

Drexel University

ON-CAMPUS LIVING



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Residential Living

The entire Residential Living staff welcomes you to your new home. Living on campus adds an extra dimension to your college experience. It provides an opportunity to develop closer relationships, meet a diverse group of people, and learn more about yourself.

As an on-campus resident, you (along with the other 3,400 or so residents living on campus) will enjoy many residence hall activities, socializing in the dining hall and participating fully in University events, clubs and organizations. This booklet will tell you more about the services we offer and the opportunities that await you here in the residence halls. For more detailed information, go to drexel.edu/rlo.

Our Mission

To create residential communities that facilitate engaged learning for all students. The core values that shape the residential experience are community, learning, citizenship, and inclusion.

- **Promoting Learning Communities:** Learning communities strive to help you connect classroom activities with residence hall experiences, enhance your self-understanding, and develop the skills necessary to build productive, enriching relationships. Our communities are built on residents' respect of each other's rights, respect of the facilities, and the recognition that living on campus is a privilege that can truly maximize one's development. The staff, residents, and programs must work together toward this goal.
- **Fostering Respect:** Residents have community and professional responsibilities within the residential living partnership. Community responsibilities challenge residents to learn how to respect others and live within a community along with ethical responsibilities that require residents to work continuously to define, develop, and act upon their personal values and belief systems. Professional responsibilities motivate residents to develop skills that make them academically successful while also developing a keen awareness of the world. The residence halls offer a unique experience that enables our students to meet, live, and grow with people of different backgrounds, interests, ideas, and goals. Learning from roommates and others in your residence hall provides academic and personal growth opportunities that complement the classroom experience shared by all Drexel students.
- **Forming Partnerships:** The success of Residential Living depends on the partnerships developed among students, faculty, and professional staff. Our trained staff works closely with students to cultivate an environment that strives to embrace everyone, enhance academic success, encourage responsibility, and above all, promote community involvement.

Getting to Know Us

The professional staff, such as the director and associate director, are full-time staff and oversee the operations of the entire residence hall experience. They are responsible for the management and operation of the Residential Living program. This staff includes:

- **Resident Directors (RDs)** are master's-level professionals who live in the residence halls and are responsible for maintaining a positive social and academic environment. RDs supervise the professional and student staff in each building and work to facilitate community.
- **Resident Assistants (RAs)** are specially trained upperclass students who live in each residence hall, provide residents with educational programs and social activities, maintain community standards, and serve as mentors to the residents.
- **Residential Desk Coordinators (RDCs)** are professionals who staff the front desks of each hall. They maintain the safety and security of the building and encourage community by getting to know residents on a personal level.

Getting Involved

Students in each hall are involved in all levels of that hall's governing process, as well as in the presentation of educational and social programs.

With the help of their RA, students can plan activities such as community dinners, TV socials, outings across the city, and educational programs on topics such as stress management, relationships, social justice, and safety and security.

In addition to activities planned within the residence halls, the Residential Living staff works closely with Student Life and student programming groups to provide residents with a variety of co-curricular activities that assist in their development and adjustment to campus life.

Residential Learning Communities

In College Learning Communities, students live with other students from the same college or major, making it easier to form study groups or project teams. These communities can enhance your academic success by building connections between your experiences inside and outside the classroom, facilitating social and academic gatherings, and supplementing formal classroom learning with informal gatherings and ongoing lecture series.

Learning communities are not mandatory, and space is limited. More detailed information is available at drexel.edu/housing. Past learning communities have included:

- Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Engineering
- Honors
- Media Arts and Design
- Computing and Informatics
- Nursing and Health Professions

Residence Hall Features

Reception Desk

- Reception desks are staffed around the clock and control access to residence halls.
- Desk staff monitor guest registration.
- The reception desks serve as information centers for residents, students, and visitors, and are the "hubs" of each residence hall community.
- Emergency assistance can be obtained quickly through the reception desk.

ResNet

ResNet provides each resident with the following electronic services for communication and entertainment:

- **Network:** A high-speed network jack is provided to each resident for his or her own Ethernet-equipped computer. Wireless networking is also available using DragonFly. ResNet-wired connections are 10 to 30 times faster than wireless, cable modem, or DSL connections.
- **Optional Telephone:** Residents can have the telephone jack in their room activated, at no additional cost, by calling 215.895.2020. Residents receive incoming service through a shared phone number, individual voicemail, and free local calling. Residents must bring their own phone. ResNet recommends students use cell phones or calling cards for long distance calls.
- **Cable TV:** ResNet provides cable TV to the residence halls. An outlet is available to each resident and in common areas. Residents must bring their own television.

