

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

HOUSING & DINING ORIENTATION

FOR FRESHMEN STUDENTS
LIVING ON CAMPUS 2019-2020



For many students, going to college is the first time they've ever lived away from home. It's an exciting time...for everyone.

To help your student make the transition to college, one of the best things to do is just to listen to them, and support them in their new independence. It's natural to want to play an active role and fix all their problems for them.

their new friends and have mutual respect. If difficulties should arise, they can work with their roommates, hall-mates and Resident Advisor (RA) to discuss "concerns" before they become "issues."

The RA will become a positive key figure in your student's life: they are students who are there to encourage community, as well

self-aware and productive members of their community.

The first two weeks on campus are especially critical.

We can't stress this enough! We schedule dozens of events that help students to meet their neighbors, explore the campus, and get involved with campus life.

We urge students to stay on campus, without interruption, from your Move-In Day (Sept. 21 or Sept. 22) through Friday, October 4.

Help us keep them here by encouraging them to stay and build new friendships.

Tens of thousands of first-year students have made this journey with us before, and the results usually turn out pretty good. However, **if you do have questions or concerns, we are here for you.** We especially want to hear if you are aware of a problem that we do not know about.

We want to work with you to keep your student happy and comfortable. Feel free to contact your student's Resident Services Office (RSO) and ask questions. Also, feel free to contact us via email (housinginfo@ucr.edu) or by calling us at (951) 827-6350.

DEAR UCR FAMILY

Your student is ready for college

housing. And we're ready for them.

But experience tells us **it is far better to let them make their own decisions**, and handle whatever situations may arise.

Encourage them to enjoy

as being trained in conflict mediation and emergency response.

RAs also plan programs and activities that help residents become active,

Moving in to a university residence hall may be one of the most exhilarating experiences of your life. And we're excited to have you live with us.

Your NEXT orientation to UCR won't begin until you arrive (on Saturday, Sept 21 or Sunday, Sept 22), as you and a thousand or so strangers begin to mix it up in your new community. Since everyone starts off from the same place at Highlander Orientation, you will all have at least that much in common.

With that in mind, we have some handy survival tips that will make those first few days that much easier:

TIP #1:
Space is tight.

Bring less than you think you need. A lot less. You can always get more later.

TIP #2:
On your first day here, talk to your roommate. A lot.

Chances are they'll become your first friend at college. Maybe even your BFF. Also, meet your hallmates. You're going to be spending lots of time with them this year.

TIP #3:
Rely on your RA.

Resident Advisors are students, like you. They've lived through freshman year in the residence halls, and have experienced everything you're about to. They've been there, done that. Literally.

Think of them as a human Google; if you want to know something, chances are they already have the answer.

Chances are, they're going to need someone to talk with, too.

TIP #5:
You can't really prepare for your first year of college.

The good news: Virtually everyone makes it through unscathed. Through your willingness to engage in the unknown and simply asking

DEAR FUTURE RESIDENT

**Relax. Everyone will be just as excited
and anxious as you. Here's how to cope.**

TIP #4:
You are not alone.

Talk to your roommate, folks down the hall, and those sitting across from you at lunch.

questions, you will already be preparing yourself.

The bad news: You only get to be a freshman once.

FAQs

We've anticipated many of your questions and tried to answer them below.

In addition, the **Residence Halls Resident Handbook (available online in September) contains a wealth of information. We encourage you to read the entire Handbook when available, as it's full of information about university and Residence Hall services, programs and official policies.**

When do I move into the Residence Halls?

Your Move-In Day will be either Saturday, Sept. 21 or Sunday, Sept 22, 2019. Final details, including room assignment confirmations and individual move-in times, will be distributed during the first week of September. We encourage all students to move in on their assigned dates.

Can I move in earlier?

No. Residential staff are in training and final building preparations are being made until the weekend of September 21-22. Dining services and appropriate security are also not in effect until this time.


Can I move in later?

It's possible, but strongly

discouraged; hall meetings begin the night of your move-in. If you **MUST** be delayed (due to an emergency or other conflict), email us at housinginfo@ucr.edu beforehand so we don't prematurely cancel your contract.

When will I know about my assignment?

You will be invited to take



part in roommate and room self-assignment during the summer and will therefore have a good idea of your assignment by August 1.

However, you will be mailed important Move-In Day information and resources—including how to confirm your room assignment and roommate(s), where to park and when to arrive—during the first week

of September. The same information will be available at your MyHousing portal.

How do you pick my room and my roommate?

