## Go Online to Learn More About UC Davis Residence Halls

Visit [housing.ucdavis.edu/housing](http://housing.ucdavis.edu/housing) to learn more about the residence halls. Read about the three housing areas, review residence hall features and view photographs, maps, floor plans and room layouts/occupancy diagrams for each residence hall.





## Dining at UC Davis

UC Davis offers one of the best programs in collegiate dining: exceptional recipes, local and sustainable food sources and options for a wide range of dietary needs, including vegetarian and vegan options.

Eateries on campus range from the residence hall dining commons to themed food trucks.

The ASUCD Coffee House at the Memorial Union brews coffee and espresso and offers a variety of salads, baked goods, pizza and more.

At The Silo, you'll find Spokes Grill, The Gunrock, Silo Market, Peet's Coffee and the food truck patio. At the Activities and Recreation Center, you can get snacks and drinks from Peet's Coffee or the Pro Shop. The Bio Brew in the Sciences Lab Building is another spot for drinks and snacks. Scrubs Cafe, a deli, grill and specialty coffee vendor, is located in the Health Sciences District.

## Dining in the Residence Halls

Dining commons (DCs) are Student Housing and Dining Services' dining facilities located in each residence hall area. DCs offer comfortable community dining with seasonal menus from themed platforms, including a soup and salad bar, a grill, sautéed and pasta entrees, specialty entrées, open-fire brick pizza, Mongolian wok and desserts. A wide range of beverages are also available, including Fair Trade coffee and infused water and teas.

A market is located in each residence hall area. Markets sell a variety of food, including house-made microwavable meals and a variety of salads and sandwiches. Snacks, chips, candy bars, gum, ice cream and beverages, including water, tea, Fair Trade coffee, smoothies and energy drinks are also available. Markets are open from morning until late evening every weekday and during evenings on the weekend.

## Meal Plans in the Residence Halls

Every residence hall contract includes a meal plan to be used in the dining commons. Meal plans are available in a few different quantities. Visit [housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/dining\\_plans.asp](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/dining_plans.asp) for more information on meal plans.

### Changing Meal Plans

Students who determine their meal needs require a larger or smaller meal plan may change their plan during scheduled meal plan change periods in between each academic quarter.

## Nutrition

Student Housing and Dining Services places an emphasis on planning and serving nutritious meals using food that is in season, local and sustainable, whenever possible. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are available at every meal, and entrées can be customized to meet special nutritional needs or allergy limitations.

A registered dietitian is available to assist students with planning a healthy diet and managing food allergies or special dietary needs.

## Sustainability

The dining program composts or recycles over 95 percent of its waste. Student Housing and Dining Services reduces food waste and water usage by removing trays from the dining rooms and offering a reusable dishware program for student events in the residence areas.

# First-Year Experience

Student Housing and Dining Services provides a comprehensive, in-house academic First-Year Experience program. Professional staff work with academic departments to deliver academic programming and support services developed specifically for first-year students. Emphasis is placed on ensuring students have the resources and support to help them transition into a large research university.

## Advising and Tutoring

Located in each housing area, Academic Advising Centers provide convenient, personalized academic support for every residence hall student.

Peer advisors from all four colleges—Letters and Science, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences and Engineering—and the First-Year Experience program provide academic planning assistance, major exploration, grading options, internship information and connections to other campus resources.

Tutors from the Student Academic Support Hub are available most evenings on a drop-in basis for free assistance with common first-year courses, such as math, chemistry and writing.

## Benefits of an In-House Academic Program

[housing.ucdavis.edu/academics](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/academics)

- Augments in-class learning in a convenient and comfortable atmosphere
- Improves advising for first-year students and eases the transition into university life
- Encourages development of proactive academic practices
- Bridges a connection to the college dean's office early in the college experience
- Connects students with faculty members, which aids in academic achievement and retention
- Improves understanding of resources available on campus



## Residence Hall Staff

Resident Advisors (RAs)—are trained undergraduate students who live in the residence halls—engaging students in various activities, advising and developing community.

