

On-campus housing FAQ: Fall 2025

First-year student guide to housing at ASU

Is housing guaranteed for first-year undergraduates?

It is expected that all first-year undergraduate students live on the campus associated with their major. However, ASU residences can fill up fast and a place is not guaranteed to those who apply for housing after May 15.

What benefits come with living on campus?

Living on campus provides:

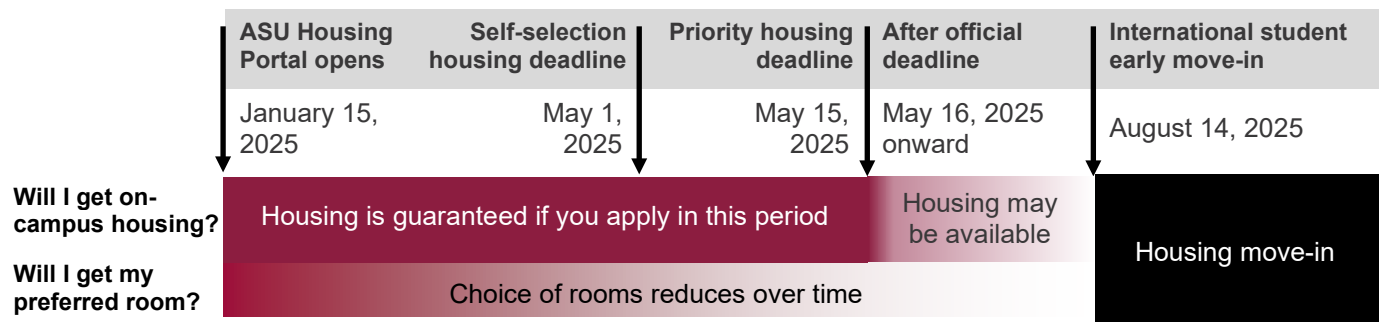
- a 24/7 community of support where safety and security are top priorities
- a residential experience that helps you develop personally, be engaged and form life-long relationships
- convenience to classes and student services, plus campus dining (in Arizona) or grocery stores/eateries (in LA)
- fully furnished rooms and community spaces
- all-inclusive living, including utilities and internet (and a car parking space in LA)

How do I apply for housing?

Once you are admitted to ASU and have paid your [enrollment deposit](#), you will gain access to your housing portal. Apply for housing by visiting the [ASU Housing Portal](#) where you will see options based on your major. Arizona students will also be able to access the roommate finder tool and select their preferred room and meal plan.

When should I apply for on-campus housing?

You should select housing as soon as it is available to you to improve your chances of receiving your preference. You need to wait 2–3 working days after paying your enrollment deposit to get access to the ASU Housing Portal. This timeline indicates what you can expect, based on the date ASU receives your housing application:



Must I have a meal plan?

First years on Arizona campuses are required to choose a [meal plan](#). There are no meal plans available in LA.

Which residence hall will I live in?

First-year students live in a [Residential College community](#) based on their campus and academic major.

Can I choose my room and my roommate?

If you apply by May 1, you can select a specific room based on the available residence hall and room inventory. You can be paired based on your responses to the housing lifestyle questionnaire, or you can form roommate groups.

How long will I live in an on-campus residence?

Barrett, the Honors College students and all West Valley undergraduate students live on campus for their first and second year. Other undergraduate students at Arizona campuses live on campus for their first fall and spring semester. Students at ASU California Center can live in the residence for all four years.

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Graduate student guide to housing at ASU

Is housing guaranteed for graduates?

No, but there is some housing available to graduate students on Arizona campuses. Qualifying graduate students are encouraged to apply early if they wish to live on campus.

Which residences are available to graduates?

Graduate students are eligible to apply to live in the graduate community on any Arizona campus. Your program and residence do not need to be on the same campus. These residences typically have more availability:

- On West Valley campus, [Las Casas Apartments](#) is a three-story complex with several on-site amenities, including a spacious community center, swimming pool and sand volleyball court. Located in the heart of campus, it is steps away from the Verde Dining Pavilion and Sun Devil Fitness Complex.
- On Polytechnic campus, [Shared houses](#) are shared between two or three people.

See all [graduate community options](#).

How can I get to class if my degree program is on another campus?

You can use the [ASU intercampus shuttles](#) to travel between campuses. Intercampus shuttles provide no-cost, sustainable transportation, free Wi-Fi, bike racks, storage and USB charging ports. Watch a [video about the shuttle](#).

What benefits come with living on campus?

Living on campus in Arizona provides:

- a more budget-friendly housing option, especially compared to Downtown Phoenix private rental costs.
- a 24/7 community of support where safety and security are top priorities
- a residential experience that allows you to develop personally, be engaged and form life-long relationships
- fully furnished rooms and community spaces
- all-inclusive living, including utilities, cable TV and internet

How do I apply for housing?

Once you are admitted to ASU and have paid your [enrollment deposit](#), all you need to do is log in to the [ASU Housing Portal](#) to confirm your room and meal plan preferences.

When should I apply for on-campus housing?

You should indicate your interest in on-campus housing as soon as it is available to you to improve your chances of getting a place on campus. You need to wait 2–3 business days after paying your enrollment deposit to get access to the ASU Housing Portal.

Must I have a meal plan?

No, graduate students living on campus are not required to have a meal plan, but there are [meal plan options](#) available for all graduate students – whether living on or off campus.

If I can't get on-campus housing, how do I find somewhere to live?

You may decide to or need to live off campus in an apartment in the surrounding communities. ASU's Off Campus Housing Marketplace has listings of furnished, apartment-style dormitories near each Arizona campus, and other resources to help you find your own accommodation: <https://offcampushousing.asu.edu>. Additionally, the [Off-Campus Housing Guide](#) is full of useful information.