Housing & Dining

On-Campus Living

A college education offers students 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 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. Students who complete their Academic Year housing contract by the published deadline are invited to assign themselves during the online ‘Room Selection’ process. Eligible students will receive notice via JagMail of their time slot with further instructions as to how to participate in Room Selection. Your specific time slot (day and time) will be determined by the date your housing contract was completed. During your invited time, you select your exact room from what’s available at the time of your participation. Those who choose not participate in Room Selection will be assigned by USA Housing AFTER closing Room Selection. 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*)
- Azalea Hall  (*freshmen only*)
- Camellia Hall  (*freshmen only*)
- Delta 3

Suite-Style For 1
Suite-Style for 1 rooms feature 2 bedrooms connected by a shared bathroom, with 1 student in each 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.
Fraternity & Sorority Housing
The Fraternity & Sorority Housing Community is made up of nine houses for specific social Greek organizations. Occupancy in Fraternity & Sorority Housing is limited to members of those specific organizations. Fraternity & Sorority 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.

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.

Furnishings And Amenities
Room rates include campus mail box, 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 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 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 after receiving their initial 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. 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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