

International Student

Living Arrangements for New Freshmen

There are four traditional housing areas on the UAlbany Uptown Campus that are called “Quads”. The Quads consist of a 21 floor “Tower”, and the Tower is surrounded by eight “lowrise” (three story) buildings. Two of these traditional quads, Indian and State, house our freshman students.

For each student, there is an extra long twin bed, mattress, desk and chair, dresser, closet, and lamp (either floor style or wall mounted). The beds can be lofted and can adjust in height for storage purposes. There is 24/7 wired and wireless access and a wide array of customized television packages. Laundry facilities are free in each hall and mail services are centrally located on the quad. The buildings also offer students study lounges, recreational areas, cafeterias and vending areas. There is also a Quad Information Center (QIC) located on every quad that is staffed until 11pm each day. This is a good place to get help for any questions you may have. For further information please visit the Residential Life website at www.albany.edu/housing.

All freshmen are required to live on campus for their first year of study. If you plan to live at home with your parent or legal guardian, you can contact the Residential Life Office at (518) 442-5875 to get an Exemption to the Campus Residency Requirement form which must be completed and returned to the Residential Life Office.

Transportation

Freshmen who reside in residence halls are not allowed to register cars on campus, as parking is restricted. While exemptions can be made to this policy by contacting the Office of Parking and Mass Transit in writing, it is important to note that working off campus is generally not considered a reason for exemption.

Living Arrangements for New Transfer Students

Housing for transfer students is limited and space is not guaranteed, so please apply early. A majority of UA's transfer students live on Alumni Quad. Alumni Quad is located approximately three miles east of UAlbany's main campus and offers beautiful architecture and interior design. Bedrooms are situated off a central corridor with community baths. While floors are co-ed, bedrooms are same gender. It is a short ride to the main campus and you can utilize both the University and the public bus services at no charge. Alumni Quad has a full service cafeteria as well as a recently renovated fitness center and game room.

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SUNYCard

The SUNYCard is your key to access on campus. Students use their SUNYCard to access their residence halls, dining halls, vending, bus transportation, the library and more. All students will receive a SUNYCard during orientation. For more info about SUNYCard Services, visit www.albany.edu/uas/sunycard.html.

Dining Services

You will be assigned to the 15 Weekly Block meal plan unless you indicate otherwise. You should carefully consider your dining options in advance of the fall semester, but you can make changes to your dining plan through the first 10 days of each semester. To select a meal plan that best suits your needs, please login to MyUAlbany, click on Campus Life then click the "Change My Residential Meal Plan" link under the Meal Plans and Housing section. For more information on dining services visit www.albany.edu/uas/diningservices.html.

How to Apply for Housing

Housing is assigned based upon date of receipt of your housing application. The online housing application is available via MyUAlbany.

You will need to post a \$125 Housing Deposit to your student account in order to be assigned to housing on campus. Please note that this deposit is in addition to the \$150 Admissions Deposit. Payment can be made at <http://epay.albany.edu>.

Detailed instructions, along with a sample application, can be found on the Residential Life website at www.albany.edu/housing.

Completing your Housing Application

STEP 1. Go to www.albany.edu/myualbany. Sign on with your NetID and password. Once logged in, scroll down and to the lower left you will see a section entitled Meal Plans and Housing. Click the "HOUSING APPLICATION" link. Fill out the application as applicable to you.

STEP 2. To include a roommate preference on the application, you will need your potential roommate's NetID and your potential roommate will need yours. A NetID is assigned to you when you activate your MyUAlbany account. The NetID is part of your UAlbany email address - netid@albany.edu. Please note that roommate requests should be made by both parties and will be honored based upon AVAILABILITY of space and timeliness of request. There is no guarantee that the request can be honored. Suitemate requests cannot be accepted.

STEP 3. "SAVE" the application when prompted to do so, otherwise it will not be received by the Office of Residential Life. Print a copy for your records. There is no need to send a copy to UAlbany. Once you click "SAVE" you cannot make changes to the application.

Important Housing Dates

Monday, August 3 Students will be notified of their housing assignment/ check in information via email to their UAlbany email account.

Friday, August 14 Last day to cancel your housing contract and receive a deposit refund. You must contact the Department of Residential Life in writing at Reslife@albany.edu.

Sunday, August 23 New international freshmen and transfers check in to their assigned rooms, 11am-9pm.

Wednesday, August 26 All other new freshmen assigned to floors 11-21 of Eastman and Mohawk Towers check-in 9am-5pm.

Thursday, August 27 Check-in for all other newly admitted freshmen and transfers. Also, floors 11-21 of Stuyvesant and Livingston Towers check-in 9am-5pm.

Friday, August 28 Check-in for all other students 9am-5pm.