SnapDragon Concierge Service

The SnapDragon concierge program provides students with convenient and personalized support services. These services include, but are not limited to, bottled water delivery, laundry, and microfridge/safe rentals.

Mail

- Each resident is assigned a mailbox.
- Mail is sorted five days a week during the term.
- Each hall has designated times for package or registered mail pick-up.
- All students leaving campus are expected to contact their creditors, family, and friends and supply a new address.
- Mail is not forwarded off campus.

Refrigerators and Microwaves

- Microfridges (a combination unit of a microwave and refrigerator) are available to students to rent or purchase.
- More information on microfridge rental through SnapDragon is available at drexel.edu/housing/services.

Parking

- On-street parking in the residential campus area is limited.
- Space is available through Parking Services. For more information, call 215.895.2813 or visit drexel.edu/parking.

Additional Residence Hall Features

- Bike storage
- Study lounges
- Air conditioning in all rooms/suites
- Vending machines
- Community kitchens/in-suite kitchenettes
- Extra-long twin mattresses
- Bunkable beds
- Free play laundry

COMPARISON OF RESIDENCE HALL FEATURES

	Traditional			Hybrid	Suite-Style			
	Kelly 203 N. 34th Street	Myers 3301 Race Street	Towers 101 N. 34th Street	Millennium 223 N. 34th Street	Van Rensselaer 3320 Powelton Avenue	Caneris 115 N. 32nd Street	North 3200 Race Street	Race Street 3300 Race Street
Building Capacity	404	396	624	480	185	312	499	486
Room Type	Double	Double	Double/Triple	Double	Suite	Suite	Suite	Suite
Room/Suite Capacity	2	2	2 or 3	2	3 or 4	4 or 6	4 or 6	4
# of Bedrooms	1	1	1	1	2	2 or 3	2 or 3	2
Bathrooms	Community	Community	Community	Semi-private on floor	Semi-private in-suite	Semi-private in-suite	Semi-private in-suite	Semi-private in-suite
Kitchen Type	Community	Community	Community	Community	In-suite kitchenette	In-suite (except stove)	In-suite (except stove)	In-suite (except stove)
Furniture	Movable	Movable	Movable	Movable	Movable	Movable	Movable	Movable
# of Floors	10	3	15	17	11	7	6	11
Elevator	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Floor Coverings	Tile	Tile	Tile	Tile	Carpet	Tile	Tile	Tile
Washers/Dryers	Basement	All floors	2nd floor	1st floor	Basement	All floors	All floors	1st floor
Special Features	Game room and study lounges	Learning communities and Tutor Lounge	Large on-floor lounges	Collaborative Technology Lab, eco-friendly, open space design	Smart technology study lounge	Great view of Center City from lounge	Large group study areas	Reading rooms on each floor with views of Center City

Building designations are subject to change.

University Housing

Our Mission

University Housing provides an efficient, customer-oriented, and cost-effective housing operation through appropriate technology, timely communication, and established partnerships.

It is the mission of Drexel and University Housing to provide clean and comfortable living environments that are an essential part of a student's social and educational experience and contribute to the student's growth as a member of the University community and beyond.

2-Year Residency Program

To facilitate this experience, full-time freshman undergraduate students whose permanent address, as stated in their official University Record, is approximately outside of a 10-mile radius of the University City Campus, are required to live in a Drexel Residence Hall for their first (freshman) year and in a Drexel Residence Hall or University-Affiliated Housing for their second (sophomore) year. A full listing of ZIP codes approximately within a 10-mile radius is available at drexel.edu/housing/assignment-policies. Please note that incoming transfer students do not need to meet this mandatory residency requirement, but are still welcome to apply for on-campus housing.

Housing Agreement

The Housing Agreement is the basic contract governing the relationship between a resident and Drexel that represents a binding two-way commitment. Residents agree to use facilities and services in a manner appropriate to Drexel's purpose as a private institution of higher education. Residents must read the Housing Agreement in its entirety prior to signing the housing application found at drexel.edu/housing/forms.

Cancelling the Housing Agreement

These pre-approved reasons for release from the Housing Agreement are honored, provided a Request for Release is received within five business days of the event:

- Withdrawal from the University
- Acceptance of a co-op position outside a 10-mile radius of University City Campus
- Acceptance of a study abroad assignment
- Not attending Drexel University
- Not taking classes during a specific time

Please review the Housing Agreement form for more details.

