

Living Accommodations

APPLYING FOR HOUSING

The University's Campus Housing Office processes housing applications, assigns rooms and undergraduate apartments, and notifies students of assignments.

Many students are disappointed when they do not obtain a University housing assignment due to late submission of the housing application. **It is recommended that students apply for a housing assignment as soon as they are accepted to UK.**

Please note that applying for admission to the University and applying for University housing are **two separate processes**. Acceptance for one does not guarantee acceptance for the other. Also, applying for housing does not guarantee that you will be assigned housing. Usually, beginning freshmen who apply for housing **prior to May 1** can be reasonably sure that housing will be available when they enter school the following fall.

RESIDENCE HALLS

The University of Kentucky has 18 residence halls and one apartment complex, providing single and double occupancy rooms for approximately 5,100 students, about one-fourth of the student population.

The residential setting at UK is intended to contribute to a student's education by providing a living/learning environment. There are several living/learning communities within undergraduate housing that students may choose to live in. UK's residence halls are the foundation upon which a solid college experience is built. Many current students believe that living in a residence hall is the best way to make friends, meet new people, and become involved in campus life. Studies indicate that overall, students who live on campus tend to have higher grade-point averages than students living off campus.

UK's residence halls are staffed with professionally trained personnel and with resident advisors. The hall director and resident advisors assist in planning a variety of programs and in developing hall governments. Residents are encouraged to participate both within the hall and in the campus community.

All on-campus residents are represented by the Resident Student Council, a group whose goal is to improve residence hall life by planning and directing social, educational and recreational programs, and by providing a unified voice for residents. The Resident Student Council is a member of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURAH, INC.), enabling interested residents to attend regional and national leadership conferences.

Room Assignments

Room assignments are determined by the date the completed housing application, first installment, and housing contract are received in the Campus Housing Office.

If housing demand exceeds capacity, the University **may** offer **limited, temporary** living arrangements until a permanent room assignment can be made. Each year, a number of housing recipients do not come to school, or come but do not stay, creating vacancies.

Roommates

Students may request roommates of the same gender on the housing application. Two students who wish to share a room must indicate each other as the preferred roommate, request the same residence hall, and submit applications at the same time.

RESIDENCE HALLS AND UNDERGRADUATE APARTMENTS

UK's residence halls have many attractive features. Housing rates include utilities, local telephone service, cable television, computer network connection, and furniture. All residence halls are staffed by hall directors and resident advisors. Residence halls provide convenient access to laundry facilities, game and television rooms, vending machines, lounges, study rooms and computer labs. Dining facilities are close to all areas of campus. UK Housing policies and procedures apply to all residents who sign a contract and live in one of the residence halls or undergraduate apartments.

UK's campus covers many acres. Students and faculty refer to the three major areas of campus as "south neighborhood," "north neighborhood," and "central neighborhood." UK's residence halls are located in all three areas. The 2,576-bed Blanding-Kirwan Complex, which includes two 23-story towers and eight three-story halls, is located on south campus. All buildings in this complex are air-conditioned and have wall-to-wall carpeting throughout. The Commons, a central facility, contains classrooms, study rooms, computer lab, Resident Student Council offices, a food court, and a convenience store. The Blanding-Kirwan Complex is next door to the Johnson Center, a state-of-the-art fitness facility that all UK students may use.

Central campus is home to two residence halls (Donovan and Haggin), a playing field, a grill and activity center. Central campus is close to the W.T. Young Library and classrooms for the sciences. The Underground Fitness Center for residence hall students is located in Donovan Hall.

North campus features six residence halls (Blazer, Boyd, Holmes, Jewell, Keeneland, and Patterson), a restaurant, convenience store, and close proximity to the Student Center and classrooms.

Many residence halls have living/learning components that bring together residents with common interests. Halls that offer a living/learning opportunity are identified below by an asterisk (*).

All residence halls are smoke free. Smoking is permitted at Greg Page Apartments.

Women's Residence Halls

Blazer Hall, located on north campus, houses 186 women. This air-conditioned residence hall has a library and music room. A restaurant and grocery are located in Blazer Hall.

Donovan Hall, also air-conditioned, is located on central campus and houses 338 women. The single beds can be converted to bunks or trundle beds, and furniture can be rearranged. The Underground Fitness Center, available to all UK Housing residents, is located in the lower-level of this facility.

Blanding IV and **Kirwan IV** are both part of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex. Each hall houses 167 women in air-conditioned, carpeted double rooms.

Men's Residence Halls

Haggin Hall, with capacity for 556 men, is located on central campus. Haggin has a central lounge and recreation room, and is completely air-conditioned and carpeted. This building has a large study room.

