



Conveniences of Home

University Housing Facilities, Services and Community Involvement Programs

Facilities

All rooms/apartments contain extra long twin beds (80”), which require special linens to comfortably fit the mattresses. The Residential Housing Association sponsors a program to offer these extra long linens to our residents. You will receive information during the summer. Special value packages are available. Make sure you order by the deadline so that your linens will be delivered to your home before you depart for campus.

Room sizes vary by location and room type. Suites vary in size, occupancy, and location.

Furnishings – What’s Provided?

All residents living in University Housing are provided with the following:

- Closet or wardrobe (Expanded spaces may have a clothes rack)
- Desk and chair (Expanded spaces may have tables)
- Dresser
- Mattress pad
- Single-size bed and mattress (extra long)
- Window coverings (blinds or drapes)
- Smoke detectors
- Local telephone service (phones are not provided)
- Ethernet connection

Apartment residents are provided with the following (in addition to the above mentioned furnishings):

- Bathroom(s)
- Kitchen with a refrigerator and stove (see note below regarding ovens)

- All apartments in University Village, the 1 and 2 bedroom units in Roy Wilkins Hall, and the 2 bedroom apartments in Mark G. Yudof Hall include a living room with furnishings.
- Laundry facilities on the floor or within the apartment unit

Note that Wilkins efficiency apartments and Mark G. Yudof Hall 2 person-2 bedroom suite kitchenettes are equipped with surface cook tops only (no oven).

Each residential facility is equipped with the following facilities and services:

- Cable TV Hook Up (Cable provided by local companies at cost to resident)
- Information desk
- Main Lounge
- Laundry facilities
- Meeting space
- Study rooms
- Microwave ovens

- Ice machines (except U Village and Wilkins)
- Piano (except apartments)
- Pool table in most halls (except apartments)
- Sports and recreational equipment
- Vacuums
- VCRs/Videos/DVDs/DVD Player for checkout
- Vending machines
- Outdoor bicycle racks
- Academic Service Centers (tutor service)
- Computer room
- Card access main entry (all halls except Pioneer)

Residents are expected to maintain reasonable standards of cleanliness in their rooms or apartments. Students assigned to apartments and suites/rooms that contain a bathroom are responsible for cleaning and providing their own supplies. At times, due to increased interest in University Housing, some study rooms and other areas of the University Housing may be used for the Expanded Housing Program and are not available for general resident use.

Lofts

Many students use lofts to maximize floor space. All lofts are Provided by University Housing. Construction of loft beds or installation of a purchased loft system is prohibited. Students assigned to University Housing will receive more specific information about loft options and distribution in July.

Lofts are not available in the three apartment communities, Mark G. Yudof Hall (other than 2 person suite units and select supersuites where all beds will be lofted), Roy Wilkins Hall, or University Village.

Services

Refrigerators and Microwaves

Residents may purchase refrigerators on their own (please note: no larger than 4.3 cubic feet) or rent them from the University's contracted vendor. Students will receive more information in July.

Information on refrigerator rental will be included in your assignment letter. Microwave ovens that are no more than 700 watts are allowed in the residence halls.

Telephone Service

Basic local and on-campus telephone service are provided as part of your contract. Voicemail and phones are not provided in your room or apartment. Talk with your roommate(s) about bringing a phone and answering machine.

In the residence halls and apartment complexes, long-distance service is available from the U Card Office. Visit www.umn.edu/ucard/phone/calling.html for details on rates and how to sign up. You can also use a calling card from the long distance carrier of your choice by contacting the carrier directly.

Mail Service

Mail service is provided at each University Housing location. Deliveries are made in accordance with scheduled U.S. mail service. You must make special arrangements with your hall/apartment business office when you are expecting packages that will arrive C.O.D. Information desks will not accept packages unless delivered by U.S. Mail or parcel delivery (e.g. FedEx, UPS).

When notifying friends of your address, provide them with the following information: your name, room or apartment #, hall name, street address, Minneapolis or St. Paul, MN, and zip code.

Parking and Transportation Services

www.pts.umn.edu
pts@umn.edu
612-626-7275
300 Transportation and Safety Building
511 Washington Avenue SE

Bus

U-Pass: deeply-discounted, unlimited-ride bus pass available to University students for only \$64 a semester (2007). Purchase online at www.buspass.umn.edu.

Public Transit: with U-Pass, students can use any Twin Cities area bus and light rail. More than 30 routes serve campus directly.

Campus Shuttle: FREE bus service between and around the St. Paul, East Bank and West Bank campuses. Maps and times are online at www.pts.umn.edu/shuttle.htm.

Paratransit Service: FREE curb-to-curb on-campus transportation for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities. Call 612-282-6619.

Bike


Residence halls & apartments do not have indoor storage for bikes (only University Village has indoor storage). Residents are discouraged from storing bikes in their rooms/apartments due to space limitations and potential damages.

Bike Racks: situated near most buildings on campus (on a seasonal basis).

Bike Lockers: completely covered bicycle storage units available for rent. Call 612-626-7275.

Helmet and Headlights: for the low cost of \$20, a helmet and headlight may be purchased at Boynton Health Service Pharmacy (items also sold separately)

*Based on 2007-2008 room usage.

