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 400 undergraduate student employees meet the needs of resident students.

There are rooms for approximately 9,500 undergraduate students in 38 residence halls. Three different styles of living are available to campus residents: traditional halls, 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. One telephone jack is provided in each room.

Our nationally acclaimed living-learning programs include: Advanced Cybersecurity Experience for Students (ACES), Beyond the Classroom, BioFIRE Living & Learning Center, Carillon Communities, CIVICUS, College Park Scholars, Digital 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-time freshmen are guaranteed on-campus housing provided they complete their Enrollment Confirmation and 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. No housing reservation deposit is required.