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Residence Life

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campus life



Key Facts

- ▶ Housing deadline is May 1 for the fall and Nov. 1 for the spring.
- ▶ 65% of all full-time students live on campus.
- ▶ Each on-campus resident has free, unlimited access to e-mail and the Internet. Wireless hot spots are available in lounges and many public areas.
- ▶ Each resident has a private telephone line and voicemail box.
- ▶ Student-to-staff ratio is an incredible 23:1.
- ▶ Room options range from singles, doubles, triples and quads to four-bedroom apartments.
- ▶ Leadership opportunities include resident assistant, desk assistant, Hall Council representative, Residence Hall Association, Team CHAOS peer educator and Conduct Board member.
- ▶ University housing is reserved for full-time undergraduate and graduate students. Part-time students live off campus.

The University's residence halls offer many areas for students to gather and share ideas, relax and just have fun.

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. A local hotel 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.

Campus housing provides an environment of community and friendship. The real fun of



this is living!

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.

Special Medical Needs. Students with special medical needs must submit physician documentation before the housing deadline of May 1 for the fall semester or Nov. 1 for the spring semester. Documentation will be reviewed by our health consultant.

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.

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**.



living on campus is always being able to find someone for last-minute studying or sharing a late-night snack.

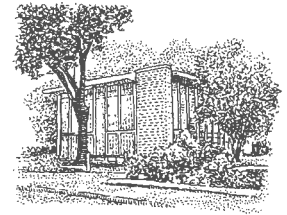
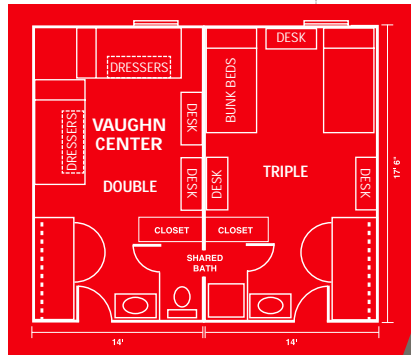


Safe and Secure. Most residence halls have card-access entry with security camera surveillance. All residence halls are smoke free. Austin Hall, Boathouse, McKay Hall, Smiley Hall, Stadium Center, Vaughn Center (fls. 3-8) and the overflow hotel are alcohol-free residence halls.

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 opened its doors in 2001. This nine-story multi-purpose facility was designed to re-center the social and residential life of our students. The third through eighth floors house 525 students. Rooms in this hall are double or triple occupancy. While most rooms are suited to share a bath, several rooms contain their own baths.

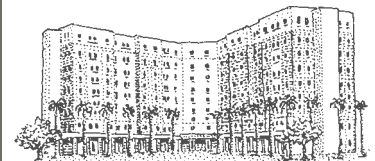
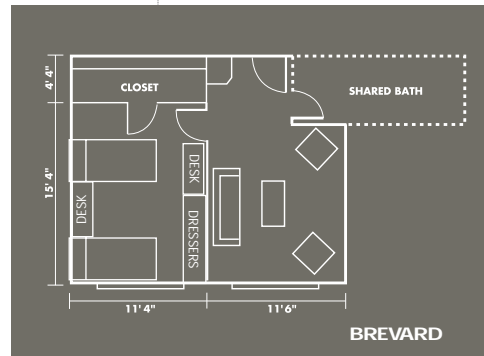
Students in this building use a proximity card for elevator access to residential floors. The first two floors and the ninth floor include student dining, conference center, a two-story cyber café, recreational area, student office space, computer lab and campus store. On the third floor of Vaughn Center is a small meeting room for tutoring and studying, and a large community room with cozy furniture, a TV and full kitchen. Easily stored and accessible, table and chairs make this community space well suited for student and staff-led programs. On each floor is a small study or gathering space for resident use.



UT's smallest traditional residence hall, **Smiley**, is built around a sunny courtyard and houses 130 men and women.

Known for its close-knit community, it is located in the center of campus on the Flagpole Circle next to Plant Hall.

Almost all the rooms in Smiley are double rooms and share a suite bath. Smiley residents enjoy access to foosball, pool and TV in their bi-level lounge space.

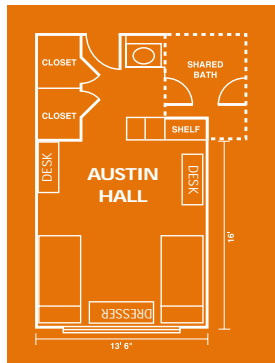


460 suite-style rooms with shared bathroom and common area and the option of either a private or shared bedroom,

make **Brevard Hall** a very attractive place for upperclass men and women to live. Brevard Hall has ample study space 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, providing plenty of space where residents can gather.

