

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Housing & Residence Life

YSU owns and operates five housing facilities for students:

- **Kilcawley House**, located on University Plaza
- **Lyden House** and **Cafaro House**, located on Madison Avenue
- **Wick House** and **Weller House**, located on Wick Avenue

On-campus options for students range from traditional residence hall facilities to apartment-style housing.

On-campus living provides students many advantages and opportunities. University housing facilities are structured environments. Each is a small community, and as such, has procedures and regulations addressing such things as noise, safety, guests and security. University residence halls have full-time professional and part-time student staff that oversee the operation of the halls and assist students with the challenges of daily college life. Each facility has state-of-the-art building security systems. On-campus living is a good place to get to know many students in a short period of time. Sharing bathrooms, lounge space, and corridors with a group means you can't help but make friends quickly. Being on campus also means that classes, the library, the student center, and the wellness center are never very far away.

For more information, see the Housing and Residence Life (<http://housing.ysu.edu>) website.

Kilcawley House

Kilcawley House was constructed in 1965 and has undergone a complete renovation. This seven-story building can accommodate 224 students. Kilcawley residents live in double-occupancy rooms, complete with loft-style furniture, wall-to-wall carpeting, cable TV, Internet access, and plenty of flexible space. Rooms feature separate room-controlled heating and air conditioning. Lounges and study areas are available on each floor. A computer lab with Internet access is located in the basement. The basement also contains a TV lounge, a game room equipped with ping-pong and pool tables, a kitchen with vending machines, a 24-hour study area, and two music practice rooms. Its residents have the advantage of being located in the heart of the YSU campus and can use all of Kilcawley Center's facilities including a computer center, and copying service without going outdoors.

Lyden House

When Lyden House opened, a new era began for on-campus housing at Youngstown State. The impressive five-story structure reflects a traditional collegiate gothic style with clean, contemporary lines. Lyden House, located just north of campus along Madison Avenue, houses 300 students. A typical student room is approximately 12' x 17' and houses two students. In addition to a bunk bed, which can be stacked, lofted, or separated, each student has a desk and chair, a dresser, a shelving unit and an armoire wardrobe unit. The furniture is uniquely designed to interchange to suit the individual student's tastes in personal decor.

Rooms also feature separate room-controlled heating and air conditioning units, cable TV, vertical window blinds, overhead lighting and tiled floors. Each room has high-speed Internet access. All rooms in Lyden are designed to be handicapped accessible.

Each wing of this beautifully designed residence hall includes convenient shower and restrooms, quiet study rooms, and comfortable conversation lounges. Students have full access to a kitchenette/vending area, fitness room, computer lab with Internet access and laundry facilities in the lower level of Lyden. A convenient parking area is also available adjacent to Lyden House.

Cafaro House

Cafaro House is coed, housing 274 students. The facility, which opened fall 1995, houses participants in the University Scholars Program, BSMD program, and Honors College.

Enclosed suites rather than traditional rooms accommodate 4-18 residents, with individual rooms branching off each suite area to house two residents. One traditional hallway is located on the first floor. Each room has cable TV, and high-speed Internet access.

In addition to providing a variety of lounge and recreational spaces similar to Kilcawley and Lyden, this facility also has academic spaces such as a seminar room, computer lab, and music practice rooms.

Wick House

Located on Wick Avenue next to the Arms Family Museum of Local History and near the Butler Institute of American Art. Wick House is a restored mansion that was at one time the home of the Wick family. This residence hall offers unique living spaces for 33 upperclass residents. Rooms vary in size and design, accommodating one to three residents, and several rooms offer private bathrooms. Rooms are furnished with beds, desks, and wardrobes similar to those found in Lyden House.

Wick House provides a kitchenette and large lounge on the first floor and laundry facilities in the basement. Ample parking is available adjacent to the building.

Weller House

Weller House is located along Wick Avenue next to Wick House. Weller House has also recently undergone a complete renovation and accommodates 17 graduate resident apartments.

