

# Housing and Residence Life

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## Live and Learn

Students living on campus are at the heart of campus life. Each year Utah State data have confirmed that students living in residence halls do better academically, receive higher GPAs, and are able to carry heavier class loads than students living off campus. Research also shows that on-campus students tend to be more involved in academic and extracurricular activities, persist and graduate on time, and enjoy their overall collegiate experience. All students living within Housing communities have access to the following services to assist in their academic success: computer labs, high-speed Internet access, educational programming, peer tutors (math and writing), academic advising and career counseling, faculty mentoring, and leadership and service opportunities. A well-trained team of professional and peer staff also provides numerous opportunities for social and educational activities, which build the community and supplement and support formal classroom experiences. Also, live-in staff members are trained to assist students with a variety of issues, such as roommate conflicts, eating disorders and other mental health issues, and personal safety.

## Theme Housing

The underlying principle of theme housing is to link residence halls with academic or general interest themes, and create communities of residents with shared interests and goals. Each theme community is supported by a peer mentor who provides on-site tutoring and advising, and who plans fun social programs. Theme housing options include the following:

### Academic Lifestyles

These floors are sponsored by academic departments and colleges. Academic Lifestyles are very popular and have strong returning communities. The following floors are offered in South Campus: American Sign Language, World of Business, The Vector Floor (Engineering), Computer Science, Prehealth Professionals, and The Aldo Leopold Floor (Natural Resources). Academic Lifestyles in Honors is offered in the new Living/Learning Community.

### Community Lifestyles

Community Lifestyles include Global Village (located in the Student Living Center) and Leadership House (located in the new Living/Learning Community). Both are sponsored by student clubs and organizations. **Global Village** is open to all students who want to live with international students coming for a semester or year through the study abroad program. **Leadership House** is open to all students interested in student government and community service and is a great opportunity for campus involvement.

### Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs)

For making the transition to university life with all the benefits of a small college atmosphere, this is the ultimate freshman experience. Each theme-oriented FIG includes 16-18 students who live near each other, meet regularly for meals, and attend group activities. Students are assigned a peer mentor who joins them for meals, provides academic assistance, and serves as their guide to campus life. The following FIGs are currently offered: Appreciating the Arts, Elementary Education, Healthy Living, Outdoor Adventures, ROTC, and Science and Society.

## Housing Communities

### Central Campus

#### **Bullen Hall, Mountain View Tower, Richards Hall, Valley View Tower**

Central Campus is a close-knit community centered on lasting friendships, fun, and student achievement. This is the home of the FIGs (Freshman Interest Groups). A high percentage of first-year students live in this area and receive intensive staff support and community development to meet their needs.

### Student Living Center

#### **Davis Hall, Jones Hall, Morgan Hall, Rich Hall, Snow Hall, San Juan Hall, Summit Hall, Wasatch Hall**

This community is an excellent location for students who want an academic setting surrounded by abundant green space. Shuttle buses take students to the center of campus in a matter of a few minutes. This is the home of the Community Lifestyles program. The fifth floor of Snow Hall is a returning resident floor. Summit Hall, which features private bedrooms, is reserved for upper-division and graduate students.

### South Campus

#### **Greaves Hall, Merrill Hall, Moen Hall, Reeder Hall**

The South Campus is located just steps from the Merrill-Cazier Library and key campus buildings. This is the home of the Academic Lifestyles Program. The Returning Resident Community, located in the west wing of Merrill Hall, is designed to meet the needs of nonfreshmen.

### Living/Learning Community—New

Located in the very heart of campus on the north end of Old Main Hill, this community includes a community center complete with meeting and program space, as well as clustered lounge spaces designed to take full advantage of the beautiful scenery of the campus and the valley below. The living space has been intentionally designed to provide privacy, while at the same time promoting important social interactions between roommates, between others living in the individual buildings, and throughout the community as a whole. The community includes Leadership House and Honors floors.

### Aggie Village

#### **Graduate/Upper Division**

Located adjacent to the main campus, Aggie Village is the ideal getaway for those seeking privacy and quiet study time. Aggie Shuttle Buses are regularly scheduled to take students to the main campus in a matter of minutes. Students desiring to live in this area must have completed at least 60 credits or must be 25 years or older, in order to qualify to live in an upper-division apartment. Students enrolled in a master's or doctorate program at Utah State qualify to live in graduate apartments.

## Family Student Housing

### **Aggie Village, Mobile Home Park, Townhouses, West Stadium Villa**

Family Housing communities are an ideal choice for student families seeking a productive learning and living environment. Residents enjoy the extra space, both indoors and outdoors. In the classroom located in the Community Area Office, both Housing and Utah State Extension offer numerous classes and programs for family students. Living options include spacious one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, as well as a mobile home park.

Each community offers slightly different opportunities and is designed with the student in mind. High-quality facilities with reasonable rates, service, and convenience are provided. All prices generally include: Internet access, local phone, cable TV, and free shuttle bus service. Single Housing apartment prices include all utilities, full kitchens, and furniture. Family Housing units have full kitchens and are rented unfurnished. Family Housing residents are responsible for payment of electric and gas utility bills.

For further information about the current price listings, style options, and availability, visit the housing website at:

<http://www.housing.usu.edu/>, or contact the Housing Office at (435) 797-3113, toll free at (800) 863-1085, or via e-mail at: [info@housing.usu.edu](mailto:info@housing.usu.edu).