Holmes Hall, a four-story building on north campus, houses 299 men. A vending area, laundry room, and library are located on the ground floor. Holmes also houses a 24-hour study area. Rooms are carpeted and contain wash basins.

Kirwan I is part of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex and is air-conditioned and fully carpeted. Kirwan I houses 167 men.

Co-Educational Residence Units

In co-ed residence halls, men and women are assigned to separate floors in each hall and do not share common bathroom facilities. Students are encouraged to consult with their parents prior to making application for these halls.

Blanding Tower, Blanding I*, II*, III* and **Kirwan Tower, Kirwan II*, and III*** are part of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex on south campus. Each tower houses 624 students; the low-rise residence halls house approximately 167 each. They are air-conditioned and fully carpeted.

Blanding II*, part of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex, has a floor dedicated to the new Interfaith/Religious Studies Community for students interested in exploring various aspects of spirituality. These residents will seek to create a community open to understanding a variety of spiritual beliefs (e.g., Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism).

Blanding III*, a low-rise in the Blanding-Kirwan Complex, sponsors activities and provides tutoring and mentoring for students interested in engineering. The hall also has a "Women in Engineering Wing" that provides a living/learning environment exclusively for female engineering students.

Kirwan II*, part of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex, is UK's Wellness Hall. It is equipped with a weight room, and offers special programming for the student who is especially health conscious.

Boyd Hall*, on north campus, houses 137 co-ed Honors Program students. It has a carpeted study room, a computer lab, a large recreation area, and a comfortable lobby. Rooms are carpeted and some rooms have wash basins. Faculty from the Honors Program teach classes in Patterson and Boyd Halls.

Jewell Hall*, located on north campus, is the smallest of all the housing units, accommodating 103 American and international students. Some residents reside in Jewell Hall during academic breaks (excluding summer). Jewell Hall is dedicated to building cross-cultural friendship and understanding. It has a large study area on the third floor and a formal lounge on the ground floor.

Keeneland Hall*, located on north campus, houses 305 students, and has rooms arranged as suites (double rooms connected by a full bath). The residence hall also has a formal reception area and corridor study rooms. Keeneland is also home to two living/learning communities. There is a service community where students interested in participating in organized service opportunities, such as Habitat for Humanity and America's Promise, sign a community service living agreement and participate in and reflect on projects as a group. The other community is a music/fine arts community made up of students who share a common interest in music and theatre. Participants may be in a related academic major or simply have an interest in the arts. Members will have the opportunity to hear speakers and performers from the community and from among their own peers, as well as possibly receive discounts for local performances, concerts, etc. This community will eventually have access to practice rooms for rehearsals within the residence hall.

Patterson Hall*, located on north campus, is the oldest hall on campus, and is sponsored by the Honors Program. The hall has been totally renovated, has all new furniture and is air-conditioned. Patterson is home to 135 residents.

Undergraduate Apartments

The **Greg Page Apartments** are situated on the southern edge of campus (across from Commonwealth Stadium) on a curving drive near a wooded residential area. The complex consists of 19 buildings, each with 8 two-bedroom apartments. Each apartment houses four undergraduate students of the same gender. Every apartment has its own exterior entrance, a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, and is completely furnished. Local telephone service, cable television, and computer network connection are included in the housing fee. The complex also contains a laundry facility with a vending area.

The **Max Kade German House** is a small community of students who live together in a house on Maxwell Street and become immersed in the German language and culture. In order to be a member of this community, students must apply through the German department.

Office of Residence Life

The mission of the Office of Residence Life is to provide a residential living and learning experience that engages and supports students. We accomplish this in each of the facilities we manage by:

- promoting a safe and secure environment,
- creating and maintaining an effective learning environment with on-going educational programs and opportunities,
- promoting individual growth and a sense of belonging through the creation of inclusive communities, and
- providing a connection with UK and the larger community.

RATES

The cost for living in University Housing is listed in the *Fees* section of this Bulletin, page 21.

Rate Changes

Rates are subject to change at any time before the beginning of the academic year, upon action by the Board of Trustees. Rates are normally established in May for the succeeding academic year.

First Installment

The first installment of \$100 must accompany the housing application. This installment, as well as subsequent payments, must be made by mail to the Office of Student Billing Services, 18 Funkhouser Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0054.

Students requesting a receipt should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Cancellations and Refunds

Applicants must cancel the housing application in person, by letter, or by e-mail to the University Housing Assignment Office. Partial refunds of the \$100 first installment are as follows: cancellation post-marked before April 20-\$90; April 20 - June 1, \$75; June 2 - August 1, \$50; after August 1 (fall) or December 1 (spring), no refund.

