

# 2024-2025

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

# FIRST-YEAR GUIDE



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# A COMPLETE GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Welcome to the 2024-2025 First-Year Guide! The Office of Residence Life wants to assist you by providing information on housing and answering possible questions. This First-Year Guide will provide students with the tools to navigate through the housing experience at Ashland University for the 2024-2025 academic year. If you have any further questions, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 419-289-5303 or [reslife@ashland.edu](mailto:reslife@ashland.edu).

Be sure to check out our Instagram page (@ashland\_reslife) to see tours of the residence halls, live Q&A, room features, RA spotlights, important reminders, and more!

Our webpage [www.ashland.edu/housing](http://www.ashland.edu/housing) holds a ton of helpful information as well, so be sure to take a look!

Go Eagles!

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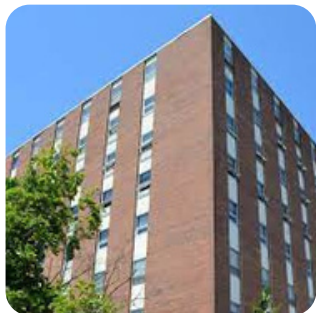
# HOW-TO GUIDES

Our office has created three helpful how-to guides to help you navigate eRezLife. Please click on any of the PDFs below to view the corresponding how-to guides:

- [How to Complete a Housing Application](#)
- [How to Search for a Roommate](#)
- [How to Select a Roommate](#)

## FIRST YEAR HALLS

As you consider your housing needs, please see below for an update on campus housing options.



### Amstutz Hall

Amstutz Hall will be transitioning to being a first year and second year residence hall. Amstutz Hall features single, double and triple rooms. Students who are living in Amstutz Hall for the 2023-2024 academic year and would like to continue their stay can opt to sign up to stay in the same room for the 2024-2025 academic year by letting the Office of Residence Life know via email.

### Kem Hall

Kem Hall is a residence hall for only first year students. Kem Hall features single, double and triple rooms. Each room has a movable desk, dresser and closet. Kem Hall was renovated in Summer 2022!



# SPECIALTY HOUSING



## Clayton Hall

Clayton Hall features regular double rooms with a private bathroom in each room. The hall has laundry rooms on every other floor, updated lounge spaces, and the installation of air conditioning throughout the building. The second and third floor

of Clayton will continue to be reserved for Honors students in the Honors program. If Interested in living on the honors floors please contact Rebecca Schaaf at [rschaaf@ashland.edu](mailto:rschaaf@ashland.edu).

## Andrews Hall

Andrews Hall will not be available for housing selection, outside of the Ashbrook program. With the steady growth of the Ashbrook program, this building will only be available for Ashbrook students. Andrews Hall features single, double, and triple



rooms with laundry rooms and full kitchens on each floor. The hall also offers air conditioning and television lounges on all floors. Students interested in Ashbrook housing should contact Ben Kunkel at [bkunkel@ashland.edu](mailto:bkunkel@ashland.edu).



## USA House

The USA house will be available for housing for those with military affiliation. If you are interested in living in the USA House for the 2024-2025 academic year, please contact the Office of Veteran Services prior to housing selection by emailing

Chelsea Weiler at [cweiler@ashland.edu](mailto:cweiler@ashland.edu) or Mason Feeman at [mfeeman@ashland.edu](mailto:mfeeman@ashland.edu).

# MAIN CAMPUS HOUSING DETAILS

## ROOM RATES

<u>Room Type/Building</u>	<u>Room Rate Per Semester</u>	<u>Room Rate Academic Year Total</u>
Regular Double/Triple - Amstutz & Kem	\$3,380	\$6,760
Regular Single –Amstutz & Kem	\$3,670	\$7,340
Regular Double/Triple- Myers & Andrews	\$3,420	\$6,840
Regular Single- Myers & Andrews	\$3,700	\$7,400
Clayton Suite - Double	\$4,010	\$8,020

## ROOM DEFINITIONS

<b>Regular Single</b>	1 set of furniture, typically a smaller-size room for one person
<b>Regular Double</b>	2 sets of furniture
<b>Regular Triple</b>	3 sets of furniture
<b>Paid Single</b>	A standard double-size room that one student pays to occupy alone. These rooms have 2 sets of furniture and may also be referred to as a “buyout.”
<b>Paid Double</b>	A standard triple-size room that two students pay to occupy by themselves. These rooms have 3 sets of furniture and may also be referred to as a “buyout.”

