Living accommodations

Applying for Housing

The University’s Housing Assignments Office processes housing applications, assigns residence hall rooms, and Living Learning Programs (LLP) and notifies students of assignments.

It is important to note that applying for admission to the University and applying for University housing and LLC are 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. New 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.

Students can be 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 housing as soon as they are accepted to UK.

Living on Campus

The University of Kentucky has 10 traditional residence halls and 10 premium residence halls designed in several different room types, including four-person suites, 2 bedroom suites, and 4 bedroom suites. The residence halls on campus house over 6,200 undergraduate students.

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. For more information about each living-learning community, visit the Living Learning Program Web site at: www.uky.edu/Housing/undergraduate/llp/index.html

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 on UK’s campus indicate that students who live on campus, particularly those in Living Learning Programs, tend to have higher grade-point averages than students living off campus.

UK’s residence halls are staffed with professionally trained personnel, including full-time resident directors, hall directors, and resident advisors who live on each floor. The hall director and resident advisor assist in creating a safe, inclusive environment, helping students in their academic efforts, planning social and educational programs, and developing hall governments. Residents are encouraged to participate both within the hall and in the campus community.

All on-campus undergraduate residents are represented by the Resident Student Association, 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 Association 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 and housing contract are submitted to the Undergraduate Assignments Office. Living Learning Program participants are assigned to the residence hall that houses their program.

If housing demand exceeds capacity, students may be placed on standby for housing 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 halls, and submit applications within 30 days of each other. Living Learning Program participants will be assigned with other students in the same program. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate Living Learning Program students requesting students outside of their LLP.

Residence Halls

UK’s residence halls have many attractive features. Housing rates include utilities, cable television, computer network connection and furniture. All residence halls are staffed by hall directors and resident advisors. Each front desk has a staff member monitoring the lobby area 24/7. Security cameras are placed in many areas of the halls. Residence halls provide convenient access to laundry facilities, game and television rooms, vending machines, lounges, and study rooms. Dining facilities are close to all areas of campus. Smoking and other tobacco products are not allowed on UK’s campus. UK Housing policies and procedures apply to all residents who sign a contract and live in one of the residence halls or Greek facilities managed by the University.

UK’s campus covers many acres. Students and faculty refer to the three major areas of campus as north campus, central campus, and south campus. UK’s residence halls are located in all three areas.

Students should read about each hall and learn about the facilities and the various living-learning communities available.

North Campus

The north campus consists of three residence halls: Roselle Hall, Champions Court I and Champions Court II. North campus halls are close to many classrooms, Memorial Coliseum, Rupp Arena, downtown and many eclectic shops and restaurants.

Central Campus

Central I, Central II, Haggin, Woodland Glen I, and Woodland Glen II make up the central campus. These halls are located near the William T. Young Library and UK Hospital.

South Campus

The south campus is comprised of the Kirwan-Blodding Complex, plus three premium residence halls – Baldwin, Smith, and Ingels. These communities are located near the William T. Young Library, the E. J. Nutter Field House and Training Facility, the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center, Lancaster Aquatic Center, Cliff Hagan Stadium, Bernard Johnson Student Recreation Center, and Commonwealth Stadium.

Office of Residence Life

The mission of the Office of Residence Life is to create inclusive residential communities that promote student learning and personal growth. In order to promote student learning and personal growth, the Office of Residence Life has identified five core values which must be incorporated into all residential communities. These are:

- Safety
- Inclusion
- Service
- Civility
- Academic Achievement
The Office of Residence Life hires and supervises the staff that live and work in the facilities, including Hall Directors, House Directors, Resident Advisors, Office Assistants and Desk Clerks. Each of these staff members receives extensive training in the management of undergraduate housing facilities and can be a valuable resource in meeting any need that a student might have.

The Office of Residence Life also coordinates all the Living-Learning Communities and Residential Colleges on campus. These communities offer students the opportunity to interact more with faculty and access resources related to their academic or other interests.

For general questions about the Living-Learning Program or the Office of Residence Life, please contact:

Office of Residence Life
537 Patterson Office Tower
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0027
(859) 257-4784
e-mail: residencelife@uky.edu
www.uky.edu/Housing/

RATES

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

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.

Apply Online

Apply by logging into myUK using your Link Blue credentials. Select “Undergraduate Housing” on the “Student Services > myinfo” tab.

