Housing & Dining

On-Campus Living

A college education offers students the opportunities for advanced learning, interesting career options and meeting new people. An additional opportunity of the college experience is on-campus living where learning and personal growth take place in the community environment of the residence halls.

The University of South Alabama offers a wide range of facilities to meet the lifestyles of a diversified student body. As a student, you have a wealth of choices to choose from when it comes to on-campus housing. Whether your plans include taking classes the entire academic year or simply during the spring or summer semesters, you can find housing on-campus. Our 32 residence halls can be found on the west side of main campus divided into 6 residential communities that are home to approximately 2400 residents.

Once admitted to the University, students should apply for housing as soon as possible. The earlier you complete your housing contract the larger your selection of room choices will be. Students who complete their Academic Year housing contract by the published deadline will be eligible to self-select their own room assignment. Eligible students will be given a specific time slot (day and time) to self-assign, which is based on the date your housing contract was completed. The earlier you complete your contract, the earlier you will have access to self-assign. Visit our Getting Started page for key deadlines and more details.

Room Types

Rooms For 2
Rooms for 2 feature an open concept design, which includes a bathroom.

- Epsilon 1 - 2 (freshmen only)
- New Hall (freshmen only)
- Delta 3 - 5

Suite-Style
Suite-Style rooms feature 2 bedrooms connected by a shared bathroom-options exit for 1 or 2 students per bedroom.

- Gamma 0-4
- Stokes Hall

Apartment Style
Apartment Style units are designed for 2 - 3 residents who share a living area, bathroom, and kitchen.

- 2 Bedroom Apt. for 2: 1 student in each bedroom (Beta 1-5 and Gamma 5-9)
- Studio Apt. for 2: 2 students in an open-concept room that includes a full kitchen (Beta 1-5 and Gamma 5-9)
- Room for 2 w/Kitchenette: Same design as a Room for Two but includes a kitchenette (Delta 6)

Private Rooms
Limited Availability - Private Rooms feature an open concept design, which includes a bathroom.

Greek Housing
The Greek Housing Community is made up of nine houses for specific social Greek organizations. Occupancy in Greek Housing is limited to members of these nine organizations. Greek Housing residents are subject to the same contract required of all University housing students.

Visit our Room Types page to learn more about each of these room types and their respective residential communities.
Learning Communities

USA is committed to providing a variety of educational opportunities that will contribute to the academic success of our students. One such opportunity for all new students, including those who live on campus, is membership in a Learning Community (LC). A Learning Community is a group of students with shared interests who are enrolled in two or more classes together. Select areas of University housing are reserved for students in the same Learning Community to live and learn together with three freshman halls (Epsilon 1, Epsilon 2, and New Hall) specifically designated for this purpose.

For example, students in Engineering LCs live together in one of the Epsilon residence halls. Our University Honors freshmen students also live in Epsilon, while our Leadership scholars live in New Hall. Students interested in Language and Culture may opt for group housing in one of the Beta residence halls. This community will have exchange students from places like Germany, Spain, Australia and Japan. The rooms reserved for this community have kitchen facilities, providing students the opportunity to cook and share meals from other cultures.

All freshmen are encouraged to join a learning community. National research shows that students in a learning community report a more positive social life and higher levels of student-faculty interaction (National Survey of Student Engagement Annual Report 2007). At USA, students who join learning communities are more likely to persist to year two, and have higher academic success rates, than students not in learning communities.

Learning Communities require a separate application in addition to the housing contract and prepayment. Click here to visit the Learning Communities page where you can view a complete list of LCs, complete the Learning Community Interest Survey, or learn more information.

Furnishings And Amenities

Room rates include campus mailbox, digital cable, Ethernet & wireless internet access, all utilities (electricity, water/sewer, heat/air, garbage service, and pest control), housing and facilities staff available 24/7, accommodation furnishings, and unlimited laundry access. All residence hall rooms are furnished with a bed frame (adjustable height), mattress, desk, chair, and closet or wardrobe per student. Additionally, each room comes with its own fridge or mini-fridge (size depends on the room type). Visit our Room Furniture page for more detailed furnishings information.

All residential communities include vending machines with drink and snack options. Also, each residential community has one or more common spaces available for student use (lounges, study rooms, TV rooms, conferences rooms, etc.). More detailed information regarding USA Housing services and amenities is available by visiting www.southalabama.edu/housing (review the Services section of the navigation menu).

Additional Residence Hall Info

All students living in University housing must provide proof of having received the Meningitis vaccine at the age of 16 or older. Immunization records should be provided to the USA Student Health Center. Please contact the Student Health Center with questions about this matter (251-460-7151 / immunizations@southalabama.edu).

While all of our residence halls are great places to live, we understand that some students would prefer to live somewhere other than where they are assigned for various reasons. This is why we offer various opportunities for students to request a change once they have received an assignment. Visit our Assignment Changes page to review the timelines and procedures associated with these opportunities.

Visit our Cancellations & Withdrawals page for detailed housing contract cancellation guidelines.
USA Dining / Meal Plans

USA Dining offers a wide variety of food and convenient services across campus. These services are designed with the students’ needs in mind, providing flexibility and convenience to meet their demanding schedules. [http://usouthal.campusdish.com/Locations.aspx](http://usouthal.campusdish.com/Locations.aspx) to review all campus dining locations.

Residential Meal Plans
Living where you learn means that eventually, you’ll need to eat. With the dining experience at South you’ll never have to worry! The meal plan options for residential students offer quality food at a discounted price. The Dining Hall is conveniently located within the residential area. Visit the Meal Plan section of our Rates page for detailed meal plan descriptions, requirements, and cost. All students living in University housing are required to have a meal plan.

Other Meal Plans
Other meal plan options are available for faculty, staff, and commuter students. These plans provide a discounted price over purchasing individual meals on each visit to the dining facility. In addition, faculty, staff, residential and commuter students can purchase Dining Dollars to use at any food service location on campus. Dining Dollars are added to the ID card and are deducted each time there is a food service transaction. Visit [www.southalabamadining.com](http://www.southalabamadining.com) and click on the Meal Plan tab to review detailed meal plan descriptions and cost.

Catering
USA Dining is also the official caterer on campus. A full catering guide is available at [http://www.southalabamadining.com](http://www.southalabamadining.com) under the Catering tab. Written approval to use an outside caterer must be obtained in advance from the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Other On-Campus Housing

The Grove is a privately-owned apartment complex located on the southwest corner of the main campus. The Grove is not managed by USA Housing. Freshmen are not allowed to live at the Grove. Students should be aware the Code of Student Conduct policies apply to all residents of The Grove. For leasing information and all questions or concerns, contact The Grove management office at (251) 341-9412 or visit their website at [http://gogrove.com/mobile/](http://gogrove.com/mobile/).

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