

Life U Overflow Housing FAQ

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Why isn't there enough housing to support all students who wish to live on campus?

This is a common challenge for colleges and universities in that more and more students wish to live on campus. Securing overflow housing has become a common practice for colleges.

How many students will be housed at the Drury Inn?

We anticipate 40-50 students will be residing in the hotel. Life U's residential community will be a combination of new, returning and transfer students. The Wyndham has served as overflow student housing in the past.

How will students be selected to move to the residence hall as spaces become available?

New, first-year freshmen will be prioritized first as spaces become available. Returning students will follow. Eligible students will be contacted via their Life U student emails when a space becomes available in The Commons.

When students are asked to move to The Commons, will students be able to keep the same roommate?

Although we will do our best to accommodate roommates when moving to The Commons, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

Will transportation to and from campus be available?

Yes, Life University shuttles will run regularly between the hotel and campus. Download the TransLoc app for routes and times.

Are students required to move when a space becomes available in The Commons?

As space becomes available, students are required to move to The Commons.



Will there be live-in Life U staff in the Drury Inn?

A student staff member will serve as the Peer Resident Assistant (PRA) for the Life U students residing at the hotel. The PRA will have the same responsibilities as PRAs who are assigned to the residence hall. PRAs help students build their residential community, as well as provide support and connect students to resources. Professional staff members will be available as needed.

How is Life U going to keep students safe?

Student safety is a top priority. The Life U Campus Safety team is available 24/7 and can be reached at 770.426.2911. Campus Safety is responsible for patrolling the campus regularly, as well as the hotel parking lot and surrounding street. Upon request, Campus Safety will escort students to or from the hotel, parking lot and classroom buildings.

Are the move-in instructions different?

Students will report directly to The Commons on move-in day, Monday, September 30, and can check in at The Commons. The PRA for the residential community at the hotel will be on site to greet students and answer any questions they may have.

What should I bring (if different from the on-campus list)?

Students should pack what they would bring if they were moving into The Commons, as they will be asked to move to The Commons when space becomes available. Bed and bath linens are available in the hotel rooms.

How far away is the Drury Inn?

The Drury Inn Hotel is 2.2 miles from campus.

How will students stay connected and feel like part of the campus?

Residents at the hotel will have an PRA who will help students connect to campus and resources. Additionally, all new students will attend New Student Orientation on October 1-2.

Residents are encouraged to use all the amenities on campus and in The Commons, including study lounges, community living rooms, laundry facilities and the dining room.

What is the cost difference between the Commons and the hotel??

There is no cost difference between the residence hall and the hotel.

Do I have to purchase a meal plan if I am assigned to the hotel?

Yes, all residents, including hotel residents, have been assigned the Commons Unlimited meal plan.

Do I need to provide my own linens?

Hotel residents do not need to provide their own linens. Bed and bath linens are provided for hotel residents.

Please note: If/when hotel residents are moved from the hotel to The Commons, linens are not provided.

What furniture is provided in the hotel?

Rooms at the hotel come furnished with two queen beds, chairs, drawers and a hanging space.

Am I allowed to decorate my room?

Residents shall not decorate hotel rooms by hanging or mounting items on the walls, or any other actions that would result in potential damage to the room.

Is there housekeeping at the hotel?

Yes, housekeeping is provided.

Where will I park?

Free outdoor parking is available at the hotel, as well as in on-campus parking lots with the appropriate decal.

What if I am assigned to the hotel, and I want to cancel my housing contract?

Students who have applied for housing who are not required to live on campus may cancel their housing contract without penalty no later than October 4. Please note that the housing contract is an academic year (three-quarter) contract.

Are the rooms about the same size in the hotel compared to the residence hall?

Hotel rooms feature two queen beds and a similar amount of space.

Are students able to select a single room, or will they be required to have a roommate?

Students assigned to the residential community at the hotel will be assigned a roommate.

Do the same rules apply in the hotel location?

Students are required to follow all policies included in the Life University Student Handbook and License Agreement (Community Living Standards). Those policies include, but are not limited to: alcohol use and possession, smoking, guests, quiet hours, keys/key cards and identification.