Freshman Housing Options

Frequently Asked Questions - for first year students -

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- **Sooner Housing Center**: 51% student, 49% student-athlete.


**What furniture is provided?**

- **Suite-Style**: moveable furniture; two extra-long twin size beds, two desks with chairs, two wardrobes (closets), two chests of drawers, two night stands, and mini blinds.
- **Community Style**: two standard twin beds, two desks with chairs, one bureau, built-in bookshelves, two closets, and mini blinds.

**What size sheets do I need?**

Mattresses in Adams, Couch and Walker Centers are all 4"/6" polyfoam, measuring 36"x 82". Mattresses in Cate Center are 4"/6" polyfoam, measuring 36"x 75". In order to assure that sheets fit mattresses accordingly, please be sure to purchase extra-long twin sheets.

**What are my meal plan options?**

- **8 meals per week / 450 MPP per semester**
- **12 meals per week / 150 MPP per semester**
- **10 meals per week / 300 MPP per semester**
- **8 meals per week / 450 MPP per semester**
- **6 meals per week / 600 MPP per semester**

Visit [food.ou.edu](http://food.ou.edu) for details on Enhanced Meal Plans!

**What size does a resident adviser do?**

Resident Advisers are assigned to the community to be a resource for students. They will hold floor meetings to go over important information and get students acclimated to OU. RAs are also responsible for hosting fun activities in their communities for students to attend and enjoy. The RA also serves as someone who is there for the student, should a student have questions, their RA is always there for them.

**What are the other perks of living in the residence halls?**

- expanded basic cable TV in residence hall rooms
- pool tables, ping-pong tables and vending machines in each center
- 24-hr computer labs with printers in Walker and Couch
- 24-hr monitored quiet study areas in Adams Center, in addition to the Practice Rooms (reserve space here to practice your musical instrument, rehearse lines or sing)
- high-speed Internet connections in each residence hall room
- online laundry alert program
- free tutoring with the Housing Learning Center in Adams Center
- 24-hr maintenance
- most convenient location

Visit [housing.ou.edu](http://housing.ou.edu) for even more perks!

**When will I know my room and roommate?**

Your roommate and room assignment e-mail letter will be sent to you in late June to your OU e-mail address, once you have submitted your housing application, been accepted to OU, completed your OU Housing contract and taken action in the Enrollment Commitment Program.

Please check your OU e-mail frequently throughout the summer for updates from Housing and Food Services. Mutual requests for roommates must be honored on a first come, first served basis by May 1.

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Are laundry facilities available?

Each residence hall has a designated laundry area. In the Towers, the laundry center is located in the basement. A conveniently located laundry center is available adjacent to Cate ala Carte for Cate Center and David L Boren Hall residents. All residence hall laundry machines use Sooner Sense. Visit ou.edu/Onecard for more details on how to upload Sooner Sense to your OU student ID card.

**What type of restaurants are on campus?**

OU offers a wide variety of on-campus dining options. Located in Couch Restaurants, you can find anything from Shanghai Stir Fry (prepared on-the-spot stir fry with the freshest ingredients) to Casa del Sol (made-to-order burritos, nachos and tacos) to the Sooner Sweet Shoppe (desserts galore) and Vegetation Station (vegan/vegetarian entrees, sides and desserts). Couch Restaurants offers more than a dozen different restaurant-style concepts, all for one price! Throughout campus, you can find other dining options such as deli sandwiches, brick-oven pizza, burgers, smoothies and other great selections. OU also offers familiar dining choices such as Wendy’s, Chick-fil-A, Taco Mayo, Quiznos, Starbucks, and Burger King. With more than 20 on-campus dining options, we are certain you’ll be satisfied! All campus restaurants accept OU Meal Plans.

**What are my meal plan options?**

Meals may be used at Couch Restaurants, our all-you-care-to-eat location, centrally located within the residence halls. Meal plan points are a debit card system that may be used at all campus food service locations. 1 Meal Plant Point = $1.

Meals can also be used at certain locations during “meal exchange” hours when Couch Restaurants is closed or in any of the restaurants south of Lindsey Street in the residence hall area.

*Best value, offering more meals at Couch Restaurants

**Is there a curfew in the residence halls?**

Within freshman communities, residents and guests of residents will follow the visitation hours for that community, but there is not a curfew. Community members may have guests visit between 11 a.m. - midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. All residents should also observe community quiet hours, 9 p.m. - 11 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, Midnight - 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Learn more about items to bring/leave at home, residence life, food services and your community at [housing.ou.edu](http://housing.ou.edu).

Additional details on campus living and dining will be in the Community Living Guide, available from the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the screen; select “All Forms” and then “Residence Hall Community Living Guide”.

Please review the three styles of residence halls, [www.ou.edu/content/housingandfood/residence_halls.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/housingandfood/residence_halls.html)

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**Housing Process Checklist**

- **Step One: Housing Application**
  
  A. Visit housing.ou.edu and click on the box that says “Step One - Application”, on the right-hand side of the screen at the top of the page.
  
  B. You will either need your OU 4x4 (if you have already been admitted to OU) or the one-time username/password e-mailed to you after you completed the OU application. This one-time username/password is sent to the e-mail address you listed in your OU application and will be sent from housinginfo@ou.edu. If you feel you did not receive your one-time username/password, please contact housinginfo@ou.edu to request this information.
  
  C. Complete the application and pay the non-refundable $30 fee. The confirmation of your payment you receive will be the only confirmation you receive for this step. Please save it for your records.

- **Step Two: Housing Contract**
  
  D. Once formally admitted to OU, you should receive an e-mail to your OU e-mail address providing a link to the freshman residence hall contract. You may also access the contract directly once you’ve been formally admitted to OU and you’ve completed your OU Housing application, visit housing.ou.edu and click “Step Two - Contract”, on the right hand side of the screen at the top of the page. To set up your OU e-mail account, please visit https://webapps.ou.edu/pass/. You will need the same login used for access your OU e-mail account to access your housing contract. If you prefer a paper contract, please request one by e-mailing housinginfo@ou.edu or by calling (405)325-2511.
  
  E. Complete the Enrollment Commitment requirements by visiting commit.ou.edu or by following the link provided on the housing contract.
  
  F. Complete the contract entirely following all instructions provided. If you are requesting a roommate, you must do so by May 1, and include their OU ID number and full legal name. Roommate requests must be mutual. You are encouraged to carefully read the entire contract including the terms and conditions. Once you click submit and receive a confirmation page, your contract is legally binding.
  
  G. You will receive an immediate confirmation of your payment. You will then receive a confirmation e-mail once your contract has been processed.

Once you have submitted your contract, you may make changes to it. Please email your changes to housinginfo@ou.edu from your OU email account. Please be sure to include your OU ID number in your email.

- **Step Three: Housing Assignment**
  
  H. Housing assignments will be processed in late June. Assignments are based on Priority Date (All housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is determined by completion of the enrollment commitment, enrollment or approved deferral, and receipt of completed contract. We will do our best to meet your requests, as space allows).
  
  I. You will receive your assignment in the summer once we have confirmed your status in the Enrollment Commitment program and received your contract. Your assignment e-mail (sent to your OU e-mail account) will include details about your August move-in day and roommate contact information. Please check your OU e-mail for your housing assignment.

**Questions?**

Talk to a Housing and Food Services Prospective Student Guide! These current residents/students are available to answer your OU campus living and dining questions. They will help you through the application and contract process, and also teach you all about campus meal plans. They are ready to serve as your personal tour guide and contact for all things OU Housing and Food Services. Email them today at hfsstudentguide@ou.edu or call (405)325-2511.

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