Professional staff supervise the student staff and offer additional services to residents, including academic support, leadership development and guidance regarding policies and conflict resolution.

## Area Service Desk

The Area Service Desk is the customer service and support center of the residence halls—the place residents go for information, to pick up mail and care packages, and to borrow things, such as games and cookware. It is also where students go to borrow temporary keys if they get locked out of their rooms.

## Computer Centers and Support

Computer Centers provide complimentary access to computers, printers (up to 250 free pages per quarter), scanners, internet access and space for studying and holding review sessions. Desktop computers and terminals run Windows, Microsoft Office Suite and Firefox. A Computer Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in all three housing areas, with Residential Computing Advisors (RCAs) available to provide computer and software support. Learn more at [housing.ucdavis.edu/computers/rescomp\\_support.asp](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/computers/rescomp_support.asp)

## Benefits of Participating in a Living-Learning Community

[housing.ucdavis.edu/academics/communities](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/academics/communities)

Living-Learning Communities are communities within the residence halls that provide an opportunity for students with similar interests to live in the same hall or on the same floor. The communities allow students to enjoy unique activities related to a theme as well as more traditional social and recreational opportunities.

In addition to the benefits that all students receive from living in the residence halls, students in Living-Learning Communities have the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with students who share a common interest. If the Living-Learning Community is academically related, students in the communities often form study groups and share information about opportunities to continue their education outside of the classroom.

For some academically related Living-Learning Communities, one-unit seminars are offered within the community during fall quarter. In these seminars, faculty and staff members lead discussions on topics directly related to the theme of the community; they also provide information about academic, internship, research and career options and how to network with faculty and students in similar fields.



UC Davis Professor Kim Elsbach, BuLD Seminar.

## Room Choices

Prospective residents may indicate their ideal room choices when applying for the residence halls. Room attributes they may consider are residence hall area (see page 4), occupancy, gender and Living-Learning Community.

In the residence hall application, students select from available options within each room attribute in their order of importance. Because not every room choice can be accommodated, Student Housing and Dining Services determines assignments based upon students' priorities and available space.

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### Occupancy

Occupancy refers to the number of residents in each room. Rooms are available in single occupancy (one person, no roommate), double occupancy (two people total) and triple occupancy (three people total). Most rooms are double occupancy. Demand for single-occupancy rooms usually exceeds availability; demand for triple occupancy usually meets availability. Occupancy choice affects the cost of housing.

### Gender

Gender refers to the preference to live in a single-gender community or a mixed-gender community. Most communities are mixed-gender. Gender choice does not affect the cost of housing. See [housing.ucdavis.edu/gender-inclusive-housing](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/gender-inclusive-housing) for more information.

### Living-Learning Community

Living-Learning Community refers to the ability to indicate a preference for a room that is located within a particular Living-Learning Community or for a room that is not located within a Living-Learning Community. Living-Learning Community choice does not affect the cost of housing.

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### Requesting Roommates

Residence hall applicants may submit a request to live with a roommate or roommates of their choice when applying for housing, and while not guaranteed, in most cases Student Housing and Dining Services is able to honor the request.

Student Housing and Dining Services provides access to RoomSync, a roommate-matching Facebook application that gives students a platform for connecting with other residence hall applicants. Otherwise, students will be randomly matched with others based on room choices (see pages 12–13).

## How to Apply for Housing

[housing.ucdavis.edu/apply](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/apply)

Before applying for housing, students must submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR). Students who submitted their SIR and are eligible to live in the residence halls may then apply for housing.

Go to [myadmissions.ucdavis.edu](https://myadmissions.ucdavis.edu) and select “Housing Application Request” to begin the application. Be sure to read the Terms of Use and all contract information. Students must complete their application by the Student Housing and Dining Services contract deadline to qualify for guaranteed housing. Applicants filing after the deadline will be offered housing based upon available space.

## Reservation Fee

A \$500 reservation fee is due by the application deadline. When applying for fall quarter, the reservation fee can be paid online when the application is submitted by selecting “Pay my reservation fee” and may also be sent by mail.

