

RESIDENCE LIFE

YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING ON CAMPUS

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About Us

Rutgers University–New Brunswick Residence Life creates a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where student learning, development, and individuality is championed and supported. Residents are our first priority.

Rutgers University offers a variety of special living options to provide a unique and rewarding on-campus living experience. These residential experiences create a strong sense of community and Rutgers pride based on similar interests and goals. The programs provide opportunities for students to connect and share experiences based on areas of similar academic, cultural, language, or thematic interests.

Statistics

16,000+ Residential Students

Rutgers is one of the largest residential communities in the nation.

50+ Residence Halls

Halls range from single and double rooms, suites, and apartments.

29 Living-Learning and Thematic Communities and 2 Residential Colleges

Explore new opportunities, discover your interests, and connect with other students.

400+ On-Campus Staff

On-campus staff live within the halls to support our students.

Transition

Coming to a new place, such as Rutgers University, can be an exciting transitional time. Residence Life is here to support your college journey. Enjoy the benefits of living with people who are sharing the same experiences. Rest assured knowing that our trained, live-in residence life staff are always available for assistance, advice, or just to talk.



Residential Care and Student Support

The residential care model consists of special housing accommodations for students with disabilities and other medical needs, and support for students facing a wide variety of challenges. We meet with students to assess their needs, connect students to helpful resources, and help to ensure a safe and healthy living environment. Learn more at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/support.



“As a resident assistant I live where I work, and I want my residents to know that I’m always there for them.”

“I hope to make impactful differences by building an inclusive community through programming.”

“As a mentor to my students, I help them to thrive and be successful at Rutgers both academically and personally.”

“Every night there’s always a trained resident assistant on duty to ensure the safety of the community.”

OUR STAFF

Academic Success

Research shows that students who live on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, earn higher grade point averages, and are more likely to graduate.

Community

Meet new people, live new experiences, and forge lasting relationships! With an endless array of social activities and residence life programs at your fingertips, it's easy to get involved and stay connected with your community.

Convenience

Live in the heart of it all! Classrooms, libraries, computer labs, faculty, support services, recreational facilities, clubs, organizations, events, and more are right at your doorstep.

Security

Safety and security are a priority on campus. The internationally accredited Rutgers University Police Department provides the university community with a full range of police and security services. Building access is managed by an access control system to maintain safe and secure campus facilities.

Support

Have 24/7 access to our trained residence life staff who encourage and support students in their academic, social, and personal growth.

Types of Housing

Rutgers Residence Life offers a variety of different living options on each campus to meet the varying needs and preferences of our residents.

Single Bedrooms

Single bedrooms are available in traditional residence halls or apartment complexes and are occupied by one resident.

Double Bedrooms

Double bedrooms are available in traditional residence halls and apartment complexes and are shared by two residents.

Busch Suites

Busch Suites are three-bedroom units with a living space and a single bathroom, shared by six residents. Suites include Crosby, Judson, McCormick, Morrow, Thomas, and Winkler Halls.

B.E.S.T. Hall Suites

B.E.S.T. Hall suites are two-bedroom units with a single bathroom, shared by four residents.

Apartment-Style Living Spaces

Apartment-Style living spaces can include up to four bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and one or two private bathrooms. Apartments are shared by up to four residents.

View our buildings, photos, floor plans, room layouts, and more at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu.



“Living on campus helped me find my home at a big school like Rutgers.”

“Food, class, fitness, and fun are all conveniently located nearby my residence hall.”

“Participating in a living-learning community gave me opportunities that I might not have discovered on my own.”

“As a first-generation college student there were a lot of things I was unaware of and questions I did not know how to ask. My RA was a friendly resource that always pointed me in the right direction.”

OUR STUDENTS



Busch

Busch Campus is home to traditional first-year residence halls, suite-style living, apartments, and family housing for undergraduate and graduate students. Several special living options are offered on Busch, especially for students with interests in engineering and technology. Busch offers easy access to the football stadium, the Werblin Recreation Center, intramural fields, classrooms, and laboratory space.

Livingston

Livingston Campus boasts a new dining commons, recently renovated student center, first-run movie theater, and the Rutgers Business School. It has a large first-year population in traditional residence halls as well as apartment-style living for upperclass students. Gathering places on Livingston campus include two residential coffeehouses, a residential media and gaming center, and a fountain area popular for outdoor activities in nice weather.

College Avenue

College Avenue Campus is adjacent to downtown New Brunswick with theaters, restaurants, shops, lounges, the Zimmerli Art Museum, and the NJ Transit train station. The College Avenue campus is home to traditional residence halls and two modern apartment buildings for upperclass and transfer residents. It also features new buildings such as the Honors College and Sojourner Truth Apartments. Of the four campuses, College Avenue houses the smallest portion of first-year students.