# RESIDENCE HALL COMPARISON

	Amstutz	Andrews	Clayton	Kem
Gender	Co-ed	Co-ed Males are on one half of each floor & females on the other half	Co-ed	Co-ed
Class	First & Second Year Students	All	Upperclassmen – Any floor First-Year – Honors floors only	First-Year
Floors	8	3 – All Ashbrook Scholars	8	7
Elevators	2	None	2	2
Furniture	Yes – movable	Yes – movable	Yes – movable	Yes – movable
Air Conditioning	No	Yes	Yes	No
Laundry	Yes – on each floor	Yes – on each floor	Yes – on even-numbered floors	Yes – on each floor
Kitchen	Yes – full kitchen on floors 1, 5-8	Yes – on each floor	Yes – in basement	Kitchenette on each floor
Lounge	Yes – on each floor	Yes – on each floor	Yes – in basement and odd-numbered floors	Yes – on each floor
Study Areas	Yes – on ground floor in back lobby	None	Yes – on every floor	Yes – on ground floor
Living and Learning Communities	None 2024-2025	Yes – Ashbrook Scholars in entire building	Yes – Honors Program students (which may include first-year students) on floors 2-4	None 2024-2025
Other Features	Close to Student Dining, the Student Center and Kem Hall	All rooms are carpeted- Creation of some quad-style suites (2 double rooms with shared middle room) Summer 2022- Close to Student Dining and the Student Center	Private attached full bathrooms (1 per room)- Large lobby on first floor- Game and recreation area in the basement- ADA accommodations	Close to Amstutz and Student Dining, Student Center and Rec Center- Cosmetic refresh in Summer 2022 (new LVT flooring, paint, and lighting)

# HOUSING APPLICATION

All students must complete a housing application.  
Please follow the steps below:

**Step 1:** Log into [housing.ashland.edu](https://housing.ashland.edu) using your AU credentials.

**Step 2:** Look for the “My Housing Profile” tab on the left side of the screen.

**Step 3:** Complete the profile.

**Step 4:** Go to housing overview.

**Step 5:** Fill out the appropriate application.

For more help, watch the [step-by-step tutorial](#).

# ROOMMATE GROUPS

Students may choose their own roommates, or have one randomly assigned. To create a roommate group, follow the instructions below:

**Step 1:** Log into [housing.ashland.edu](https://housing.ashland.edu) using your AU credentials.

**Step 2:** Look for the “Roommate Group” tab on the left side of the screen.

**Step 3:** Create a new roommate group.

**Step 4:** Have all members of the group accept the new group that you created.

For more help, watch the [step-by-step tutorial](#).



# FINDING A ROOMMATE

We know you're busy bees, but taking time to communicate with your roommate will make your college experience so much sweeter!



Join the Facebook group for your specific class and start connecting.

Post about yourself and be honest!

How do you feel about guests hanging out or spending the night?

Ask the hard questions!

What are your sleeping habits like?

How do you best handle conflict?

Decide who is bringing what (microwave, mini fridge, etc.).

**If students do not find a roommate, one will be assigned based on your housing profile answers.**



# AU PACKING LIST

## Personal Items

- Shower shoes & shower caddy
- Cosmetics
- Personal hygiene items
- Band-Aids and first aid supplies
- Cold & Flu supplies
- Prescription medications

## Kitchen

- Coffee maker
- Mini-fridge (4.5 cubic feet)
- Microwave
- Plates, cups, utensils
- Microwaveable foods
- Favorite snacks & beverages

## Electronics

- TV and remote
- Gaming console
- Laptop
- Chargers for laptop, phones, and other electronics
- Surge protector power strips
- Headphones

## Bedding

- Twin XL mattress pad
- Twin XL sheets
- Comforter
- Blankets
- Pillows and pillow cases
- Laundry hamper

## Cleaning Supplies

- Air freshener
- All purpose cleaner
- Paper towels
- Sanitizer wipes
- Trash can and trash bags
- Broom and dust pan

## Miscellaneous

- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Command Strips
- Poster tack
- Umbrella
- Book bag
- School supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, etc.)

