International Exchange Student Housing Information

Living on campus is a great way to get involved, meet people and be close to campus resources. Most exchange students will be placed in Pierce, Sayles, and Waterbury Halls on Alumni Quad (downtown campus—approximately three miles east of the University’s main campus) or Halls on Dutch Quad (uptown campus) that remain open during school vacations. Students assigned to these halls may move in between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on January 18. Juniors, seniors and other students 21 and over may request placement in Empire Commons, Freedom Quad or Liberty Terrace Apartments (all on the uptown campus). Please note that all housing agreements that begin in the fall are for a full academic year; agreements that begin in January are for the full semester.

For each student there is an extra-long twin bed, mattress, desk and chair, dresser and closet. All of our residence halls have wireless internet connections; in addition, each student is assigned an Ethernet connection and a cable jack. Each suite on Dutch Quad and bedroom on Alumni Quad has a hard wired phone that is for accessing the University 911 system and for campus calls only. For more information on amenities, please visit the Residential Life website.

Applying for Housing

Housing assignments are determined by your housing application date of receipt. Housing applications are available through MyUAlbany. Once logged in choose Campus Life, and then click on the Housing Application link on the left hand side. If it does not work for any reason, please email (and include your UAlbany ID number) the Department of Residential Life at reslife@albany.edu, and they will make sure you can access it. You will also need to pay the $125 housing deposit. This can be paid online via epay.

For more information and detailed instructions please visit the Residential Life website. You will be informed of your room assignment on January 9, with an email sent to your albany.edu account. (If you decide to cancel your housing contract and inform Residential Life by January 16, the deposit will be refunded. If you cancel the housing contract Saturday January 17 or January 18, you will forfeit the deposit.

SUNYCard

Your SUNYCard is your key to access on campus. It is used to access your residence buildings as well as for dining, vending, bus services, the library and more. You will receive your SUNYCard during the International Student Orientation, or you may apply for it before orientation, if you arrive early. For more info please visit SUNYCard services.

Dining Services

All students residing in traditional style housing are required to be on a residential meal plan. You will be assigned to the 175 Meal Plan. For changes to your meal plan or more information please visit Dining Services. Students residing in University Apartments are not required to participate in a meal plan; however, they can purchase any of the residential meal plans or a commuter plan.

Transportation

It is a short ride to the main campus from Alumni Quad, and both the University and city bus services (CDTA) are available free of charge to UAlbany students with their SUNYCard. Students with cars are required to purchase a permit to park in campus. Please visit Parking and Mass Transit Services for more details.