We don't; you do! During the summer, you will be invited to self-select your roommate(s) and your room online. Even if you are unable to select a

roommate, you will have the opportunity to self-select a room. If you have difficulty or would rather not pick your roommate or your room on your own, we will do it for you at the end of summer using the information you and provided in the Residence Halls Contract.

What if I can't find my preferred room assignment?

If you do not care for the options available when you take part in the self-assignment process, it may be because there is more demand for a specific hall or building than there is space. But you can take heart in the fact that all communities feature similar services and programs and all rooms offer the same basic amenities. In the end, remember that your contract is for a double- or triple-occupancy space, as available. Specific preferences cannot be guaranteed.

What about roommates?

You are in the driver's seat when picking a roommate.

There are multiple ways in which you are able to meet and match yourself with another prospective resident through our self-assignment process.

However, we know that some of you haven't shared a room before, or with someone other than a family member. But we believe—and

studies have shown—that there's a real value in having a roommate at college. Surveys report most residents have positive relationships with their roommates. In addition, roommates often become life-long friends.

Frequently, students meet someone during Orientation that they'd like as a roommate. If this happens, you can log back into the MyHousing portal and request each other as roommates.

Can I talk to my roommate now?

Yes. The self-assignment process will give you the ability to get in contact with other prospective residents.

If you choose to let us assign your room and roommate—which we have lots of experience doing—the MyHousing portal will give you information about contacting your roommate(s) during the first week of September, assuming your future roommate(s) have authorized the release of their contact information.

Do you have single-gender Halls?

No. We continually survey residents on the desire for single-gender halls, and there is currently little demand.

What's provided in my room?

Each resident receives the following: extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet and bulletin board. Each room includes window coverings, towel rack, ceiling light, telephone outlet, high-speed Internet connection, mirror and a MicroFridge (combination microwave and refrigerator).

What's provided in each Residence Hall?

In A-I and Lothian, each community of 40-50 students has one male bathroom, one female bathroom, a hall lounge (sofas, study table, TV with DVD player) and a laundry room.

In Pentland Hills, residents live in single-gender suites.



Each suite has four double- or triple-occupancy rooms, two toilet rooms, two shower rooms, a small living room and a kitchenette with a microwave and refrigerator. Each hall community also has a central hall lounge (kitchen, sofas, study table, TV with DVD player) and a laundry room.

What do we need to bring with us in the fall?

Bed linens for an extra-long twin bed (mattress pad, sheets, blanket, bedspread

or comforter, pillow, pillowcase), towels (wash cloth, hand towel, bath towel), desk lamp, wastebasket, telephone, alarm clock, clothes and decorations.

Can I bring my own fridge and/or microwave?

No, these are included in every room. We don't allow other appliances due to power and space concerns.

What about phones?

Each room comes pre-set with a free wired phone line. Merely plug in a phone and you can make free campus calls (plus 911 emergency calls) and receive calls (but not collect calls). You will get a personal authorization code to make outside calls, which makes personalized billing easy. Obviously, don't share your code. Cell phones are fine, of course.



What staff members work with residents?

All Housing, Dining and Residential Life staff are experienced at working with and for student residents.

But you will have particular opportunity to interact with the following “Residential Life” staff who actually live with you in your community.

Members of the “ResLife” team include:

RESIDENT ADVISORS (RA)

Students who live on the halls and are responsible for creating the hall community.

PROGRAM ADVISORS (PA)

Students who live in the communities and assist with promoting and planning large-scale events and programs.

PROGRAM ADVISORS FOR ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Students who live in the communities and assist with promoting and planning academic programs.

ASSISTANT RESIDENT

DIRECTORS (ARD) Para-professionals who assist Resident Directors and others in supervising student staff members.

RESIDENT DIRECTORS (RD)

Full time professional staff who live in the community. They supervise staff, coordinate daily operations, manage conduct and assist residents with personal issues.

Residential Life is committed to providing an environment that promotes the personal and academic success of each student who lives on campus. We accomplish this by living true to the Housing mission: Providing a safe and inclusive living experience that supports academic success and personal development.

Our diverse, energetic and dedicated staff partners with UCR Housing to oversee all aspects of the student experience in the Residence

Halls. Our professional staff members are all trained in emergency response, conflict mediation and student development theory, and most have advanced degrees in higher education or a related field.

What is the “RSO,” and what does it do?

RSO stands for **RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE**, and every residential community has one of their own. Each RSO serves as an information and resource center for their community. The full-time professional staff is assisted by students, and provides the following services: general



hall and campus information, move-in/move-out assistance, mail distribution, emergency assistance, key check-out for lock-outs and equipment check-out.