## What not to bring

- Candles
- Air conditioner units
- Extension cords
- Free weights over 20lbs
- Air fryers
- Instant Pot or rice cookers

- Toasters
- Hot plates
- Space heaters

**These items break our policy. If items are found, they will be confiscated.**

# MEAL PLANS

## Gold Plan - \$3,135

Unlimited meals in the student dining hall plus \$275 Dining Dollars which can be used to purchase guest meals in the dining hall or used as cash at any of the retail locations on campus. The benefit of this plan allows you to take family and friends to the dining hall, while gaining savings over the door price.

## Purple Plan - \$2,845

Unlimited meals in the student dining hall located in the John C. Meyers Convocation center. Students may come and go as many times as they like. You'll never run out of meals! The dining hall offers late night dining, which makes this plan an excellent value.

## Talon Plan - \$2,845

Receive 160 meals to be used in the dining hall plus an additional \$500 Dining Dollars to be used at any of our dining retail locations such as Eagles' Nest, Tuffy's Smoothie Bar, Lyceum Cafe, and concessions.

## Eagle Plan - \$2,845

This plan gives the student 240 meals to be spread throughout the semester. Meal swipes can be used at the student dining hall or used as equivalency at any of our retail dining locations.

## Tuffy Plan - \$1,145

(For commuter students and campus apartments)

Students receive 80 meals to be used in the dining hall or for equivalency at any of our dining retail locations.

**NOTE:** If you run out of meals, additional 20-meal blocks can be purchased for \$240 or 10-meal blocks for \$125.

**Dining dollars expire at the end of each semester.**

# COMMUTER POLICY

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for commuter status, you must complete a commuter application at [housing.ashland.edu](https://housing.ashland.edu). Please use the Fall 2024 Off-Campus application.

## APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications open on February 1st and are due no later than May 1st. After that date, students who have not submitted an application can have room and board charges applied to their student account.

All students must complete either the On Campus or Off-Campus application, and be approved for one.

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid may be adjusted for students residing off campus.

To make the best decision possible, students are strongly encouraged to meet with a member of the Financial Aid Office to determine the change in aid, if any, that will occur by living off campus. Please call [419-289-5002](tel:419-289-5002) for an appointment.

## CRITERIA

- Must meet one of the following requirements to be approved to live off-campus:
- A student, while in attendance at Ashland University, is living in the permanent primary physical residence of his/her parents or guardian within 35 driving miles of Ashland University's main campus (401 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805) or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing (1020 S. Trimble Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906), Mansfield Campus for the upper-class College of Nursing students.
  - A student is married, divorced, or widowed.
  - A student is 22 years of age or older prior to October 1st of that academic year.
  - A student has served in the Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge.
  - A student has lived in campus housing the equivalent of 8 fall and spring semesters enrolled in academic coursework each semester.
  - A student is the holder of a Bachelor degree from an accredited four-year college/university.
  - A new transfer student who has a minimum of 45 credits from an accredited college/university.

# CAMPUS INVOLEMENT

Living on campus creates plenty of opportunities to get involved on campus. The close proximity of the residence halls to various campus centers makes it easy to attend evening activities and club meetings.

## Instant Community

Become a member of a community through in-hall programming such as record painting nights, stress less activities, and murder mystery games. Engage your community by studying in the halls' study areas, playing games in the community lounges, and getting to know your fellow residents. Living on campus is also a great way to improve one's interpersonal skills!

## Increased Resources

Residents can have peace of mind knowing that Safety Services and Residence Life staff provide 24/7 safety and support. Additionally, maintenance and utilities for residents are included in housing costs. Students also enjoy close and convenient access to the Rec Center, the Student Center, on-campus dining options, etc.

# CONTACT INFO

**The Office of Residence Life is here to serve you!**  
Please contact us with any questions you may have,  
or if you need any assistance.

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