Students dropped for academic reasons will be issued a \$90 refund.

After the semester begins:

For the regular semester (16 weeks), students living in the residence halls who withdraw from the University will be assessed a minimum charge of \$100 for room and board through the first week. Students withdrawing after the first week will be assessed a prorated charge for each day in the residence hall or Greg Page Apartment through the twelfth week.

Students withdrawing from the residence halls to enter graduate and family housing will be assessed a prorated charge for each day in residence.

For more information regarding Undergraduate Housing contact:

Campus Housing
125 Funkhouser Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0054
(859) 257-1866
ukhousing@lsv.uky.edu
www.uky.edu/Housing/

For information about any of the learning communities mentioned above, please contact:

Office of Residence Life
537 Patterson Office Tower
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0027
(859) 257-4784
residencelife@lsv.uky.edu

GRADUATE AND FAMILY HOUSING

The University has apartment housing available to single graduate students at Shawneetown, Cooperstown, Commonwealth Village, and 468 Rose Lane. Undergraduate international students assigned by the UK Office of International Affairs have efficiency apartments available at 404 Linden Walk.

Apartments for students that are married or have families are available at Shawneetown, Cooperstown and at Greg Page Stadium View.

For further information on Graduate and Family housing, contact:

University of Kentucky
Graduate and Family Housing
700 Woodland Avenue
Lexington, KY 40508-0132
fax: (859) 323-1900
e-mail: ukaphousing@lsv.uky.edu
(859) 257-3721
www.uky.edu/AuxServ/

DINING SERVICES

The University's Dining Services are designed to satisfy the food preferences and schedules of a diverse student body. Using the system is easy – just access one of two available accounts with the WildCard ID or LCC ID card, or use cash. The two accounts are:

1. **The Diner Account** – this is the required account that all residence hall students must open. It can only be used in Blazer Cafe, Commons Market, and K-Lair Grill; it requires a per-semester deposit that will not be refunded.
2. **The Plus Account** – this account is optional and is more versatile than the Diner Account. Since the Diner Account doesn't always cover the average student's needs, the Plus Account supplements the Diner Account when those funds are depleted.

The Diner Account

UK residential students will be required to purchase a minimum "meal membership plan" for the 2004-2005 academic year. The minimum meal membership plan will provide 10 meals a week for 16 weeks and will cost \$825. Each meal in a meal membership plan will be available at select facilities on North, South and Central Campuses (Blazer Cafe, Commons Market and K-Lair Grill). Each meal will be either 'all you care to eat' (Blazer and Commons) or on a 'meal-equivalency' basis (K-Lair).

A variety of other meal membership options are being developed and will offer greater variety and an opportunity to save money (some plans will include discounted flexible dollars that can be used at all dining locations on campus). Residential students will initially sign up for the 10 meal plan and have the opportunity to change that plan in the summer or early fall. All meal membership plans are pending approval by the UK Board of Trustees.

The Plus Account

The Plus Account is an optional account. It requires no minimum deposit and may be opened or added to in any whole dollar amount at any time during the semester at Student Billings, Blazer Dining Services, Commons Market, The Food Court at the Student Center, The Diner/Plus Accounts Office and DARTs (printing lab machines). All Plus Account monies may be carried forward or are refundable less a \$5.00 fee. This declining balance account is extremely versatile.

The Plus Account may be used at the following locations:

- All UK Dining Services Restaurants and Specialty Shops
- University Bookstore
- Kennedy Book Store
- WildCat Textbooks
- UK Medical Bookstore
- LCC Bookstore
- Singletary Center for the Arts



- Foreign Language Lab
- Computer lab printers
- Copiers at W.T. Young Library and other campus libraries
- Residence hall laundry and vending
- Greg Page laundry and vending
- Student Health Services
- Student Health Pharmacy
- Student Center – Ticket Office, Student ID Office, Game Room
- Computer Store
- The Underground Fitness Center

Students may also use the Plus Account to pay certain fees, such as chemistry breakage fees and payment for athletic tickets.

Check out the Dining Services Web site for information about menu variety and hours of operation. The address is: www.uky.edu/DiningServices/. Or for more information, e-mail Dining Services at: ukcampuscuisine@lsv.uky.edu.

STUDENT PARKING AND CAMPUS BUS SERVICE

Students can access information on topics related to parking, applying for a permit, motorist assistance, bicycle parking, bus schedules, and review our FAQ's on the Web at: www.uky.edu/Parking. You can also subscribe to **E-News** to receive timely parking and transportation news and information sent directly to your e-mail address. For information not found on the Web site, call Parking Services at (859) 257-5757 or (800) 441-0555; or Transportation Services at (859) 257-7202.

