Housing Information for Inbound Study Abroad and Exchange Students

Living on campus is a great way to get involved, meet people and be close to campus resources. Most exchange students will be placed in Pierce, Sayles, and Waterbury Halls on Alumni Quad (downtown campus—approximately three miles east of the University’s main campus) or Halls on Dutch Quad (uptown campus) that remain open during school vacations. Juniors, seniors and other students 21 and over may request placement in Empire Commons, Freedom Quad or Liberty Terrace Apartments (all on the uptown campus). Housing for graduate students is limited and spaces are not guaranteed, so please apply early. Please note that all housing agreements are for a full academic year, unless your program ends after only one semester.

For each student there is an extra-long twin bed, mattress, desk and chair, dresser and closet. (Empire Commons has full size beds.) All of our residence halls have wireless internet connections; in addition, each student is assigned an Ethernet connection and a cable jack. Each suite on Dutch Quad and bedroom on Alumni Quad has a hard wired phone that is for accessing the University 911 system and for campus calls only. For more information on amenities, please visit the Residential Life website.

Applying for Housing

Housing assignments are determined by your housing application date of receipt. Housing applications are available through MyUAlbany. Once logged in, choose Campus Life, and then click on the Housing Application link on the left hand side. If it does not work for any reason, please email (and include your UAlbany ID number) the Department of Residential Life at reslife@albany.edu, and they will make sure you can access it. You will also need to pay the $125 housing deposit. This can be paid online via epay. For a step-by-step tutorial please view this video.

For more information and detailed instructions please contact Residential Life (reslife@albany.edu) and visit the Residential Life website. You will be informed of your room assignment with an email sent to your albany.edu account by the second week of August. If you decide to cancel your housing contract and inform Residential Life by the deadline Residence Life provides the deposit may be refunded. After that you are financially responsible for the cost of on-campus housing for the semester.

ID Card

Your ID Card is your key to access on campus. It is used to access your residence buildings as well as for dining, vending, bus services, the library and more. Submit your photo for your ID Card following the link for instructions. Bring identification and pick up the card during orientation check in.

Dining Services

All students residing in traditional style housing are required to be on a residential meal plan. You will be assigned to the Opportunity Plan. For changes to your meal plan or more information please visit Dining Services. Students residing in University Apartments are not required to participate in a meal plan; however, they can purchase any of the residential meal plans or a commuter plan.

Transportation

It is a short ride to the main campus from Alumni Quad, and both the University and city bus services (CDTA) are available free of charge to UAlbany students with their UAlbany ID Card. Students with cars are required to purchase a permit to park on campus. Please visit Parking and Mass Transit Services for more details.