Alfred and Beverly Austin Hall

opened in fall 1998 and houses 425 students who live in suites, with two double rooms or one double and one triple room



The Boathouse is home to 17 residents. Located on the bank of the Hillsborough River, it is convenient to the Library and Plant Hall.



Residents enjoy the small community and a large deck overlooking the river and downtown skyline.

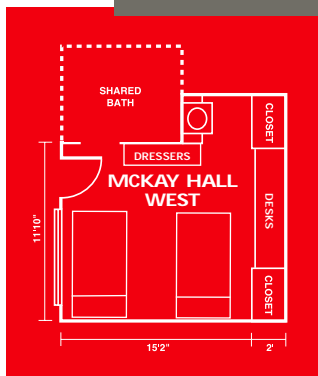
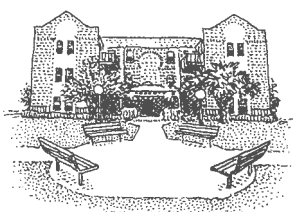
McKay Hall is a two-story residence hall designed for 190 men and women.



On the bank of the Hillsborough River, it is located conveniently next to Plant Hall and the Library. On the west side of McKay

(Plant Hall side) are double rooms that have their own external entrances. Two double rooms share a bath. The east side (riverside) features double and triple rooms along an interior hallway sharing common hall bathrooms.

UT's on-campus apartment complex, **ResCom**, is home to 235 students. Predominantly seniors and juniors, ResCom residents enjoy living in four-bedroom/one-bathroom apartments, each with a full kitchen (including oven, stove and full-size refrigerator) and a living room. Many second- and third-floor apartments have balconies, as well. The ResCom Clubhouse is the site for many special programs and events. The big-screen TV, pool table and kitchenette create a place for residents to relax. ResCom's courtyard features BBQ grills and picnic tables.



David A. Straz Jr. Hall, an apartment-style hall, opened in fall 2003. This eight-story building houses 480 upperclass residents.

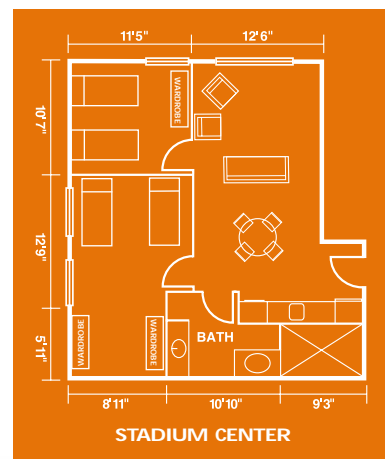


Every apartment has a full kitchen, shared bathroom, living area and four single sleeping rooms. The first floor has plenty of community space where residents can study and socialize, either inside or outside facing the Grand Lawn.

Frank P. Urso Hall opened in fall 2006. Located conveniently across the street from the main entrance to campus, 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 student programs and events.



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



Learning Communities. Specialized learning communities are opportunities for resident students to live together based on similar interests. This year's learning communities include the non-traditional, leadership and honors floors.

Honors Floors. Created for students enrolled in the Honors program, there are floors for first-year students in Vaughn Center and Austin Hall and for continuing students in Urso Hall. These floors provide study-intensive environments for students engaged in a challenging academic program. Students on the floors have extended access to Honors faculty and programs, making the environments stimulating. Educational and social programs provide opportunities for students to become involved with others on their floors and in the Honors program.

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

Leadership. Leadership is a process of active engagement available to students interested in making a difference. Each year we challenge select groups of students through leadership experiences aimed at helping them create transformational change in their organizations and communities.

Housing Application Procedures. For new student housing applications visit <https://spartanweb.ut.edu/ics>. Since space is limited, 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.

A \$200 housing deposit is included in your admissions deposit if you plan to live in campus housing. This deposit is non-refundable after May 1 or Nov.1 if you do not attend. 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 January for the spring semester), students may not make changes until the room change period after the beginning of the semester.

A housing agreement will accompany your assignment letter. The housing agreement explains the essential information including the terms, conditions and responsibilities, policies for payment of fees and cancellations, conditions for release from the agreement, and University regulations. Before you sign and return the housing agreement, please read it carefully, since it is a legal and binding document. Students under 18 must have a parent's or guardian's signature, as well.

Pictured below, left to right: Panache restaurant in Stadium Center, Vaughn Center, a hub of student activity,





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the Boathouse, Spartan Club in Vaughn Center, McKay Hall and Urso Hall.

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