The Department of Resident Life is responsible for management of the residence halls as well as the cultural, educational, recreational, and social programs and activities that create the Maryland Residential Experience for residential students. The department is committed to students' academic and social success in their lives on campus and to the role the residential living experience will play in their successful lives beyond the University of Maryland.

While living in a Maryland residence hall is not required, nine of every ten students in Maryland’s freshman class make the choice to live on campus. More than 90 professional and graduate staff and over 500 undergraduate student employees meet the needs of resident students.

The residential program is home to more than 12,000 undergraduate students living in on-campus residence halls and public/private partnership communities. There are 38 on-campus residence halls housing approximately 9,400 undergraduate students. Four different styles of living are available to campus residents: traditional halls, semi-suites, suites, and apartments. Within traditional housing, where most first-year residents live, single, double, triple, and quadruple room occupancy exists. All rooms have a cable and data jack for each student and wi-fi capability. One telephone jack is provided in each room. Capstone on-campus management operates The Courtyards (CTY) and South Campus Commons (SCC), two on-campus apartment-style communities located on University land housing upperclass students. Resident Life’s Off-Campus Housing Services Office also offers support and services for students seeking alternative housing options in and around the College Park area.

Our nationally acclaimed living-learning programs include Advanced Cybersecurity Experience for Students (ACES), BioFIRE Living & Learning Center, Carillon Communities, CIVICUS, College Park Scholars, Design | Cultures and Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, FLEXUS: The Dr. Marilyn Berman Pollans’ Women in Engineering Living & Learning Community, Gemstone, Global Communities, Hinman CEOs, Honors Humanities, Integrated Life Sciences, Jiménez-Porter Writers’ House, Language House, University Honors, and the Virtus Men in Engineering Program. All of these programs add to the diversity and quality of on-campus housing options.

First-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing provided they complete their Enrollment Confirmation and On-Campus Housing and Dining Services Agreement along with their enrollment deposit by May 1st. Transfer students who want to live on campus should complete these items as well and will be allotted housing on a space-available basis. Students may apply for housing without confirming University enrollment. The On-Campus Housing and Dining Agreement will be canceled if a student does not enroll at UMD full-time. There is a $25 housing application fee assessed once the student submits the Housing Agreement AND confirms enrollment.