COVID-19 Response

Updates about Fall 2020 are expected from President Gabel in early June. We are working directly with University leadership to manage COVID-19 response.

The Fall 2020 Scenarios Advisory Team is exploring key spheres of University academic life (including housing/dining), incorporating accommodations for vulnerable populations and contingency plans.

Applying for housing is low risk and we are here to support you should there be any changes to on-campus housing for the fall. Find answers to frequently asked housing questions at housing.umn.edu/covid-19.
Nearly 90% of first-year students choose to begin their campus experience in University Housing, which research shows leads to better grades and graduation rates.

Our nine residence halls and four apartment buildings make up five unique communities—all close to classroom buildings, libraries, health clinics, fitness centers, student unions, arts/cultural venues, various transit options, and metro neighborhoods.

Where U belong

Your building community is a great starting point to make connections, branch out, and explore.

- West Bank (Middlebrook*)
- East Bank (Comstock*, Yudof)
- Dinkytown (Wilkins, Sanford*, Radius, Keeler, 17th*)
- Superblock (Centennial, Territorial, Pioneer*, Frontier)
- Saint Paul (Bailey*)

* Residential dining location
Housing assignments are determined based on a variety of different factors:

- Date of application (first-come, first-served)
- Living Learning Community acceptance
- Roommate requests
- Medical accommodations
- Gender Open Housing option
- New applicants after guarantee deadline

Remember that your class schedule will likely take you across the Twin Cities campus from one class to the next. There are lots of people and resources to help you plan ahead and navigate campus.

Assignments will be communicated via email by the end of July 2020. For the latest about the assignment process, visit housing.umn.edu/moveinguide.
What’s included?

- Furnished rooms
- All utilities
- Free laundry
- Cable & HBO Go
- Gigabit internet & wifi
- Study & meeting rooms
- Tech lounges & support
- Meditation & prayer space
- Lounges & game rooms
- Community kitchen
- Music practice rooms
- Sports & recreation
- Vending & ice machines
- 24/7 staff support & more!
Room furnishings

- An extra-long twin bed (80 inches)*
- A closet or wardrobe
- A desk and chair
- A dresser
- Window coverings (blinds or drapes)
- Smoke detectors
- An in-room cable TV connection**
- Ethernet and WiFi connections**
- Trash and recycling containers

Beds can be adjusted for extra storage space (up to 27 inches), bunked or lofted. Lofted beds provide 55 inches of space below the bed.

Microfridges and small refrigerators are available for purchase from the University Bookstore.

For more information, visit housing.umn.edu/halls

*Different in Radius and Keeler. **Different in Radius and Pioneer.
Visit housing.umn.edu/resnet to review tech services in residence halls and apartments.

**Internet**

We recommend using a wired connection and bringing an ethernet cable and device adapter, if needed.

Personal routers interfere with campus wifi and degrade service for everyone in your building, and their use is against University policy.

**TV**

UMN-TV provides more than 120 channels of digital content over coax cable, and over 200 channels streaming online at tv.umn.edu.

You must bring your own coax cable to connect your TV (set top boxes are not required). UMN-TV can be streamed on computers, Roku, and iOS/Android devices with the Xfinity Stream app.
There are six all-you-care-to-eat restaurants located in our residence halls. Meal plans are required for students living in halls, and M Dining will work with you regarding any special dietary needs.

Meal plans are made up of two parts: all-you-care-to-eat meal swipes and FlexDine, which can also be used at M Dining locations across campus. All you need to use your meal plan is your U Card, which will be swiped upon each entry (subtracting one meal from your balance).

**Meal plan options include:** Anytime, 14 meals/week, or 11 meals/week.

If you didn’t indicate your meal plan preference on your housing application, you will automatically be assigned to the 14 meals per week + $100 FlexDine plan. You can make changes to your plan within the first two weeks of the fall semester at housing.umn.edu/mealplanchange.

Visit dining.umn.edu for additional details.
Move-In can be exciting and stressful, both for students and parents. Our team prides itself on a safe and efficient move-in process.

Remember: check your family’s homeowner’s insurance information to see if your personal property is covered. If not, you may want to speak with your insurance provider about purchasing renter’s insurance.

Proposed move-in dates are August 31 and September 1, 2020. These dates are subject to change and approval.