Cook and Douglass

Cook Campus is the home of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, as well as the beautiful Rutgers Gardens. Traditional residence halls are spread across Cook's wooded acres and green fields. Douglass Campus is home to Douglass Residential College, which offers women the opportunity to live in single-gender residence halls and apartments. Douglass women also have several special living options within the Douglass Residential College, including options for STEM majors and women interested in global advocacy and awareness.



How to Apply

Apply early to increase the likelihood that you'll be assigned to a campus of your choice! Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can adjust their housing preference or request a roommate by June 30.

Indicate your housing preferences and submit your application and deposit via the enrollment pathway. Learn more at ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/pathway.

Apply for a living-learning or thematic community at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/rulc.

Check your email to find out where you'll be living. Housing assignments will be released during the first full week of August.

Learn about your new home, view the move-in schedule, and more at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu.

Questions about housing assignments? Contact us at ruoncampus@rutgers.edu.



Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Submit compliance with NJ State and University immunization requirements on the Rutgers Immunization Portal. This is required in order to pick up your key. Review: health.rutgers.edu.
- Request special housing accommodations for medical needs by June 1. Learn more at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/support.
- Review residence life policies at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/policies.
- Call your roommate(s) and try to talk several times before move-in day. Make sure to review the roommate agreement via ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/roommateagreement.
- Obtain a valid state or government form of identification (driver's license, passport, state issued photo identification, passport card, etc.) to bring with you to campus. This is required to pick up your key.
- Follow the [@RutgersResLife](https://twitter.com/RutgersResLife) social media channels for the latest information on move-in and current happenings at Rutgers University and Residence Life.

PACKING LIST

What to Bring

- Cellphone and Charger
- First-Aid Kit
- Prescription Medications
- Essential Documents
- Sheets and Pillows
- Comforter and Blanket
- Alarm Clock
- Swimsuit
- Athletic Clothes
- Laundry Bag
- Under-the-Bed Storage
- Ironing Board and Iron
- Shoe Rack
- Umbrella and Rain Coat
- Winter Clothes
- Winter Boots, Hats, and Gloves
- Sunglasses
- Vacuum
- Cleaning Supplies
- Towels and Washcloth
- Bathrobe
- Shower Shoes
- Hygiene Products
- Shower Caddy
- Hair Dryer
- Comb and Brush
- Television and Coaxial Cable
- Laptop and Charger
- Office Supplies
- Calculator
- Floor or Bedside Lamp
- Surge Protector
- Fan
- Posters and Decorations
- Snacks

Apartment List

- Plates and Bowls
- Cups and Utensils
- Pots and Pans
- Toilet Paper
- Bath Mats
- Paper Towels
- Tissues
- Hand Soap
- Coffee Maker
- Tea Kettle
- Groceries

What's in Your Room

- Twin XL Bed Frame
- Twin XL Mattress
- Closet or Wardrobe
- Microfridge
- High-Speed Internet
- Desk and Chair
- Dresser
- Cable Television Service
- Drapes or Blinds
- Carpeting or Tile Floor

Prohibited Items

- Pets
- Candles or Incense
- Refrigerator
- Toaster
- Hot Plate
- Air Conditioner
- Firearms and Weapons
- Fireworks
- Grill and Charcoal
- Lighter Fluid
- Halogen or Oil Lamps
- Heaters
- Hoverboards
- Drones



Frequently Asked Questions

When do I find out my housing assignment?

Assignments for first-year and transfer students are released during the first full week of August. Students receive an email directing them to a website (oncampus.rutgers.edu) to view your assignment and roommate information.

Can I change my housing preferences?

Yes. You can edit your campus and other housing preferences until June 30.

Can I request a roommate?

Yes. All roommate requests must be mutual, so please ensure that you and your roommate(s) apply accordingly.

How are residence halls supervised?

Each residence hall is staffed by a team of resident or apartment assistants that are supervised by a professional or graduate staff member.

Can students stay in their rooms during university recess periods?

With some exceptions, most residence halls close during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring recess. You should check the specific details of your housing contract to be aware of all important dates.

When to Move-In

Specific move-in dates and times for your building will depend on your community. Please visit our website at ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/movein to view the full move-in schedule, pre-arrival checklists, campus maps, building amenities, and more! Engage with us on social media @RutgersResLife and use #RUonCampus on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



CONTACT US



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For questions regarding housing assignments, special accommodations, or living-learning communities, please contact the Residence Life Central Administration Office.

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