Cancellations

Applicants must cancel the housing application in person, by fax, by letter, or by e-mail to the University Housing Assignment Office at: ukhousing@email.uky.edu

New students who choose to cancel their Housing and Dining application will be charged according to the following schedule:

• $0 for cancelling prior to June 1
• 20 percent of the traditional hall rate for the fall semester for cancelling from June 2 - July 1
• 25 percent of the traditional hall rate for the fall semester for cancelling by July 2 - August 1
• 50 percent of the assigned housing rate for the fall semester plus the prorated charge for each day from the fall move in date to the date on which the student has provided written cancellation notification for cancelling by September 1. This rate also applies to students who apply for on-campus housing and then never move in to the housing facilities – no shows
• Full housing and dining charges (at assigned hall and plan rates) for cancelling after September 1

After the Semester Begins

If a student withdraws from the University during the semester, the student is charged the daily rate for the time which they were in the residence hall. Students are also charged the weekly rate for the dining plan which they are on or actual usage of that plan, whichever is greater.

Between Semesters

There is no penalty for withdrawing from the University between terms. The student is released from their Housing Rental Agreement because they are no longer eligible to live in Undergraduate Housing. Students are charged the daily rate for the room assignment and dining plan which they are in until they have withdrawn from all classes and properly checked out of Campus Housing.

Liquidating (offered for Spring Semester ONLY)

The Rental Agreement is for the entire academic year, fall and spring semesters. Students who remain enrolled and wish to leave Campus Housing between semesters may choose to liquidate their rental agreement for a significant financial penalty. Details of the Liquidation Policy are available online at: www.uky.edu/Housing/.

For more information about Campus Housing, contact:

Undergraduate Assignments Office
125 Funkhouser Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0054
(859) 257-1866
e-mail: ukhousing@email.uky.edu
www.uky.edu/Housing/

GRADUATE AND FAMILY HOUSING

The University provides living options for full-time graduate students, professional students, undergraduate students (traditional and non-traditional), and a limited number of options for staff and faculty. Student families can apply for two-bedroom apartments in Shawntown or Greg Page. One-bedroom and efficiency apartments are available in all these communities. Furniture is provided in Commonwealth Village, Greg Page, and Shawntown only. (Furnishings do not include microwaves, linens, or household essentials.)

The rent rate in these units includes the cost of utilities, basic cable television service, and Internet connectivity. Laundry facilities are available in all these communities. Furniture is not provided in the former Lexington Theological Seminary or the campus-adjacent options. Please visit our Web site to learn more about the amenities provided for each option. Rental rates and other important information are available on the Web site.

For more information and to access our application, please visit us at: www.uky.edu/Housing/Graduate

Or feel free to contact our office:

Graduate and Family Housing
300 Alumni Drive
Apartment 156
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 257-3721
fax: (859) 323-1900
e-mail: ukapthousing@uky.edu
Our Web site – also offers guidelines for campus organizations for special programs on understanding portions and our commitment to education goes beyond the kitchen. We partner with other dining locations. The world. Low-fat and vegetarian items are also available daily at all campus dining locations. In addition, throughout the academic year, we offer theme dinners and special programs on nutrition. Professional chefs and nutritionists oversee the development of our menu and grab ‘n’ go items. Fresh milk, meat, produce, and fruits are purchased from local farms that follow the market guidelines of the Department of Agriculture’s Kentucky Proud program, including hormone-free, pesticide free, and without artificial flavors or preservatives. Trans-fat-free oils, low salt, and baked items provide healthier options.

We also offer professional menu consultations for students with special diet restrictions, allergies, or other food-related issues. Students who are ill can have a special comfort meal delivered to their residence hall.

Focus on Convenience
Restaurants and convenience stores are located across campus. All-you-care-to-eat restaurants and convenience stores are located in north and south residence hall complexes; popular franchise locations operate in the Student Center; central campus has restaurants in Patterson Office Tower, Erikson Hall, William T. Young Library, and near Nutter Field; other locations are near the Chandler Medical Center.

Students also have the option to eat in or grab ‘n’ go at our locations. Carry out is available in all our restaurants, including all-you-care-to-eat.

Focus on Hours
Our hours of operation include having restaurants open during holidays as well as when the University’s schedule changes due to weather. Changes to the hours of operation at our locations are announced on our Web site and through social media.

Focus on Perks
Dining Services continuously brings new and exciting tastes to campus. In addition, throughout the academic year, we offer theme dinners and special events which feature regional favorites and authentic ethnic dishes from around the world. Low-fat and vegetarian items are also available daily at all campus dining locations.

Focus on Information
Our commitment to education goes beyond the kitchen. We partner with other campus organizations for special programs on nutrition. Our Web site – also offers guidelines for students living off campus to help them stock a kitchen and plan and create basic meals.

For more information about UK Dining Services, call (859) 257-6161.
Service operates on a fixed route Monday through Friday between 6 P.M. and 9 P.M., Monday through Friday during daytime hours. When the University is open but classes are not in session, the Summer/Break route serves campus Monday through Friday. The Lextran campus bus service begins on the first day of fall and spring semesters when UK is in official session.

The schedule for on-demand service is as follows:

- **Monday - Friday**: midnight to 5 A.M.
- **Sunday**: 7 P.M. to midnight

Route and schedule information is available at www.uky.edu/pts.