Maintenance and house-keeping staff keep the Residence Halls in top condition. An online service request system allows residents to submit requests for repairs 24/7. They are also available after-hours for emergencies.

How do you help students academically?

The Residence Halls feature a **STUDENT HOUSING ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (SHARC)**, centrally

located at Pentland Hills.

All buildings have academic support facilities, which include computer labs (PCs with printers and Internet connections), study lounges,

tutoring, seminars and advising. We offer many academic programs to residents, including how to choose a major, finding careers in your major, and administering test and finals preparation sessions.

In addition, we work with the colleges to house special living-learning communities, including CHASS (College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences); SIMS (Students in Math & Science); Enginuity (Engineering students); Honors Hall (University Honors members); and Pre-Business.

Is there high-speed internet?

The Residence Halls are all outfitted with high-speed wireless service (there are also wired data connections in each room). The cost is included in your Housing rate. Many spots on campus offer free Wi-Fi, as well. Information on set-up is provided at move-in.

Can I bring my car?

Due to limited parking availability, Freshman residents are not allowed to bring a

vehicle to campus. However, there are many ways for students without cars to get around, including: short-term car rental (Zipcar); ride matching (Zimride); unlimited free rides on the RTA's local and long-distance routes (U-Pass); and direct bus service to Metrolink's Hunter Park station. Information about alternative transportation, as well as how to request an exemption to this policy, is available at parking.ucr.edu.

What do you provide in the way of safety & security?

Residential areas are locked at all times; public areas are surveilled. UCR Police and Transportation Services patrol every community; CSOs (Community Service Officers) provide extra patrols on foot at night.

While residents are ultimately responsible for their personal safety, the University provides numerous resources to assist students, including late-night safety escorts, emergency call boxes and additional security personnel when warranted.

The Residence Halls are





equipped with fire detection and alarm systems, and we conduct quarterly evacuation drills and respond to every alarm as if it were real. Resident Directors are on call 24 hours, seven days a week, and RAs are on duty evenings and weekends.

What about emergencies?

The University has a comprehensive emergency plan. The Residence Halls also have emergency plans and emergency supplies to manage a disaster. However, no matter how ready the campus is, each resident should be as self-reliant as possible so that first-responders can focus on the emergency.

What happens if a resident gets sick?

The Residence Halls are located near Student Health Services and Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS). We also maintain emergency information for each resident, including alternate contacts, family doctor and existing medical conditions that we can utilize in a critical situation. In addition, Dining Services offers a Sick Meal Program, which allows for a roommate, friend or Resident Advisor to pick up a to-go meal from the Lothian or Aberdeen-Inverness Residential Restaurants. Ask your RA for details.

Can I get a job at UCR?

Absolutely. Many campus departments hire students. In fact, the largest employer of students is Housing, Dining & Hospitality Services; information will be available during Orientation.

During Winter Quarter, the university also recruits and hires Resident Advisors, Program Advisors, Housing Services Ambassadors and

Residential Technical Assistants for work during the following academic year.

The Career Center (careers.ucr.edu) offers an extensive list of student jobs available through ScotJobs, a massive online database exclusively for UCR students and alumni.

When do the Residence Halls close?

The Residence Halls close for Winter Break and for Spring Break immediately following Finals Week. Residents may leave all of their belongings in their rooms during these breaks. Those in critical need of housing at these times may submit formal requests and be accommodated for an additional daily charge.

The Residence Halls stay open for all other holidays, with meals being served during all holidays except Thanksgiving weekend. Dates and information are in the Housing Contract and Resident Handbook. In addition, information is sent to residents throughout the academic year.

Key Dates for the 2019-20

Academic Year

	Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter
Residence Halls Open	Saturday, Sept. 21 & Sunday, Sept. 22 8am	Sunday, January 5, 2020 8am	Sunday, March 29, 2020 8am
Meals Begin	Saturday, Sept. 21 & Sunday, Sept. 22 DINNER	Sunday, January 5 DINNER	Sunday, March 29 DINNER
Classes Begin	Thursday, September 26	Monday, January 6	Monday, March 30
Meals End	Saturday, December 14 BRUNCH	Saturday, March 21 BRUNCH	Saturday, June 13 BRUNCH
Residence Halls Close	Saturday, December 14 5pm	Saturday, March 21 5pm	Saturday, June 13 5pm

Note: Your first regular monthly/quarterly Housing payment is due September 1, 2019



EATING ON CAMPUS: DIG IN

The Residential Restaurants at UCR—located at Aberdeen-Inverness (A-I) and Lothian Residence Halls—offer a wide variety of delicious, fresh and healthy selections.

