Housing & Dining

On-Campus Living

A college education offers students opportunities for advanced learning, interesting career options, and meeting new people. Students who live on campus have an even greater opportunity for an enhanced college experience! Residents of USA Housing report a sense of community by living where learning and personal growth are a priority. Students who live in one of our residence halls have direct access to campus resources and support staff which helps cultivate a positive and successful college experience.

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, including private and semi-private room options. 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 33 residence halls can be found on the west side of main campus divided into 7 residential communities that are home to approximately 2500 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. Visit the ‘Live On’ section of the USA Housing website for details about room assignments and key deadlines.

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.

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 (Office of Institutional Research, University of South Alabama, 2018).

Furnishings And Amenities

Room rates include campus mail box, digital cable, Ethernet, 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 Residence Hall page for more detailed furnishings information for each residential community. USA Housing and Facilities staff are available 24/7 to ensure all resident maintenance concerns are addressed quickly and effectively.

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 the ‘Explore’ section on our USA Housing website.
Additional Residence Hall Info

All students living in University housing must provide proof of having received the Meningitis vaccine within the last 5 years by uploading to the Student Health Web Portal: studenthealth.southalabama.edu. Please call Student Health at (251) 460-7151 should you encounter any problems.

While all of the rooms in our residence halls are great places to live, we understand that some students would prefer to live in a different room than where they are assigned for various reasons. This is why we offer several opportunities for students to request a room change after receiving their initial assignment. Please visit the ‘Assignment Process’ section of your specific classification online at the USA Housing website 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. Click Here 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.

Commuter Student And Faculty/Staff Meal Plans
Meal plan options are also available for faculty, staff, and commuter students. These plans provide a discounted price over purchasing individual meals on each visit to the dining facility.

Other Meal Plans
In addition, faculty, staff, residential and commuter students can purchase Dining Dollars to use at any food service location on campus. Dining Dollars never expire! These funds are added to the Jag ID card and are deducted each time there is a food service transaction.

Click Here to review detailed meal plan descriptions and cost.

Catering
USA Dining is also the exclusive caterer on campus. A full catering guide is available online under the Catering tab. Click Here to view the full catering guide. Don’t see what you want listed in the guide? Call USA Catering to request a custom menu. 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 https://www.groveatmobile.com/
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