Rates

Rates will be published in March 2017. Please visit drexel.edu/housing/residence-halls and choose “Residence Hall Options” for more information.

Housing Deposit

A housing deposit is required each year when the student applies for housing and is automatically credited to the resident’s account at the end of his or her last term in housing, provided all contractual agreements are fulfilled. Visit drexel.edu/housing for more information.

Room Assignments

- Priority will be given to completed applications received by May 15. A completed application includes the \$200 housing deposit.
- Housing for transfer students is available on a space-available basis.
- If a student wants a specific roommate, both students must indicate this in the appropriate section of the housing application (although it is not guaranteed).
- Incoming freshmen who complete their housing application prior to May 15 will have the opportunity to select their own residence hall and room online in a process called self-selection.

Personal Property Insurance

- Drexel is not responsible for personal property.
- Residents are strongly advised to secure personal property insurance, renter’s insurance, or homeowner’s insurance to cover their personal items while living in the residence halls.

DragonCard

The DragonCard is the official Drexel University ID card. Residents gain access to residence halls with this card, which is scanned by staff members at the reception desk. Students may also use their DragonCard to:

- Make purchases at campus stores as well as many local restaurants and retailers using Dragon Dollars
- Enter campus facilities such as the Daskalakis Athletic Center and the libraries
- Gain access to dining services

Visit drexel.edu/dragoncard to submit your photo online.

Disability Resources

All requests for reasonable accommodations in the residence halls due to a disability need to be made to the Office of Disability Resources (ODR) by May 15, 2017. ODR can be reached at 215.895.1401 (V), 215.895.2299 (TTY) or at disability@drexel.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for housing?

Housing applications for the 2017–2018 academic year will open mid-March 2017.

Visit drexel.edu/housing for instructions on how to submit your housing deposit and application. Applications and housing deposits must be received by May 15, 2017, for priority room assignment consideration. Instructions on how to submit housing deposits are available at the above website. Housing applications are phased as follows:

- March 2017 — Housing applications open
- July 2017 — Online room selection
- August 2017 — Move-in information provided

How can I find my room assignment and roommate?

New freshman and transfer student room assignments, roommate names, and contact information are available in the student’s MyHousing account once an assignment is made.

Can I change my room assignment or roommate?

Yes, but only after the first two weeks of the term. Changes are not made until this time so that University Housing can verify the occupancy status of all residents. Students requesting a room change should work with their Resident Assistant to see if a change is in the best interest of all students involved. Staff members work with students to provide a safe and enjoyable “home away from home.”

What if I do not get along with my roommate?

The Residential Living staff are trained to assist students if there are roommate conflicts. We recommend that both roommates talk about their problems and concerns and determine what, if any, compromises are needed. Effective communication between roommates is critical. Living with someone new and different from yourself can be a wonderfully rewarding and challenging learning experience.

What if my roommate does not arrive?

If a new student does not arrive for the first term, University Housing will contact that student to confirm whether he or she intends to attend Drexel. If the answer is no, a new roommate may be assigned to the room.

When can I move in?

Detailed check-in information, including dates and times, will be sent to your Drexel email in mid-August.

Do the residence halls ever close?

Yes, between the fall and winter quarters (winter break). Students must submit a request for a winter break extension if they wish to stay on campus during that time. Consolidation to a different hall during the break period may be necessary. Residents with an assignment to the same room/hall for the next term are not required to move their belongings during break periods, but it is recommended that they take home valuable items such as computers and jewelry. University Housing and Residential Living do not accept responsibility for items left over break periods.

How do I obtain housing after my first year?

Drexel University’s 2-Year Residency Program requires full-time undergraduate students whose permanent address, as stated in their official University Record, is approximately outside of a 10-mile radius of the University City Campus, to live in a Drexel Residence Hall for their first (freshman) year and in a Drexel Residence Hall or University-Affiliated Housing for their second (sophomore) year. A full listing of ZIP codes approximately within a 10-mile radius is available at drexel.edu/housing/assignment-policies under the programs and policies section. Under the program, first-year (freshman) students live in a Drexel Residence Hall; second-year (sophomore) students may live in a Drexel Residence Hall or University-Affiliated Housing. Sophomores may also live in a Drexel fraternity or sorority house with invitation from the organization.

What is a College Learning Community?

College Learning Communities are available to students who are enrolled in certain colleges, schools, and programs and offer the opportunity for students to live with other students from the same program, making it easier to form study groups or project teams. Each community is assigned to a specific area in the residence hall with a central common area, and they organize their own social and academic activities, from informal gatherings to ongoing lecture series.



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