In addition, students can also feast at a variety of locations on campus with their “Dining Dollars,” including the Highlander Union Building (HUB) restaurants (Chronic Tacos, Hibachi-San, MOD Pizza and Panda Express), Subway, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, and The Market at Glen Mor (featuring Starbucks Coffee).

Other options include four food trucks, five Scotty’s convenience stores and several walk-up cafes—facilities with pre-packaged sandwiches and other items—conveniently located within the Residence Halls and certain academic buildings.

For a complete listing of campus eating options, including hours of operation, please refer to the UCR Dining website: dining.ucr.edu.

HIGHLANDER 150 **TASTY & THRIFTY**

The perfect mix of affordability and practicality. The plan includes 150 delicious Residential Restaurant meals each quarter. That's nearly 14 meals a week that can be used at the Aberdeen-Inverness and Lothian Residential Restaurants, as well as at Savor (located at the Market at Glen Mor). The Highlander 150 also includes \$180 in Dining Dollars per quarter (good at all campus dining locations and convenience stores) and six Guest Passes per quarter (great for family and friends).

HIGHLANDER **UNLIMITED** **THE ULTIMATE**

Unlimited meal swipes means you can visit a Residential Restaurant whenever it's open, for a full meal or just a healthy snack. It's perfect for those who love flexibility, or someone who enjoys eating multiple small meals a day. The Highlander Unlimited Plan also comes with \$60 in Dining Dollars per quarter, and four Guest Passes per quarter.

Note: Highlander Unlimited can only be used once per meal period at Savor (located at the Market at Glen Mor).

ABOUT DINING PLANS

- Dining Plans consist of “meal swipes” and Dining Dollars.
- Meal swipes can be used at the Aberdeen-Inverness and Lothian Residential Restaurants, or Savor (located at the Market at Glen Mor). Unused meal swipes do not roll over to the next quarter..
- The Dining Dollars portion of a Dining Plan is used as a declining balance payment at every Dining location on campus, including Scotty's convenience stores and our various food trucks. Additional Dining Dollars can be added to your R'Card at any RSO.
- Unused Dining Dollars roll over to the next quarter during the contract period, but must be used by the end of the academic year. They do NOT carry over to the summer or next year, and are non-transferable.
- Dining Plans may only be changed during the first two weeks of the academic year. Meal periods include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Monday through Friday; and Brunch and Dinner on the weekends.
- Dining locations are open to everyone on campus, including staff, faculty and guests.

RESIDENTIAL **DINING PLANS**

RETAIL DINING AT UCR

HUB FOOD COURT

Food-court-style venue offering a variety of dining options at the center of campus. Venues include **Panda Express**, **Chronic Tacos**, **Hibachi-San** and **MOD Pizza**.

HUB PLAZA

Freestanding restaurants in the HUB Upper Court include **The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf**, **Subway** and **The Habit Burger Grill**. Includes early morning and late-night dining options.

THE BARN

This legendary dining & entertainment landmark reopens in early 2020 after a massive expansion. Includes multiple food concepts under one roof, with indoor and patio seating.

BYTES

Located in Winston Chung Hall, this quick-serve eatery offers up Starbucks-brand hot coffee and espresso drinks, flatbread sandwiches, soups, snacks and more.

EMERBEE'S

NEW! Offers Starbucks-brand beverages along with signature paninis and pastries. A portion of each sale benefits UCR Entomology's Center for Integrative Bee Research.

IVAN'S

Located at Hinderaker Hall, Ivan's features Starbucks-brand coffee and espresso drinks, pastries plus grab 'n' go salads and sandwiches.

THE MARKET AT GLEN MOR

- **STARBUCKS** All your favorite coffee drinks, plus sandwiches and paninis, bagels and pastries, and world-famous Frappuccinos, Smoothies and cold-pressed juices.
- **SIZZLE** Specialty chicken sandwiches, fries and delicious sides, fresh off the grill.
- **SAVOR** Homestyle cooking for lunch & dinner, including hot and cold entrées and artisan salads.
- **SHOP** Everything from snacks and cold beverages to basic household supplies. Plus a great selection of gourmet, healthy and gluten-free goodies.

SCOTTY'S Convenience Stores

UCR features five Scotty's-branded convenience stores, each featuring a wide variety of ready-to-eat offerings, packaged snacks, cold drinks, school essentials, toiletries and much more!



