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OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

FIRST-YEAR GUIDE



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A COMPLETE GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Welcome to the 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 academic year. If you have any further questions, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 419-289-5303 or 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 holds a ton of helpful information as well, so be sure to take a look!

Go Eagles!
Office of Residence Life



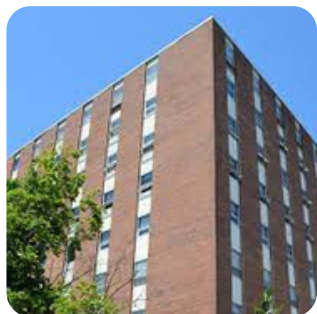
HOW-TO GUIDES

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.



Kilhefner Hall

One of two first-year student residence halls, Kilhefner Hall consists of 5 floors, all of which have lounges with televisions for students to relax and hang out with friends. It is conveniently located directly across from the Rec Center and Student Center!

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 is right next to Convo!



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, study spaces on each floor, a shared kitchen space in the basement, and the installation of air conditioning throughout the building.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of Clayton will continue to be reserved for Honors students in the Honors Program. If interested in living on the honors floors, please contact Megan Sherar (msherar@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, triple, and quad



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.



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, please contact the Office of Veteran Services prior to housing selection by

emailing Chelsea Weiler at cweiler@ashland.edu or Mason Feeman at 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>
Kilhefner or Kem Double or Triple	\$3,625	\$7,250
Kilhefner or Kem Single	\$3,950	\$7,900
Andrews Double or Triple	\$3,750	\$7,500
Andrews Quad	\$4,200	\$8,400
Clayton Double	\$4,300	\$8,600
USA House	\$3,665	\$7,330

ROOM DEFINITIONS

Regular Single	1 set of furniture, typically a smaller-size room for one person
Regular Double	2 sets of furniture
Regular Triple	3 sets of furniture
Paid Single	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.”
Paid Double	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.”

HOUSING APPLICATION

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

Step 1: Log into 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 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?

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

How do you best handle conflict?

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



AU RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST

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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, Wax Warmers
- Air conditioner units
- Extension cords
- Free weights over 20lbs
- Air fryers
- Instant Pots/Crock Pots

- Toasters
- Hot plates
- Space heaters

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

MEAL PLANS

Gold Plan - \$3,440

Unlimited meals in the student dining hall plus \$300 Dining Dollars which can be used to purchase guest meals in the dining hall or used as cash at any dining 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 - \$3,140

Unlimited meals in the student dining hall located in the John C. Myers 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 - \$3,140

Receive 160 meals to be used in the student dining hall plus additional Dining Dollars to be used at any of our dining retail locations on campus which include the Eagles' Nest, Tuffy's Smoothie Bar, Lyceum Café, Concessions, and Ashland Marketplace. Note: Meal swipes carry no cash equivalence.

Eagle Plan - \$3,140

This plan gives the student 210 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 - \$1,260

(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 \$250 or 10-meal blocks for \$130.

Dining dollars expire at the end of each semester.

HOUSING POLICY

All full-time undergraduate students (registered for 12 or more hours per semester) at Ashland University are required to live on campus unless the student meets one of the [housing exemptions](#). Students who wish to live off campus will need to apply for off campus status through the Office of Residence Life. Non-traditional students who are under age 17 or older than 24 who wish to live in campus residence halls must request an exemption from the Director of Residence Life. Exemptions are not guaranteed, and requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Limited graduate student housing may be available on campus. The location and availability of graduate student housing is determined by the Director of Residence Life. Students living in University Residential Housing who complete their undergraduate coursework in December and then enroll in an AU graduate program beginning the following spring term may continue to reside in residence for the remainder of their housing contract (not to exceed one semester).

All approvals are granted on an annual basis. Students must complete the Off Campus Housing application each year while attending Ashland University. Falsification of any information in an attempt to receive an off-campus exemption will result in room and board charges applied to your student account, as well as being considered a violation of the Student Handbook. Violations of the student handbook will be adjudicated through our student conduct process.

Exceptions will be made for the following reasons:

- While in attendance at AU, the student is living in the permanent primary residence of his/her parents or guardian and that residence is within 35 driving miles of AU's main campus (401 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805) or The Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Science (1020 S. Trimble Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906).
 - Please note that the Office of Residence Life considers the permanent home address of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to be the address of record on file with federal, state, and/or local tax agencies and where a minimum of one of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) resides. Students will not be exempted from their residency requirement to live with other family members (e.g. grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, etc.) or friends.
 - The purchase of property and/or lease or sublease of rental property within 35 miles of the University does not constitute permanent primary residence and will not be considered for housing policy exception.
- The student is:
 - Married, divorced or widowed.
 - 22 years of age or older prior to Oct. 1 of that academic year.
 - The parent or guardian of a dependent child.
 - A new transfer student who has completed four semesters and earned a minimum of 45 credits from an accredited college/university.
- The student has:
 - Served in the Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge.
 - Lived in campus housing for the equivalent of 8 fall and spring semesters while enrolled in academic coursework each semester.
 - Earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college/university.

To learn more about housing exemptions and the approval process to live on campus, please visit this page: [Commuter Information](#).

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

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 with your floor, put on by your RA and collaborative partners. Engage in your community by studying in the hall study areas, attending weekend Campus Activities Board events, and getting to know your fellow residents. Living on campus is 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, and more!

CONTACT INFO

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

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