The University of Tampa’s residence halls enhance your educational experience by providing all the comforts and conveniences you need to succeed. Recent studies demonstrate that students who live in campus housing have higher graduation rates, higher GPAs and report greater satisfaction with their collegiate experience. Our team of residence life professionals and student staff members are devoted to creating a stimulating and enjoyable environment where you will develop both personally and socially.
Residence Life Staff. In each residence hall, full-time area coordinators supervise specially selected and trained resident assistants. Head residents manage smaller residence halls and report to area coordinators. The residence life staff assists students and promotes an atmosphere that is conducive to academic achievement, personal growth and physical well-being. The Residence Hall Association is a cooperative organization with students and staff from each hall. It acts as an important bridge between the halls and the Office of Residence Life and serves as the voice of the residence halls to the University community.

Accommodations. Many lifestyle options are offered. Brevard Hall, ResCom, David A. Straz Jr. Hall and Urso Hall house upperclass students. First-year students usually live in the Boathouse, Austin Hall, McKay Hall, Stadium Center, Smiley Hall and the Vaughn Center. Howard Johnson Plaza is used as overflow accommodations for new students at the beginning of the term. Continuing students get the first pick of rooms for the following academic year. Each building offers different floor plans. New students are expected to share rooms with at least one other student and may be assigned to triple or quad rooms. Singles are reserved for upperclass continuing students. The staff does its best to honor lifestyle preferences indicated on housing applications.

Facilities and Services. All student rooms are air-conditioned. Cable television and local telephone service are included in room rates. Each student is assigned an individual voice mailbox that eliminates the need for an answering machine. Voicemail also helps keep you up to date with campus messages.

Every room is furnished with a bed (36 x 80 inches), desk, chair, closet and dresser. Students living on campus have free and fast access to e-mail and the Internet in their rooms. Wireless hot spots are available in many public areas. There are lounges, vending machines, card-operated laundry facilities and study areas in all buildings.

Safe and Secure. Most residence halls have card-access entry with security camera surveillance. All residence halls are smoke-free. Austin Hall, Boathouse, McKay Hall, Smiley Hall, Stadium Center, Vaughn Center (floors three through eight) and Howard Johnson Plaza are alcohol-free.

Meal Plan. Sodexo Corp., one of the world’s largest and most renowned hospitality firms, is the University’s food vendor. Residents choose from various meal plans. The dining experience offers a sophisticated approach featuring many options, prepared and served in a restaurant environment. Students living on campus are required to participate in a residential meal plan.

For a full description of UT’s dining options, go to dining.ut.edu.

Roommates. Prior to the beginning of a term, every new student is notified of his/her roommate’s name, phone number, and e-mail address to make contact possible before arrival on campus. Students interested in being roommates must request each other and submit their housing materials in the same 24-hour period before the housing deadline.

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The University of Tampa does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or any handicap in the assignment of students to residence hall rooms.
The Vaughn Center, a nine-story multi-purpose facility, houses 525 students on the third through eighth floors in rooms of double or triple occupancy. While most rooms share a bath, several contain their own baths. A proximity card gives students elevator access to residential floors. The first, second and ninth floors include student dining, a conference center, a two-story cyber café, recreational area, student office space, computer lab and campus store. On the third floor is a large community room with cozy furniture, a TV and full kitchen. With easily stored and accessible tables and chairs, this space is well-suited for events. Each floor has a storage and accessible tables and chairs, this space is well-suited for events. Each floor has a

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Attractive to upperclass students, Brevard Hall has 480 suite-style rooms with shared bathroom and common area and the option of a private or shared bedroom. Brevard has ample study and social spaces on the first floor. The L-shaped building creates an ideal courtyard for relaxing outdoors. Each suite has a living room between the bedrooms with plenty of space to gather.

Brevard Hall's large community room (the Garden Room) hosts events. The big-screen TV, pool table and kitchenette create a place to relax. ResCom’s courtyard features BBQ grills and picnic tables.

McKay Hall is a two-story residence hall designed for 190 students. On the bank of the Hillsborough River, it is near Plant Hall and the library. The west side of the building has double rooms, each with an outside entrance. Two double rooms share a bath. The east side features double and triple rooms along an interior hallway sharing common hall bathrooms.

UT’s on-campus apartment complex, ResCom houses 235 students. Mostly seniors and juniors, residents enjoy living in four-bedroom/one-bathroom units, each with a full kitchen and a living room. Many second- and third-floor apartments also have balconies. The ResCom Clubhouse is the site for many special events.

The seven-story Stadium Center opened in fall 2007 and houses 448. These residents live in double rooms and have access to many dining venues. Each suite has a small living room and two double rooms that share a bathroom. Residents also have the use of a large community room with a TV and kitchen on the second floor.

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Alfred and Beverly Austin Hall houses 425 students who live in suites with two double rooms or one double and one triple room sharing one bath. This nine-story facility houses both men and women and includes rooms specially fitted for physically challenged students. A number of single rooms are also available for continuing upperclass students.

The Boathouse is on the bank of the Hillsborough River and is convenient to the library and Plant Hall. Its 17 residents enjoy the small community and a large deck overlooking the river and downtown skyline.

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David A. Straz Jr. Hall, an apartment-style building, opened in fall 2003. This eight-story building houses 480 upperclass residents. Each apartment has a full kitchen, shared bathroom, living area and four single sleeping rooms. The first floor has plenty of community space for residents to study or socialize, either inside or outside facing the Grand Lawn.

Frank P. Urso Hall opened in fall 2006. This 11-story building houses 182 upperclass and graduate students. Both single and double studio apartments with mini kitchens and private baths are available. Just off the lobby, a community room (the Garden Room) hosts events.

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Learning Communities. Specialized learning communities are opportunities for students to live together based on similar interests. They include Honors and non-traditional floors, and leadership and community service groups.

Honors Floors. For Honors Program students, these floors provide study-intensive environments for those in this challenging academic program. Floors in Vaughn Center and Austin Hall house first-year Honors students, and Urso Hall, continuing students. Students have extended access to Honors faculty and programs. Educational and social events provide opportunities for them to interact with other Honors students and become more involved in the program.

Non-Traditional Student Floor. One floor in Urso Hall and in David A. Straz Jr. Hall is reserved for students age 23 and older and graduate students. Apartment-style living in UT’s newest halls is enhanced with programs and activities designed with the lifestyle of older students in mind.

Leadership. Each year we challenge select groups of students through leadership experiences aimed at helping them create transformational change in their organizations and communities.

Community Service. Housed in the Boathouse, this community develops leadership skills while making positive contributions to the community. Together the group plans and implements monthly community service projects.

Housing Application Procedures. For new student housing applications visit https://spartanweb.ut.edu/ics. Space is limited, so submit your housing application before the May 1 housing deadline for fall, and Nov. 1 for spring. Students will be assigned to the best space available at the time their completed application is processed.

If you plan to live in campus housing, a $200 housing deposit is included in your admissions deposit. If you do not attend UT, this deposit is non-refundable after May 1 or Nov. 1. For resident students, it becomes your damage deposit and is refundable when you leave UT if no damages are assessed. Once assignments are made (during the first week of July for the fall semester and of January for the spring semester), students may not make changes until the room change period, which occurs after the semester begins.

A housing agreement will accompany your assignment letter. This document explains essential information including terms, conditions and responsibilities; policies for payment of fees and cancellations; conditions for release from the agreement; and University regulations. The housing agreement it is a legal and binding document. Please read it carefully before you sign and return the document. Students under 18 must have it signed by a parent or legal guardian.