Scotty's locations include: Aberdeen-Inverness Residence Hall; Lothian Residence Hall; Glen Mor (C Building); The HUB; and The School of Medicine (SOM)

FOOD TRUCKS

- **CULINARY CHAMELEON** UCR's premier food truck (pictured above) offers delicious entrées and snacks, featuring burritos, tacos, salads and more!

- **CAFFEINE MACHINE** Serving up Starbucks-brand hot coffee and espresso drinks, plus breakfast burritos, pastries and other snacks.
- **MOO MOO TRUCK** Soft-serve desserts that come to you! They're "Udderly Delicious"!
- **BUKU BOWLS** Get bowl'd over with Fusion treats like Crispy Steak Upon, Flaming Hot Cheetos Mac 'n' Cheese, Mushroom & Crispy Tofu Salad and more.

HOUSING: IT COMPUTES

We provide residents with high-speed internet,

24/7 computer labs — even a gaming lounge

Here are some tips to get the most out of the computers on campus, and some common-sense rules all students must agree to follow.

DESKTOP, LAPTOP OR TABLET?

It's a personal preference. Many students use notebooks or tablets for taking notes in class and accessing the Internet wirelessly, but desktop

computers can still be spotted in the Residence Halls.

When choosing a laptop or tablet, students should look for a device that will give them the most performance within their budget — one that's lightweight, durable and with enough battery capacity to last a full day.

If your device does not have an Ethernet port, you may want to buy an adapter; in the event you cannot connect via Wi-Fi, you could still connect using the hard-wired data ports in every room.

Usage Violation

All computers connected to the campus network are required to have an anti-virus program installed and updated regularly with the newest virus definitions.

In addition, we strongly urge that all residents keep their operating system secured with new patches and updates. Computers on the network infected with a virus will be blocked until the problem is resolved. Visit cnc.ucr.edu for more information.

	Recommended Desktop Setup	Recommended Laptop Setup
PROCESSOR	Intel Core i5, i7 (64 bit)	Intel Core i5, i7 (64 bit)
MEMORY	8 GB	8 GB
HARD DRIVE	500+ GB	300+ GB
OPTICAL DRIVES	CD burner / DVD drive	CD burner / DVD drive
MONITOR	17 – 19 inch LCD	13 – 15 inch display
OPERATING SYSTEM	PC: Microsoft Windows 10 Apple: macOS High Sierra (10.13) or later	
PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE	Microsoft Office / Apple iWork	
SECURITY SOFTWARE	Microsoft Security Essentials; AVG; Norton (Windows only)	
RECOMMENDED	8 GB flash drive (files cannot be saved on lab computers)	

Copyright Infringement

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA) is a federal law that prohibits the distribution of copyrighted materials over the Internet without permission.

Both the federal government and organizations like the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) strictly enforce the regulations of the DMCA, and

violations can result in rigid fines, which may be passed on to students. Residents who violate DMCA laws may lose access to both Housing's and the university's networks.

How You Can Be Identified

Every computer with an Ethernet (network) card has a unique identifier called a MAC address assigned to it by the manufacturer. No two network cards can have the same MAC address. When

you access a network, you are assigned a unique IP address that's associated with your MAC address. This is dynamic and can change. However, here on campus both your MAC and IP addresses are logged and linked to your student account. This means that the RIAA or MPAA can easily track violations of the DMCA law to users here on campus.

**The safety of our
residents is our
primary concern,
our #1 Core Value.**

**Nothing else even
comes close.**

What is ROAR?

ROAR stands for Resources, Observe, Act and Report — the four pillars of our Safety & Security Program for residents, staff and visitors.

What is the purpose of ROAR?

ROAR gives a name to the many ways in which UCR Housing Services is actively providing for the safety and security of our communities and community members.

The ultimate goals of ROAR are to increase awareness and empower individuals to take an active role in ensuring their own safety, and that of others in their community.



**SAFETY
& SECURITY**

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RESOURCES

You are not alone. There are many places to turn to for help, advice and support:

CAMPUS SAFETY ESCORT SERVICE

(951) 827-3772

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

cnc.ucr.edu/ens

HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

(951) 827-6350;
housinginfo@ucr.edu

YOUR RESIDENT ADVISOR (RA) or RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE (RSO)

UCR POLICE
(951) 827-5222

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OBSERVE

Keep your eyes and ears open. Be aware of your immediate environment.

Limit distractions.

