Residence Halls

Living on campus in a university residence hall is considered an important part of student life. Over 7,000 students are accommodated in double rooms, multiple occupancy rooms, singles and apartments in 24 residence halls. All halls are coeducational and range in sizes from 100 to 500 students. Each fall the residence halls provide a new home for more than 6,000 entering first-year students. Subject to the availability of space, all first-year students are required to live in a residence hall for two academic semesters (a summer term does not count as an academic semester), unless they are married or live with parents and have permission to commute. Requests for permission to reside off campus for other reasons are considered on their merits, taking into account individual circumstances.

The residence halls provide a range of services and programs designed to support the intellectual, social and personal growth of single student residents. All residence halls, for example, offer tutoring services to residents at no cost. Additionally, a variety of academic and social programs are sponsored by residence hall and other university staff.

The dining centers’ service hours are planned to be convenient for most students’ schedules. Campus Dining Services provides healthy food choices to diverse students which emphasizes convenience, value and variety. The dining program permits students (regardless of hall assignment) to eat in any dining center.

For more information about university housing options and/or permission to reside off campus, prospective students may contact:

University Housing
Center for Community, Room S300
159 UCB
Boulder, CO 80309-0159
Email: universityhousing@colorado.edu
Phone: 303-492-6673

Application for Residence Hall Housing

New first-year and transfer students receive information from Housing & Dining Services about applying for housing after they have confirmed their intent to attend the university. Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-assigned basis. The earlier applications are submitted, the better chance students have of being assigned to the residence hall of their preference. (Please note that Housing & Dining Services does not guarantee assignment to a particular building or program, type of accommodation or specific roommate.)

Note: Application for admission to the university and application for housing are two separate transactions. For information regarding admission notification and confirmation procedures, see the undergraduate Admissions (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/admissions/) section.

All housing contracts are for the full two-semester academic year or remainder thereof. An early termination of contract is subject to financial penalties as stated in the residence halls contract.

Housing Security Deposit

All students who live in the residence halls are required to pay a one-time security deposit of $300 at the time of application. Of this security deposit, $50 is nonrefundable and is used to cover administrative costs. The remaining $250 is refundable, held by Housing & Dining Services and is released to the tuition and fee account within 60 days after the expiration of the housing contract. The refundable deposit amount is forfeited by students who cancel after May 31, or students who do not live in the residence halls for the entirety of the housing contract period.

The security deposit required for housing is in addition to the confirmation deposit required for admission to the university.

Room and Board Rates per Semester

Residence hall room and board rates per person, per semester, for the 2019–20 academic year are:

- Roommate(s) & community bath: $7,209
- Roommate(s) & attached bath: $7,962
- Individual space & community bath: $7,962
- Individual space & attached bath: $8,188
- Roommate(s) & apartment: $8,330

Rates are per semester. Fall semester is Aug. 20 to Dec. 19, 2019, and spring semester is Jan. 10 to May 7, 2020. Summer room types and rates available on the Housing & Dining Services website (https://living.colorado.edu/room-types-rates/).

Rates for 2020–21 will be available in July 2020. Please expect a 3–5% increase.

Undergraduate Residential Programs

A number of the residence halls are home to residential academic programs. Additionally, several communities offer themed housing in the form of living and learning communities. Visit the respective pages of the catalog to learn more about residential academic programs (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/academic-enrichment-programs/undergraduate-residential-programs/#residentialacademicprogramstext) and living and learning communities (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/academic-enrichment-programs/undergraduate-residential-programs/#livingandlearningcommunitytext).

Off-Campus Housing

Off-Campus Housing & Neighborhood Relations (a service of CUSG) maintains listings of apartments, houses and rooms for rent in the Boulder area. Currently enrolled students may view listings and connect with potential roommates on Ralphie’s List, CU’s rental database, on the Off-Campus Housing & Neighborhood Relations (http://offcampushousing.colorado.edu/) website. The office also maintains a detailed list of apartments and property management companies available for download or pickup in the office.

The department has a staff attorney available on Tuesdays and Fridays to advise students about leases, security deposits, maintenance issues and roommate and landlord conflicts. Office assistants will help students locate properties and answer questions about the surrounding neighborhoods.

During the academic year, the office sponsors several off-campus housing fairs where landlords, property managers and related businesses offer their services to students in a trade-show format.

For additional information, visit the Off-Campus Housing & Neighborhood Relations (http://offcampushousing.colorado.edu/) website or call
303-492-7053. Office hours are 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday. Summer hours are 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Note: First-year students must receive written permission from Housing & Dining Services before obtaining off-campus accommodations for the fall and spring semesters of their first year, as well as for the summer session preceding their fall start date.

Graduate & Family Housing

The University of Colorado Children’s Center provides child care for the children of students, staff, faculty and Graduate & Family Housing residents.

Graduate & Family Housing offers an affordable, convenient and comfortable living environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students at CU. We are home to residents from over 70 nations and offer a variety of apartment types and sizes, flexible leases and community-building programs and events. To learn more, visit the Housing & Dining Services (https://living.colorado.edu) website or call, write or email the Graduate & Family Housing Office at the address provided.

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