After you get your assignment, visit housing.umn.edu/move-in to review:
- Room assignment and contract info
- Dates and instructions
- What to bring (and what NOT to bring)
- Connect with your roommates
- Welcome Week schedule & more
Community values

- diversity & inclusion
- care & respect
- mental health & wellness
- student conduct & safety
Community Advisors (CAs)
- Live-in upper division student leaders on each floor
- "House" meetings and 1:1s
- Helps you solve problems or find resources
- Celebration Week and events

Building Staff
- Residence Director & Assistant Residence Director (live-in full time staff)
- Building Operations Supervisor
- Facilities staff
- Student tech support staff

Information Desk Staff
- Student staff
- 24 hour resident support
- Check out games & equipment

Security Monitors
- Report to UMPD
Living with a fellow Golden Gopher can be a highlight of your experience at the U. We encourage you to call or email your new roommates to get to know each other before move-in. Remember:

- Don’t pre-judge; use social media responsibly
- Be open and honest about expectations
- Share your story and learn about theirs
- Compromise, communicate & share mutual respect

Think about your style, too: What do you like to do for fun? How clean do you keep your space? Do you like to go to bed early or stay up late? Do you like to study with TV or music?

Once you move in, your CA will guide you and your roommates through a group meeting where you’ll establish a mutual roommate success plan.

More at housing.umn.edu/roommates
Our team is here to help every student feel like they belong! Living in our communities gives you access to dedicated staff like your CA and resources to shape a healthy and unique college experience.

There are always things going on, ways to meet people, and opportunities to experience new ideas and perspectives.

Take advantage of the chance to make lifelong friendships, find support, and have fun.

- Floor meetings and activities
- Events with your Living Learning Community
- Form your own interest groups—from gaming and sustainability to watch parties, crafting, and more!
- Represent your building on a Housing advisory board
- Gain professional experience—various paid positions with the Housing & Dining teams (to work on campus you will need a passport or driver’s license and social security card or driver’s license and birth certificate)
Community safety for all residents is a top priority. We work closely with University leadership, public health officials, University Police, and others to provide a safe and healthy living environment for all.

All doors leading to residence hall rooms and apartments are locked 24 hours a day. Access to your residence hall is controlled by your U Card. Our communities also have security cameras and Security Monitors with direct radio access to UMPD officers.

Everyone has a role to play in campus safety, and the following tips can help minimize risk:

- Always lock your door and check before opening
- Don’t let people follow you in (called “tailgating”)
- Know where to go for help (Community Advisor, information desk, security monitors/UMPD)
- Use campus services such as the Gopher Chauffeur, 624-WALK, and security escorts

More at housing.umn.edu/safety
Our **Community Behavioral Standards** reflect a respect for the rights and responsibilities needed to foster engaged and inclusive community living experiences.

Residents who violate these standards, go through the Housing Student Conduct process, which is designed to be **educational rather than punitive**. They will learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of fairness, and the crucial role of honesty for all members of the University community.

We encourage all students to know their rights and what is expected of them as residents. Full **policies, regulations, and an outline of due process** are located at housing.umn.edu/rules.

- Respect Quiet/Courtesy Hours
- Possessing, consuming, or being in the presence of alcohol under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited
- Tampering, damaging, or vandalizing property is prohibited.
Think of your housing contract like a lease agreement. When you agree to a housing contract, you are financially responsible for room and board for the contracted period (e.g. the entire academic year both the fall and spring semesters and summer if applicable to your assignment).

Our staff is always available to answer questions and set you up for success. This includes when you are ready for your next big move!

Remember: room sign up begins in December for returning residents.

Also, we host an online listing service to help residents looking transition to off-campus housing and get them connected to trusted resources. Apartment companies will be very aggressive in September, but don’t stress! You have plenty of time to decide.

Review your contract at housing.umn.edu/contract.
We understand that sending your loved one off to college can lead to mixed emotions—pride, joy, stress, anxiety. That is why we have created a page specifically for parents, aimed at addressing your concerns and keeping you informed about what's happening in the University of Minnesota's residential community.

Find helpful information and links at housing.umn.edu/parents

- Move-in directions and instructions
- Important dates and deadlines
- Housing staff directory
- Links to University partners
- Housing email sign up
- Care packages and birthday celebrations
- And more!
Helpful Links

housing.umn.edu
housing.umn.edu/parents
housing.umn.edu/contract
housing.umn.edu/safety
housing.umn.edu/rules
housing.umn.edu/move-in
housing.umn.edu/mealplanchange
housing.umn.edu/get-involved

University Resources

dining.umn.edu
ucard.umn.edu
pts.umn.edu
safeu.umn.edu
facilities.umn.edu/pack-give-back-program-free-store
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onestop.umn.edu
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ocl.umn.edu
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