While walking, especially at night, don't talk or text on your cell phone, or listen to music so loudly that you can't hear what is going on around you.

Be seen by drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians so you're seeing and being seen.

Be familiar with your surroundings so you can spot areas of concern (then "Act" and/or "Report").

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ACT

Increase your safety and security — and that of others — by following a few simple steps:

Lock your doors and windows; keep personal belongings out of view.

Keep your keys/ cards available for quick use.

Use well-lit & high traffic pathways.

Do not allow unknown individuals—even other students—**access to restricted areas in your community.**

Register your bike with Transportation Services.

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REPORT

Communicate anything that seems threatening; inform people in a position to help.

In a life-threatening emergency, **CALL 9-1-1.**

In a non-emergency (suspicious behavior, etc.), contact UCR Police **(951) 827-5222.**

Speak to any Housing staff member about concerns you may have.

Submit a Service Request to address repairs needed at all Housing locations; **housing.ucr.edu.**



ROAR

Resources • Observe • Act • Report

UCR IS SMOKE & TOBACCO- FREE

UC Riverside has joined more than 1,500 colleges and universities in the United States in adopting a campus-wide smoke- & tobacco-free policy.

The policy has been adopted by all University of California campuses to improve the health and safety of students, staff, faculty and visitors.

The policy prohibits the use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, snus, water pipes, pipes, hookahs, chew and any other non-combustible tobacco product.

To meet the goal of a smoke/ tobacco-free campus, UCR offers assistance programs to students, faculty and staff who wish to stop smoking.

In addition, UCR prohibits the possession or use of marijuana — in any form — on any campus property.



What's that giant construction project behind the Aberdeen-Inverness Residence Hall? It's UC Riverside's newest residential community, Dundee/Glasgow, and you could become one of the very first students to live there.

Scheduled to open in the fall of 2020, the Dundee Residence Hall (shown above left) will feature more than 800 beds in two seven-story residential towers.

The community will also include a 51,000-square-foot, two-story dining facility, Glasgow (shown above right), with seating for 800 guests, outdoor terrace dining, an

exhibition bakery and its own stand-alone convenience store.

Best of all, if you live on-campus as a Freshman this fall, you will get top priority to move into this state-of-the-art community next fall, as part of your two-year Housing guarantee.



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**If you think that
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If you haven't yet chosen to have your college student live on campus this coming fall, I urge you to stop and reconsider.

Traditionally, nearly eight out of 10 first-year students live on campus. And for good reasons.

Our UCR Housing team has created a living-learning experience that complements the experience students have in the classroom, and one that's appropriate for the lives they lead, the goals they

pursue and the people they are trying to become.

We bring academic and personal counseling resources, healthy and quality culinary choices, and social programming opportunities directly to students so they can spend more of their time focused on their academic pursuits.

Having a convenient

on-campus location is only part of our philosophy.

As your student takes this big step on their journey to independence, we are here for them. We take very seriously the critical role we play in the often challenging transition to adulthood.

National studies have consistently shown that living on campus — especially for the crucial first year — contributes substantially to student academic success.

You want your son or daughter to be able to interact with faculty and student peers as frequently as possible, to perform well academically, to be happy. We do, too.

In these economically challenging times, we urge you to protect your personal investment (and fully utilize your financial aid awards) and take another look at what living on campus really means.

**Sincerely,
David Henry
Executive Director,
Housing, Dining
& Hospitality Services**

1. Academic Success

When you live on campus, you can set your own study schedules and focus on your classes, and not lose time commuting. And when it's time to study, *everybody* studies.

Studies show residents earn higher grades than commuters.

2. Safety & Security

On-campus housing remains one of the safest places to live. We incorporate multiple approaches to keep residents safe, including video surveillance, uniformed patrols and restricted access.

Plus, no late-night drives home to worry about.

3. Community Engagement

It's a lot easier to immerse yourself in campus organizations and clubs when you're actually living on campus. You're not just closer to the action, you're surrounded and inspired by others who are just as enthusiastic as you are.

4. Personal Networking

Living on campus gives you the best opportunity to befriend both students and faculty. These could be future colleagues...or perhaps future employers. The networks you develop on campus will stay with you the rest of your life.

5. It Just Makes Cents

Students may receive more housing aid (as part of overall financial aid) if they live on campus. Plus, if you live on campus, you don't need a car— an enormous savings in gas and maintenance. Plus, think of the time you won't be wasting stuck in traffic.

**Our top 5 reasons
why you need
to live on campus
Freshman year**