## Residence Hall Fees

[housing.ucdavis.edu/fees](https://housing.ucdavis.edu/fees)

Residence hall fees vary based upon two factors: room occupancy and meal plan. Residence hall area and Living-Learning Community options do not affect rates.

Payments are made in three installments, due September 15, December 15 and March 15. Student Housing and Dining Services does not invoice for these fees, but an online statement is available at [mybill.ucdavis.edu](https://mybill.ucdavis.edu).

Contact Student Housing and Dining Services for more information about rates and payments.

### 2018-19 Rates

To improve services and expand options for our students living on campus, Student Housing and Dining Services is updating meal plans for the 2018-19 academic year. These changes will result in a minimal increase of 2–4 percent over 2018-19 rates. Please visit the Student Housing and Dining Services website for current rates and meal plans.

Aggie Cash is automatically included in all meal plans. Aggie Cash program upgrades can be made to any meal plan for an additional fee.

## What Others Are Saying

*I would encourage new students to live with Student Housing and Dining Services, because it becomes a much-needed family in your beginning stages at Davis. When you have a bad day, you can come back to RAs [who] will help you come out on top. When you ace a test, you will have floormates cheering you on. And of course, when you move beyond the parameters of Student Housing and Dining Services, the family you made will always be there, from the memories you cherish to the friendly faces you will see around campus.*

—Alexandra Doerschlag '16

*Because [living with Student Housing and Dining Services] is the best way for students to get connected on campus, the extra investment in cost more than pays for itself in building the social network, learning to navigate the campus systems and reducing time to graduate.*

—David B. Tanner, parent of a UC Davis student

*Our son's UC [Davis] Student Housing and Dining Services in Malcolm Hall (Segundo) provided a modern and surprisingly spacious room, an instant social group, plentiful and incredibly healthy meals with flexible meal plans and easy access to all areas of campus. He came to Davis not knowing anyone and finished his freshman year with lifelong friends from a variety of backgrounds and with varying interests. This was exactly what we had hoped his freshman-year dorm experience would provide for him, and we were not disappointed.*

—Cheryl Leff, parent of a UC Davis student

## IMPORTANT DATES

Decision UC Davis—**Spring**

Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)  
Freshmen—**May 1**

Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)  
Transfers—**June 1**

Housing offers—**After SIR**

Housing application deadline  
Freshmen—**Early May**  
Transfers—**Early June**

Room assignments emailed  
—**Late August**

Move-In Weekend—**Mid/late September**

Welcome Week/First Year Orientation  
—**Early September**

Fall quarter classes begin  
—**September**

Visit [housing.ucdavis.edu/calendar](http://housing.ucdavis.edu/calendar)  
for specific dates.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Housing and Dining Services	530-752-2033	530-752-4345 (fax)
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Financial Aid	530-752-2390	<a href="http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu">financialaid.ucdavis.edu</a>
Orientation	530-752-4443	<a href="http://orientation.ucdavis.edu">orientation.ucdavis.edu</a>
Disability Center	530-752-3184	<a href="http://sdc.ucdavis.edu">sdc.ucdavis.edu</a>
Fall Welcome	<a href="http://fallwelcome.ucdavis.edu">fallwelcome.ucdavis.edu</a>	
IET (computers)	<a href="http://iet.ucdavis.edu">iet.ucdavis.edu</a>	
MyBill	<a href="http://mybill.ucdavis.edu">mybill.ucdavis.edu</a>	
MyUCDavis	<a href="http://my.ucdavis.edu">my.ucdavis.edu</a>	
SISWeb	<a href="http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu">sisweb.ucdavis.edu</a>	
UC Davis	<a href="http://ucdavis.edu">ucdavis.edu</a>	

## QUESTIONS

Contact Student Housing and Dining Services at **530-752-2033** or [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu](mailto:studenthousing@ucdavis.edu), and visit [housing.ucdavis.edu](http://housing.ucdavis.edu) for tour schedules, photographs, important dates and additional information about our residence halls. The website also features AskMe!, Student Housing and Dining Services' frequently asked questions database.

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