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Housing and Dining

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University residences

Bowling Green is primarily a residential University. Nearly 7,000 undergraduate students live in residence.

University residences provide a physical environment designed to further the academic, cultural and personal development of resident students. A wide range of living options is available to students and a wide variety of educational and social programs are offered.

Undergraduate students are required to reside in University-owned living units as a condition of enrollment unless they are commuting daily from the permanent homes of their parents, guardian or spouse; or unless they have attained 60 earned academic hours and/or four semesters of on-campus residency on or before the first day of classes for fall semester. For the purposes of this regulation, a permanent home is defined as the actual and regular place of residence in the community in which the parent, guardian or spouse is eligible to register to vote. A guardian is defined as a person awarded legal guardianship by a court of competent jurisdiction. The on-campus housing agreement is an agreement for the entire academic year. A student must be in compliance with the University housing policy as a condition for applying for an exception to the policy.

Accommodations in University residences are available to any University student regardless of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, handicap or sexual orientation.

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for the assignment of all students to on-campus housing accommodations. This office processes all housing applications and roommate requests for assignment to the 17 residence halls and 31 small group living units.

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for the operation, staffing and programming of all University residences, including sorority and fraternity houses. A trained housing staff including undergraduate

resident advisers (R.A.s) is present to help students derive the fullest possible benefits from the residence life experience.

On-campus housing regulations

Responsibility for personal effects

During a student's residence on campus, every effort is made to provide a safe and supportive environment for them. However, the University cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage to personal effects of the student or guests of the University. If a student's parents have a blanket homeowner's insurance policy, the student's personal effects may be listed and covered in such a policy.

Generally, each room is completely furnished except for linens, pillows, blankets and personal toiletries.

For detailed information regarding services and accommodations available, contact the Office of Residence Life.

Occupancy of rooms

Each student is required to vacate and remove personal belongings from the University residence after the close of final examinations for the spring semester, except for the student who receives a degree at the May commencement. Such a student may remain in the University residence up to a designated hour on the day following commencement.

A student in good standing with the University is not required to clear the room of possessions at the close of the fall semester unless that person has failed to acquire a paid on-campus housing reservation for the succeeding semester. A resident who has not paid for additional accommodations, however, is required to vacate the room and remove personal belongings within 24 hours after the close of semester examinations.

The University is committed to maintaining pleasant living conditions in its residences. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to remove an occupant at any time for violations of University and/or residence policies. Anyone found residing in University facilities who has not paid for accommodations, who is not a lawful resident of that facility or who is found in a

closed building may be charged with trespassing. The University reserves the right to assign, inspect, maintain and make repairs in residences at any time during the school year.

Vacation periods

Most University residences are closed during vacation periods. However, certain designated buildings are open during vacation periods and residents may remain over the Thanksgiving and spring recesses or between semesters for a nominal daily fee. The dining halls will not be open during the vacation periods. The Office of Residence Life can assist in making these arrangements.

Change of assignment

If, for some reason, a student should find it necessary to change his or her on-campus assignment, such a change must be approved and processed by the Office of Residence Life in advance of the proposed move.

Off-campus housing

The Off-Campus Housing Office, located in Moseley Hall within the Off-Campus Student Center, cooperates with students eligible to live off campus (equivalent of four semesters and/or 60 earned academic hours) by providing housing information from rental agencies and private individuals on a regular basis.

The office provides information concerning subletting an apartment, public utilities, roommate locator information, a landlord-tenant booklet compiled by the city's housing commission and a checklist for students moving into off-campus housing. Information on Student Legal Services and a sample copy of a lease agreement are also available.

No facilities in town are inspected by University or city officials. Rental agencies must agree to the rules of the Ohio Landlord-Tenant Act, Chapter 5321 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A student who lives off campus does so accepting individual responsibility. A contractual agreement exists between the student and the landlord exclusive of the University.

Room and meal plan charges

A student who wants to live on campus must apply for housing and sign a residential agreement card. Dates and procedures for payment are outlined in the acceptance agreement.

Several different living options are available to students. Priority of assignments is given to continuing upperclass students with seniors, juniors, sophomores and incoming freshmen assigned in that order.

Room rates vary based on the amenities in the building (air-conditioning or suite-style housing) and type of meal plan the student chooses. Most of the fraternity and sorority houses operate their own dining facilities and therefore, the room cost is paid to the University and the meal plan is paid to the house. If a house does not have its own meal plan, residents are required to participate in the minimum on-campus meal plan.

All students living on the main campus are assessed a residence technology fee each semester (see Fees and Charges, p. 24). The fee is used to upgrade and maintain computing resources, services and technologies within the University's residences. Room and meal rates are established annually by the University Board of Trustees. Information regarding living options and rates can be obtained from the Office of Residence Life.

Payment schedule

Since arrangements for residence on campus must be made before the opening of the semester and the University wishes to accommodate as many students as possible, a forfeiture schedule for late cancellations is maintained. This schedule appears in the acceptance agreement which is provided when the residence hall agreement is accepted. The acceptance agreement should be read thoroughly by both the student and parents or guardian and retained for future reference. A residential agreement card accompanies the agreement. It must be signed and returned with the initial payment, indicating acceptance of the provisions of the agreement. Full payment may be made in advance for the semester or entire academic year, or in accordance with an optional Installment Payment Plan described in the acceptance agreement. The initial payment date appears on the residential agreement card.

Refunds

Adherence to the payment schedule is a prerequisite for admission. Should it be necessary for a student to withdraw from the University after the acceptance agreement has been executed, the refund schedule outlined in the agreement is followed. For more information regarding other fee refunds see Fees and Charges, p. 24.

Dining Services

We do the dishes!

Students love our award-winning dining services. Food courts, traditional dining centers, snack bars, delicatessens, convenience stores and specialty restaurants have earned BGSU national recognition and the praise of our most important customers—students. No matter where students live on campus, they can eat in any of the dining facilities. This makes it easy to satisfy appetites even with a hectic schedule.

Dining facilities offer a choice of full-course meals, salads, desserts, pizza, grill favorites and specialty items. Salad and deli bars are located in each dining center. There are also specialty restaurants with tableside service.

Selected dining areas are open from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. and carryout is available. Each semester students purchase a meal plan designed to fit their lifestyle. Food items in all dining areas are individually priced.

No cash needed

For convenience, student IDs are multi-functional. Not only does this card identify each student in active status but can be used to make meal plan and BiG Charge purchases. Cashiers use computers that automatically deduct each purchase from the student's prepaid account. At the conclusion of each transaction the cashier can provide a debit account balance. Meal plan accounts can be added to in increments of \$20 or more at the Office of the Bursar. Balances at the end of the fall semester are carried over to the spring semester's meal plan. All facilities accept cash purchases at all times. Family and friends may eat with a student's meal plan, BiG Charge or with cash.

BiG Charge

Another convenient option for students in good financial standing is to use student IDs to charge purchases in any University dining facility, the bookstore or selected vending machines. The BiG Charge allows students to use the student ID like a charge card, paying for purchases later through a monthly billing from the Office of the Bursar. If the student's residence requires a meal plan, the BiG Charge may only be used in addition to the required meal plan. Meal plan money may not be utilized to pay for BiG Charge expenses.