

University Housing
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Living on campus can be an important part of your educational experience. All freshmen and transfer students, as well as other students, wanting an opportunity to meet and develop friendships and wanting to participate in the academic atmosphere of the university should consider living on campus.

In addition to meeting your social needs, on-campus housing offers such benefits as providing excellent leadership opportunities, an academic atmosphere that promotes both studying and creation of study groups, a safe, clean, and secure living arrangement, and a quality dining program that provides you with a variety of options.

Residence Hall Living

On-campus housing meets the needs of many of our students. The convenience of being on the campus makes going to and from class easy. It encourages the use of campus facilities, such as the library, computer and science laboratories, along with attendance at such activities as dances, plays, lectures, and concerts occurring during evenings and weekends. On-campus residents frequently make use of the many recreational facilities available (i.e., tennis, basketball, and racquetball courts, and weight rooms) and participate in a variety of intramural sports competitions held during the school year.

The halls have a variety of interesting and enjoyable programs designed to add an exciting dimension to residence hall living in addition to providing a vehicle through which students can meet other students living in the halls. Social activities include dances, special hall and floor dinners, picnics, and concerts. A swimming pool is available for exclusive use by residence hall students. Other successful continuing programs include the Book Fair, Trivia Bowl, and film festivals. In addition, each semester there are special trips organized to take students to the mountains, amusement parks, and the beach. Educational and



cultural programming include guest speakers from both on and off campus, seminars and workshops, and theater trips. Many other activities are planned by each hall government based on student interest and input.

Individual Halls

The housing complex consists of nine residence halls, an administration building, and the residence dining hall. Baker, Graves, and Homan Halls each house 212 students in a design that encourages building unity. The other halls are generally referred to as Commons although each building is named for easy identification. Birch, Cedar, and Sequoia surround the south quad, while Aspen, Ponderosa, and Sycamore surround the north quad. Each floor in Commons houses 53 students. A total of 1,225 students are living in on-campus housing.

Almost all of the rooms are shared by two students, although approximately 100 single rooms are available for students wanting greater privacy.

Rooms are comfortably designed to allow you to set up residence for the school year. You will be furnished with an extra-long single bed, desk, bookcase, dresser, and clothes closet. You are encouraged to bring posters and other personal items to decorate your room. Telephone service and rental of refrigerators can be arranged when you arrive.

Coed Residence Halls

For many years, most of Fresno's halls have been coed, although there remain two buildings (Sycamore and Ponderosa) that are all women. Coed buildings are characterized by men living on one floor or wing and women living on another floor or wing. This living arrangement has worked well, encouraging students to be more responsible and respectful of each other's rights. The demand for coed vs. non-coed housing has remained unchanged for the past several years. In almost all cases, you are able to obtain the living environment requested.