Parking

When parking on campus, students should purchase and properly display a University of Kentucky parking permit. The temporary convenience of illegal parking is rarely worth the hassle and expense of paying fines and getting your vehicle impounded. All student parking lots require a valid permit by the Monday before classes begin on Wednesday. Bus service is provided from the **K** lots to Central Campus. A permit control sign at the entrance to each parking lot displays the hours when the lot is being controlled for permits. Reserved spaces within these lots are controlled for valid permits and during the hours indicated on the signs. Reserved parking spots include spaces for hall directors and people with disabilities.

Renewing Permits

Students holding permits from the 2003-2004 academic year and qualified for the same category of permit may renew their permits May 1 through May 31. Other eligible students may apply for permits for the 2004-2005 academic year by July 31. Freshmen and sophomores who commute and any student who cannot obtain an **R** or **C** permit may obtain a **K** permit that is valid at Commonwealth Stadium.

Parking for Students with Disabilities

Parking privileges will be granted to qualified students upon completion, acceptance, and approval of an application. The Disability Resource Center, 2 Alumni Gym, (859) 257-2754, will assist disabled students with the applications.

Guest Parking

Family and friends visiting campus during the week can park at pay parking meters, or stop by Parking Services, located on the corner of Rose and Euclid, to obtain a temporary parking pass. After hours and on weekends, a number of lots are not controlled for permits. A permit control sign at the entrance to each parking lot displays the hours when the lot is being controlled for permits.

Short-term Parking

Parking meters are available in certain campus locations to allow temporary parking for visitors, employees and students. For your convenience, parking meters are located near the UK Bookstore, the Funkhouser Building, the Seaton Center and Memorial Coliseum. UK parking meters have time limits of either 45 minutes or three hours displayed on the meter post and on the tag inside the meter. In addition, certain meters are reserved for specific uses. These meters are identified by signs attached to the meter posts or a sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot.

You can be a responsible and courteous parker by doing the following:

- be sure you read and understand the information provided with your permit;
- do not park in service areas (yellow and white stripes), loading zones (black and yellow stripes), or reserved spaces;
- do not share your permit with anyone else;
- report lost or stolen permits promptly to Parking Services;
- do not assume that because other cars are parked illegally that you may do so;
- do not park in violation (e.g., yellow lines and fire lanes) with hazard lights flashing;
- do not leave notes in your vehicle for parking control officers;
- keep your vehicle locked at all times.

Campus Bus Service

Students do not pay a fare when riding the LexTran campus buses and the CATS shuttle buses. Support for these bus services comes from parking permit fees. LexTran and CATS buses are equipped with a wheelchair lift.

All commuter students and students living on campus may ride the LexTran campus buses to and from Central Campus, residence halls, and Commonwealth Stadium between 7 A.M. and 6:15 P.M., Monday through Friday, during the fall and spring semesters. Buses do not run on weekends. Bus service begins on Wednesday at the start of classes in August and January and only operates on those weekdays when UK is in official session. The LexTran campus buses make about 120 trips each day to and from Commonwealth Stadium and Central Campus. LexTran buses run about five minutes apart during peak hours for classes, and about ten minutes apart during off-peak hours.

The University supplements the bus service by providing additional daytime and night shuttle buses to portions of campus not served by LexTran. The daytime CATS service operates Monday through Friday and includes the Cooperstown Cross-Campus, the LCC Cross-Campus, and the Commonwealth Village Route. The night service operates on a fixed route Monday through Thursday between 4:30 P.M. and 11 P.M. However, the night service is expanded to operate on demand only from 11 P.M. to 1:30 A.M. for students who need transportation around campus, such as between Commonwealth Stadium and the residence halls. Between 11 P.M. and 1:30 A.M., students may telephone the driver directly at 221-RIDE (7433) to make special pick-up requests. The bus driver will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests. In addition to the Web site, you will find route and schedule information displayed at the major bus stops or by visiting the Transportation Office in Parking Structure 2, located at the end of Hilltop Avenue near the W. T. Young Library.

Lexington Bus Service

The city transit system, LexTran, offers **free** bus service on all city routes to University of Kentucky students with valid WildCard IDs. Students who live off-campus may find that riding a LexTran city bus to and from campus is more convenient and less expensive than parking on campus. LexTran's routes and schedules are available on the Web at: www.lextran.com or by calling (859) 255-7756.