WELCOME TO THE SPARTAN RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE AT NSU!

Office of Housing & Residence Life 2019-2020

Why Live on Campus?

Research shows that students who live on campus perform better academically than students who live off campus. At NSU, research also shows that first-year students who live on campus outperform first-year students who live off campus. NSU implemented a mandatory housing requirement for all first-time, first-year freshmen in 2016. By doing so, we joined colleges and universities across America with mandatory housing initiatives designed to increase retention efforts from the first-year to the second year and assist students with persistence to graduation. There are exceptions to this requirement. Students who desire to “opt-out” of living on campus during the first-year must complete and submit the Request for Exemption to the Mandatory Housing Requirement Form by July 1st (fall semester) or November 1 (spring semester). To obtain more information, please contact the Office of Housing & Residence Life at (757) 823-8407 or visit www.nsu.edu/residentiallife

Living on campus provides great opportunities for our residents to interact with a diverse group of other students, create life-long friendships, build professional networks, find study groups, get actively involved, and enrich your daily life by immersion in the whole college experience. On-campus living is also convenient because of easy access to classes, faculty, dining options, student services, library, and campus activities! Added to the list is the fact that you pay one price for the cost of living, utilities, and a unique, transformative, and exciting residential experience!

Mission

The Office of Housing and Residence Life is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and well-maintained residential community that promotes student empowerment, academic success and transformational development.
We offer a variety of housing options to meet your on-campus needs. From our traditional halls to suites or apartment-style living, our students enjoy residing in diverse communities with students who share similar interests and have an abundance of opportunities to participate in academic, personal, and social activities.

**How to Apply for Housing**

Students interested in living on campus must submit an online housing application and pay the non-refundable housing deposit each academic year. For returning students, the deadline is March 31st. For new students, the deadline to apply for housing is listed below for the appropriate semester:

**Priority Housing Deadline (Incoming NSU Students)**

- Fall Semester—May 1
- Spring Semester—November 1

NSU accepts housing applications submitted after the deadline, until filled. Please note the $300 non-refundable housing deposit is due each year.

**Roommate Requests:** Students who desire to live on campus are able to request a specific roommate when you apply for housing. However, each student requesting to room with a specific student must apply and pay the non-refundable deposit within a seven business days timeframe and by the appropriate deadline. While we cannot guarantee requests, we will make every effort to try and accommodate your requests, if space is available. We cannot guarantee roommate requests received after the deadline.

**Meal Plan Requirement for Residential Students**

Students who live on campus are required to have a meal plan. The University provides several meal plans to accommodate a variety of choices. Students may select one of the meal plan options:

- Meal Plan 19 w/$150 dining dollars
- Meal Plan 14 w/$275 dining dollars
- Meal Plan 10 w/$325 dining dollars
- Meal Plan 7 w/$400 dining dollars*
- 160-Block w/$275 dining dollars**
- 130-Block w/$325 dining dollars**

*The Meal Plan 7 is for Spartan Suites residents only.

**First-time, first-year freshmen are not permitted to choose this meal plan.**

**What are Dining Dollars?**

Each meal plan has dining dollars as part of your package. Dining dollars can be used at any of the campus dining options such as Chick-fil-A, Tropical Smoothie, and more!
Community living at NSU is comprised of several housing options. We offer traditional double occupancy rooms, suite-style rooms, and apartment-style living. All of our residential communities are equipped with computer labs, study rooms, heat/AC, elevators, cable, Wi-Fi, on-site laundry facilities, and lounges/lobby. We also provide a bed/mattress, closet, dresser, desk and chair for each student in their room. Amenities such as game rooms, exercise rooms, conference rooms, mini-spa, and salon are offered in a few of our communities as well!

Below is a brief overview of our residential communities:

Built in 1970, Babbette Smith Hall is composed of two buildings—the North side (female) and South side (males) is home to 334 first-year students. Double occupancy rooms and suites are available.

Rosa Alexander Hall was built in 1982. Home to 234 female students, Rosa Alexander Hall has a mix of double occupancy rooms and suites.

Samuel Scott Hall is home to 234 male students. Built in 1977, Samuel Scott Hall has a mix of double occupancy rooms and suites.

Built in 1988 Charles Smith Hall is home to 187 male students. This community mostly comprises traditional, double occupancy rooms.

Home to 187 females, Lee Smith Hall was built in 1992. This community mostly comprises traditional, double occupancy rooms.

The Midrise Honors Residential College was built in 1992. This co-ed community accommodates 292 scholars, including DNIMAS Scholars, Honors College, Board of Visitors, Presidential Scholars, and students whose cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or greater.

Built in 2005, Spartan Suites is a 600-bed apartment-style community. This community is comprise of one, two, and four bedroom apartments, including full kitchens. Residency in Spartan Suites is open to students age 20 or older or have a minimum of 60 credit hours. A minimum 2.5 GPA is typically required.

The New Residential Complex is scheduled to open Fall 2019 with 600 beds and an additional 140 beds during the Spring 2020 semester. This co-ed, upperclassmen community features a community kitchen on each floor, an exercise facility, mini-theater, and more! A minimum 2.0 GPA is required.
WELCOME HOME.

Your Room Assignment.

Email is the official method of communication at NSU. Your room assignment will be sent to your NSU email account. Housing and Residence Life typically provides room assignments via NSU student email in late May-early June for the Fall semester or late November-early December for the Spring semester. Applications received after the deadline will be processed within 2-3 weeks of receipt.

What to Bring.

FOR YOUR ROOM
- Bed sheets
- Pillows & pillow cases
- School supplies
- Combination lock (for your closet)
- Blankets
- Mattress cover
- Small throw rug
- Air freshener (without electric socket)

Each resident is provided with furniture in their room, that includes a bed and mattress (extra-long twin), closet, drawers, and a desk with chair.

ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES
- Refrigerator (4.0 cu. ft. or smaller)
- Desk or floor lamps (except halogen lamps)
- Hair dryer
- Computer equipment
- Alarm clock
- Cable splitter
- Electrical curling irons/heating curlers (with enclosed heating coil)
- Television set (32" or smaller)
- Personal computer or laptop
- Sound system entertainment
- Radio
- Cable & Ethernet wires
- Surge protector (UL designation only)

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry hamper or bag
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Laundry detergent
- Rolls of quarters

CLEANING SUPPLIES
- Small wastebasket (3-5 gal.)
- Mop
- Broom
- Sanitizing & Cleaning supplies

PERSONAL CARE & BATHROOM SUPPLIES
- Shower shoes/cap
- Towels
- Hygiene products
  (deodorant, feminine care, lotion, dental care)
- Washcloths
- Hair products (gel, brushes, combs, etc.)
- Soap & Shampoo

SOME BASIC SUPPLIES IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- Water
- Medications
- Food (dried/canned)
- Personal first-aid kit

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE
Norfolk State University is not responsible for theft, damage, or loss of property for any reason whatsoever. Parents/Students are **strongly encouraged** to purchase renter’s insurance if their homeowner’s insurance will not cover reimbursement or replacement costs.