Having opened in fall 1991, this facility offers apartment-style on-campus living, each unit having a full bathroom with tub and/or shower, a kitchen, high-speed internet access, cable TV, an electric range, refrigerator/freezer, garbage disposal, full size bed and dresser, and a dining table. Apartments vary in size and are designed to accommodate a single student as well as a couple with children.

Weller also offers students a community room and convenient laundry facilities on the lower level.

University Courtyard Apartments

Established in 2003, University Courtyard Apartments is an added addition to the student housing community, of which the apartments are an ideal option for YSU students wishing to live on campus and still have all the comforts of home.

In 2010, Youngstown State University, obtained ownership of University Courtyard Apartments. The community is located in the Wick Oval area, just minutes away from the center of campus and adjacent to Bliss Hall, home of the College of Creative Arts and Communication. The community is comprised of one, two, and four bedroom apartments and each apartment comes equipped with an appliance package that includes a full size refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher. In addition, the units are fully furnished and equipped with ceiling fans and mini-blinds. Residents can take advantage of the planned activities, computer labs, study lounge, fitness center and recreation area in the courtyard that includes a basketball and volleyball court and grills. The rent is all-inclusive, which means the residents pay one amount for everything including all utilities, Wi-Fi, high-speed internet access and basic cable TV, and charges are assessed through the students portal account. University Courtyard Apartments provide an ideal way to "study hard and to live easy."

Christman Dining Commons

The Christman Dining Commons serves students with an on-campus resident meal plan or on a per-meal cash basis. The Commons is located adjacent to both Lyden House and Cafaro House and is easily accessible from Elm Street, Madison Avenue, and Custer Street.

This gracious single-floor dining facility architecturally complements Lyden and Cafaro Houses, seats 300 and will serve over 600 per meal.

The Commons offers a wide variety of menu options to campus residents, from self-serve cold foods, beverages, and snack selections to staff-served grille specialties and hot entrees.

Various meal plans are also available to those current students not living in University-owned facilities.

Application for Housing

Applications are available online at the Housing and Residence Life (<http://housing.yzu.edu>) website.

In order to be accepted for University Housing, a student must first be admitted to the University. Space is allocated on a first-come first-served basis. If you have not yet applied to the University, contact the Office of Admissions at (330) 941-2000.

University Housing Partners

Buechner Hall

Buechner Hall, a privately owned and operated women's residence hall, is located near the center of campus. Although this facility is not operated by University Housing, cooperation and regular communication ensure that the women residents are integrated into campus life.

Designed and built expressly for women, Buechner Hall is operated by the Buechner Foundation, a private, not-for-profit corporation, and is maintained by funds from the original bequest. The Foundation partially underwrites every resident's cost. Located on the YSU campus, Buechner Hall houses 72 women in single and double rooms. The air-conditioned rooms are completely furnished and are cleaned weekly by the housekeeping staff. The dining room provides 15 home-cooked meals a week and weekend cooking facilities are also available. The building has an elevator and sprinkler system, and laundry facilities on each floor. Staff and security guards provide maximum 24-hour security service. A beautiful and immaculately maintained building, Buechner Hall is conducive to a quiet study environment. It is located at 620 Bryson Street, Youngstown, OH 44502. Telephone: (330) 744-5361.

Independent Living

Off-campus housing is an attractive option for many students. In the greater Youngstown area, there is a wide variety of apartments, houses, and rooms for rent at surprisingly reasonable rates. Much of this housing is within walking distance to campus so students without their own automobile are able to take advantage of it. Many students with transportation opt to live further from campus.

Whatever kind of housing you are interested in, please see options on our website at Housing and Residence Life (<http://housing.yzu.edu>).

Lockers

Campus lockers are available in Bliss Hall, Moser Hall, and Cushwa Hall at a cost of \$25. A lock is provided by the university and is mandatory for the duration of use. The university assumes no responsibility for property stored in the locker, and all items must be removed at the end of each academic year. Details and rentals are available at the YSU Info & PC Lab located on upper level of Kilcawley Center or at (330) 941-3516.