Applications for Housing

The University’s Housing Office processes housing applications and waiting lists, 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 early (before mid-February) can be reasonably sure that housing will be available when they enter school the following fall.

For more undergraduate housing information and to request a housing form, contact:

University Housing Office
125 Funkhouser Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0054
(859) 257-1866
fax: (859) 257-6453
http://www.uky.edu/AuxServ/
e-mail: ukhousing@fsv.uky.edu

Residence Halls

The University of Kentucky has 18 residence halls and two apartment complexes, providing single and double occupancy rooms for approximately 5,200 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. 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 Housing Office. Students who are confirmed receive a residence hall or apartment assignment indicating the name of the residence hall and the room number.

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 and request the same residence hall.

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 campus,” “north campus,” and “central campus.” 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 new 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 new W. T. Young Library and classrooms for the sciences. The “Underground,” a fitness center for residence hall students (membership fee required) 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 (*).

The following residence halls are smoke free: Blanding Tower, Blanding I, Blanding II, Blanding IV, Boyd, Donovan, Haggin, Keeneland, Kirwan Tower, Kirwan II, and Kirwan IV.

Women’s Residence Halls

Blazer Hall, located on north campus, houses 191 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 336 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 for a small semester fee, 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 166 women in air-conditioned, carpeted double rooms.

Buster Hall, located in Midway, KY on the Midway College campus, will be home to forty women in Fall 2003. Residents who choose this living/learning environment will have the opportunity to have the “Best of Both
Worlds.” These residents enroll through UK and experience a diverse university but will live in a small community at Midway College. The interests that will tie this group together are the equestrian program at Midway and the opportunity to board a horse at Donamire farm. Two UK classes will be taught on the Midway campus; all other classes residents take will be in Lexington.

Men’s Residence Halls

Haggin Hall, with capacity for 523 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 303 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.

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 625 students; the low-rise residence halls house 166 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. Kirwan II is also home to a floor of residents who choose not to smoke, drink alcohol, or take drugs ANYWHERE during the time they are living together. These residents sign an agreement to be smoke-, alcohol- and drug-free at all times.

Boyd Hall*, on north campus, houses 136 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 107 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 304 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 three living/learning communities. The first 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. In the community la Residence française, French faculty plan many programs and activities for students to enrich their French language skills and understanding of French culture. The third 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. Patterson Hall residents celebrate its 100th birthday this year. The hall has been totally renovated, has all new furniture and is air-conditioned. Patterson is home to 141 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 17 buildings, each with 8 two-bedroom apartments. Each apartment houses four undergraduate students of the same gender. Six buildings in the complex contain two-bedroom apartments for two 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 and a University-operated convenience grocery store.

University Commons Apartments are located on Red Mile Road just west of main campus. Each apartment houses four students in four-bedroom/two bath suites. Each unit includes a full service kitchen with a dining area, a common living area, washer and dryer, basic phone service, basic cable, Internet access, and free parking for each student. Most University Commons residents use the LexTran bus system to commute to classes. This complex has a pool and exercise room. University Commons’ residents also have the opportunity to live in a service/learning community that will likely be located in one of the designated buildings inside the complex. (Please see the description under Keeneland Hall.)

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.

For more information regarding Undergraduate Housing contact:

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

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

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 22.
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.

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.

Mailing of Assignments

Housing assignments are not mailed to recipients until after the June 1 and December 1 cancellation deadlines.

Cancellations and Refunds

Applicants must cancel the housing application in person or by letter to the University Housing Assignment Office. Partial refunds of the $100 first installment are as follows: cancellation postmarked 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 prorated charge for each day in residence for 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 married student housing units will be assessed a prorated charge for each day in residence.

GRADUATE AND FAMILY HOUSING

The University has single-unit 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 single-unit housing 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 40508-3440
fax: (859) 323-1900
e-mail: ukapthousing@lsv.uky.edu
(859) 257-3721
http://www.uky.edu/AuxServ/

CAMPUS CUISINE RESTAURANTS AND SPECIALTY SHOPS

The University’s Campus Cuisine Restaurants and Specialty Shops 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 UKID or LCC ID card. 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 Campus Cuisine and 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

All residence hall students have a Diner Account for food purchases. This is included in the housing contract. A beginning balance of $750 is deposited in the account and is readily available for use at the start of the semester. This account can only be used at Campus Cuisine Restaurants, including convenience stores (excluding Intermezzo, Block & Barrel Ag North, Block & Barrel Erikson, The Lemon Tree and Starbucks) and is non-refundable.

Students returning to the residence hall may carry forward a balance of $50 from fall to spring. (The Board of Trustees sets the minimum beginning balance of $750.) This account works on a declining balance format. Each time a purchase is made the transaction amount is deducted from the balance in the student account. The new account balance is then shown on the cash register. The minimum $750 deposit is necessary for each semester, regardless of carry-over funds.

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 Campus Cuisine Restaurants and Specialty Shops
- University Bookstore
- Kennedy Book Store
- WildCat Textbooks
- UK Medical Bookstore
- LCC Bookstore
• Singletry 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, UKID 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 Campus Cuisine Web site for more information about menu variety and hours of operation. The address is: http://www.uky.edu/AuxServ/food.html.

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: http://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. For a brief period at the beginning of the fall semester (August 25 through September 9, 2003) and the spring semester (January 5 through January 19, 2004) students without valid parking permits must park in the K lots at Commonwealth Stadium. 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 2002-2003 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 2003-2004 academic year by July 31. Freshmen who live on campus, freshmen and sophomores who commute, and any student who cannot obtain a 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 UKIDs. 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: http://www.lextran.com or by calling (859) 255-7756.