University of Maryland students engage, learn, and discover together, and the Maryland Residential Experience provides students with a tremendous opportunity to magnify those experiences while living at the center of everything needed to have an enriching, meaningful, and engaging college experience.

The Department of Resident Life is responsible for management of the residence halls and for offering educational and engagement programs and activities that create the Maryland Residential Experience for on-campus residents. The Resident Life staff is committed to students’ academic and social success on campus and to the impact that living and learning on campus will have on their lives beyond the University of Maryland.

While living on campus is not required, nine of every ten students in Maryland’s undergraduate first-year class make the choice to live in the residence halls. More than 90 professional and graduate staff and over 500 undergraduate student employees are available to support on-campus students and to help ensure a safe, engaging, and enjoyable living environment.

The on-campus housing program is home to more than 12,000 undergraduate students living in University-owned residence halls and public-private partnership apartment communities. Thirty-eight residence halls are home to approximately 9,000 undergraduate students. Four different styles of living are available to students who choose to live in the residence halls: 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.

In addition to the University-owned residence halls, Capstone On-Campus Management (COCM) operates The Courtyards (CTY) and South Campus Commons (SCC) apartment communities which are located on University land and house upper-class, undergraduate students. The University’s Off-Campus Housing Services Office also offers support and services for students seeking alternative housing options in and around the greater 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, FLEXUS: The Dr. Marilyn Berman Pollans’ Women in Engineering Living & Learning Community, Gemstone, Honors Global Communities, Honors Humanities, Integrated Life Sciences, Jiménez-Porter Writers’ House, Language House, University Honors, Virtus Men in Engineering Program, and Interdisciplinary Business Honors. All of these programs add to the diversity and quality of residence hall housing options.

First-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing provided they complete their Residence Hall Housing and Dining Services Agreement, Enrollment Confirmation, and enrollment deposit by May 1st (December 15 for spring semester). Transfer students who want to live on campus should also complete these actions and will be allotted housing in the residence halls on a space-available basis. Students may apply for housing without confirming University enrollment. The Residence Hall Housing and Dining Agreement will be canceled if a student does not enroll at UMD full-time. A $50 housing application fee is assessed upon submission of the Housing Agreement.

Living in the residence halls is the right choice for students in their first two years at the University of Maryland.