 <p>Will everything fit? Chart shows minimum square footage for each room/apartment type.</p>	Residence Hall Rooms	Minimum Sq. ft.	Apartments (Wilkins and University Village)	Minimum Sq. ft.	Mark G. Yudof Hall	Minimum Sq. ft.
	Single Occupancy	79	Single or Double Occupancy (Efficiency)	353	Super Single	215
Double Occupancy	145	Private Bedroom-2 Person	728	Super Double	345	
Triple Occupancy	226	Private Bedroom-3 Person	1,013	2 person-2 bedroom Suites	307	
Quad Occupancy	271	Private Bedroom-4 Person	1,261	Super Suite	520	
Suite-2 Person	226	Shared Bedroom-2 Person	671	2 bedroom apartment	649	
Suite-3 Person	229	Shared Bedroom-3 Person	1,013			
Suite-4 Person	324	Shared Bedroom-4 Person	866			

(Please note Square footage includes all built in items in the rooms such as closets.)



Can I work in the Residence Halls?

Earning Money While Living on Campus

Each residence hall and apartment offers many part-time jobs (including work-study jobs) to its residents such as working at the information desk, in food service, as a tutor or with the custodial team. Student employees receive bi-weekly payroll checks. If you are interested in employment, inquire at any residence hall or apartment complex business office or call Student Employment Services at 612-625-2000. Visit the housing Web site at www.housing.umn.edu for current openings.



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Walk

Gopher Way: system of tunnels and skyways connecting most buildings on campus. Online maps available at www.pts.umn.edu/walking.htm.

Escort Service: FREE service available 24/7. Call 612-624-WALK 20 minutes prior to departure.

Drive

Contract Parking: guaranteed space 24/7. Available each semester only through an online lottery at <http://parklot.umn.edu>. Entering the parking lottery does not guarantee a contract. Contract fees are automatically charged to your university student account. Rates vary depending on facility type. Extensions through breaks can be arranged individually.

Motorcycles and Motor Scooters: motor vehicles of any type cannot be transported through or stored within any University Housing location. Scooters with engines of 50 cc or less may park at bike racks. Scooters with engines above 50 cc require a license and must adhere to all motorcycle rules.

Motorist Assistance Program: FREE service (covers lock-outs, jump starts and flat tires) for all legally parked PTS customers. Call 612-626-PARK (7275).

Zipcar: an on-campus car-sharing program. Drive by the hour or day. Includes gas, parking and insurance. Must be 18 to join. Zipcar.com/umn.

Check PTS online for great student employment opportunities.

At University Village, parking is on the first level of the complex. The cost was \$90/month for the 2007-2008 academic year. University Village residents must arrange extensions for break parking through University Village.

Diversity Programs

Bridges

Students involved in Bridges will learn about other cultures in a fun and exciting environment. The group plans a variety of activities that promote cultural understanding and connections with other multicultural students, staff and faculty. Bridges will help you gain

knowledge about multicultural campus resources and provide you with a variety of opportunities to get involved on campus.

Social Justice Retreat

The primary objective of The Social Justice Leadership Retreat (conducted over weekends in November and January) is to create an opportunity for students, who are active in the campus and community and who have an interest in creating inclusive environments, and to develop further skills regarding social justice. Students will be encouraged to share their own stories, hear the stories of others, explore issues of oppression and privilege, develop contacts and support networks across campus, and develop skills to be an ally to many different groups.

GLBTA Network

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies Network is a student-led group of housing students and Community Advisors who serve as a resource on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity to all students living in university housing. In seeking to meet the needs of all students at the University in regard to gender issues, Housing & Residential Life consistently responds to and respects the gender identity that the student has established with the University. The Network hosts ongoing GLBTA socials, dances, educational programming, movie nights, and programs surrounding National Coming Out Day and Spring Pride. Housing students have the opportunity to serve in GLBTA Network leadership positions. If you are interested in getting involved, contact glbtanet@umn.edu.

Student Involvement

House/Floor Government

This organization is for everyone. Meetings are for the entire house/floor, and your ideas and input are welcome whether you hold an elected office or just want to be involved. Some examples of leadership positions include house president, social chairperson, and representative to Community Council. Your community will meet during the first few weeks of fall semester to determine the leadership structure for the community.

Community Council

These councils typically consist of an executive board and representatives from each house/floor (usually the house/floor president). The Community Councils plan social and educational programs for residents and also serve as a forum for students to express their ideas, concerns, and opinions about residence hall and apartment policies and procedures. Attend a hall-wide information session during the first week of school for more information.

Academic Programs

Peer Tutoring through Academic Services Centers are located in all residence halls, Mark G. Yudof Hall, and University Village. The centers provide peer tutors in a variety of academic disciplines. The centers also house a variety of academic related resources and

sponsor academic-related programs. IT tutors are available in various residence halls at specified times and the CLA Writing Center has satellite programs in Frontier and Sanford.

First Year Experience Program (FYE)

The First Year Experience program is a blend of social and academic/educational programs geared toward freshmen. There are academic, study skill resources, and a mentoring program within the hall. FYE is in Bailey, Frontier, Sanford, and Territorial.

Second Year Experience (SYE)

The Second Year Experience program seeks to assist second year residential students in further transitioning into positive connections with the University. Students will be exposed to programmatic and experiential opportunities to ensure their retention and developmental progress both personally and academically.

Computer Centers

All of our eight residence halls as well as Yudof Hall and University Village have computer centers, which offer group and individual workstations and specialty software. A small computer station is located in Wilkins Hall.

Computing From Your Room

Housing & Residential Life offers direct connection to the Internet by providing one active Ethernet port per resident. The connection is comparable to cable or DSL service. Wireless service is available in most common spaces of the halls and coverage of the wireless network is increasing. Ethernet service is available through the ResNet program on our website at www.resnet.umn.edu.

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