**Cat Tracker**

Parking and Transportation Services offers the Cat Tracker, a GPS-based bus locating system. Visit http://uky.transloc.com to see when the next CATS bus is coming to your stop. You can also track the buses via the Transloc iPhone and Android apps, by using your smart phone to scan the QR codes found on each bus stop sign or by using the SMS codes found at each bus stop.

**Lexington Bus Service**

Students who live off campus may find riding a Lextran city bus to and from campus is more convenient and less expensive than parking on campus. Lextran offers the Class Pass, a student pass providing unlimited Lextran rides throughout the city. Class Passes are $75 for the school year or $50 per semester (prices subject to change). For the convenience of students, Class Passes are available for sale at each of the Parking and Transportation Services offices. For more information on the Class Pass and Lextran routes and schedules, visit Lextran’s Web site at www.lextran.com or call (859) 255-7756.

**Bicycle Parking and Registration**

The University of Kentucky recognizes bicycles as vehicles and encourages bicycling as a mode of transportation. In an effort to provide the campus community with a safe, secure, and efficient cycling environment, the University requires bicyclists to observe established regulations for operating and parking bicycles on campus and strongly encourages cyclists to obtain and display a bicycle permit, available at no charge. Visit www.uky.edu/pts for more information.

Bicycles are required to only park at bike racks. Racks are located in front of most residence halls and classroom buildings, totaling nearly 3,500 bicycle spaces on campus. Do not chain bikes to benches, trees, handrails, signs, or light poles. As with cars, bikes can be impounded if they are parked in violation.

All Lextran and some CATS buses are equipped with bicycle racks for your convenience.

**Bicycling on Campus and Beyond**

Biking as a mode of transportation has a number of advantages: it’s good for you and the environment, saves you money and is often faster than other ways of getting around.

The University of Kentucky is committed to educating its community about safe bicycling practices and improving bicycle facilities on campus through the Bicycle Advisory Committee. To learn more about these efforts and about upcoming BAC events, visit www.uky.edu/pts/BAC

Here is a list of campus and community bike resources to help you get started:

- Parking and Transportation Services’ Bike Info: www.uky.edu/pts/alternative-transportation-bicycle-information
- Wildcat Wheels Bike Library: www.wildcatswheels.org
- Campus Bicycle Route Map: www.ppd.uky.edu/CampusMaps/BicycleGuide_11x17.pdf
- Lexington Bicycle Route Map: www.sustainability.uky.edu/transportationresources
- State Bike-Related Traffic Laws: www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/601/014/020.htm
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**Big Blue Cycles**
Residential students who sign a car-free commitment are eligible for a free bicycle for a year through the Big Blue Cycles program, which operates as part of UK’s Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library. The 100 bicycles in this program are 8-speed commuter bicycles equipped with fenders, a rear rack, and a bell. The bicycles were made possible by a funding partnership between the Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library, the Student Sustainability Council and Parking and Transportation Services. All participants also receive a bicycle helmet, thanks to the UK HealthCare Level I Trauma Program, and a lock, courtesy of UK Student Government. To register or get more information, visit www.sustainability.uky.edu/BigBlueCycles

**PTS Car Sharing**
Students who don’t have a car can use ours. The PTS car sharing program offers short-term, low-cost car rental to anyone age 18 and older. For just $8-$10 per hour, members of the campus community can choose from a wide variety of Smartway-certified green vehicles with GPS navigation. The cost includes fuel, insurance, and maintenance. Cars are located around campus in high-traffic areas; car sharing spaces are reserved 24 hours a day. Car sharing is a great option for those who don’t have cars on campus, those who regularly use alternative transportation, and those who want to avoid wear and tear on their vehicle.

For more details and to sign up, visit: www.uky.edu/pts/alternative-transportation_car-sharing-information

**PTS Ride Home Express**
PTS offers an alternative travel option for students and employees in visiting a variety of destinations during academic breaks. The PTS Ride Home Express operates at the start and end of Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. The PTS Ride Home Express provides reliable, comfortable, and affordable transportation to and from hometowns or break destinations during the three major academic breaks. The program offers significantly cheaper fares than airlines and faster travel times than other major bus companies. Round-trip fares for the PTS Ride Home Express begin at just $55, with prices varying based on the final destination. For more information, visit: www.uky.edu/pts/buses-and-shuttles_ride-home-express

**Campus Shuttle to Blue Grass Airport**
Parking and Transportation offers free shuttles to Blue Grass Airport at the start of Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks with daily pick-up times of 6 A.M., 8 A.M., 10 A.M., noon, 2 P.M., and 4 P.M. Students should plan to leave campus at least two hours prior to take-off. Students must make their own arrangements back to campus at the conclusion of the break. For more information, visit: www.uky.edu/pts