

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Living in one of University Housing's four residence halls provides the benefit of community, a focus on wellness, mentorship, and co-curricular education. We empower students to set guidelines for their community and hold each other accountable to mutual expectations. Our full-time live-in professional and graduate staff members approach connecting with residential students based on the values of the department, including diversity/inclusion, wellness, and academics. They conduct regular conversations with residents regarding their overall goals for the semester and check-in periodically to ensure that these goals are being met. Resident Assistants (RAs) are upper-class students further along in their coursework than traditional first-year students. They regularly help residents navigate campus and academic culture and plan a variety of events to help residents feel safe and included in the residential and YSU community.

Housing & Residence Life

YSU owns and operates four residence halls and one small apartment building.

- **Kilcawley House**, located on University Plaza, is a traditional residence hall
- **Lyden House** and **Cafaro House**, located on Madison Avenue, are both traditional residence halls
- **Wick House** located on Wick Avenue, is a small historic home that was converted into a residence hall
- **Weller House** also located on Wick Avenue, is a small building with 16 efficiency apartments

On-campus living provides students many advantages and opportunities. University Housing facilities are structured environments with procedures and regulations addressing community issues, including noise, safety, guests and security. University residence halls have full-time, live-in professional staff members and part-time, live-in student staff members who oversee the operation of the halls and assist students with the challenges of daily college life. Each building has security features, including 24-hour staffed desks, security cameras in public areas, and locking exterior doors that require specific access cards for all residents. 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.

One perk of living in University Housing is that students can partake in an extension of the Penguin Tuition Promise, through which they "lock in" a housing rate their first year. This rate, which includes the cost of room and board (rent, utilities, internet, and meals), will stay constant for up to four years. More information about our rates, contract, amenities, and meal plans can be found on our website[KB1] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_1).

Once a student has been accepted to YSU, they can submit a housing application[KB2] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_2). The application costs \$35.00 and includes the cost of a background check. As part of the application, students can self-select their building, room, and roommate.

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As part of the application, students have the opportunity to self-select their building, room, and roommate. Students must also pay a \$250 housing prepayment at the conclusion of the application. This prepayment will be added as a credit to a student's bill at the beginning of fall semester.

Kilcawley House

Kilcawley House was built in 1965 and sits at the heart of YSU's campus. Students living in this building are uniquely situated to access everything on campus, including Kilcawley Center, class building, the library, and more. Housing just about 225 students, Kilcawley underwent a renovation in 2015. The newly updated rooms have wall-to-wall carpet and new furniture. More information about the building, including floor plans and other building amenities, can be found on our website[KB1] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_1).

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Lyden House

Lyden House opened in 1991 as just the second residence hall on YSU's campus. Located next to both Cafaro House and Christman Dining Common, Lyden is the largest of the residence halls, housing about 330 students. More information about the building, including floor plans and other building amenities, can be found on our website[KB1] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_1).

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Cafaro House

Opened in the fall of 1995, and houses students in the Honors College. This building houses students of all genders, features a suite-style floor set-up, and is home to about 280 students. More information about the building, including floor plans and other building amenities, can be found on our website[KB1] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_1).

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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 historic Youngstown Wick family. This residence hall houses just 32 students, and is reserved for students who have lived on campus for at least one year. Due to its historic nature, each room is unique in shape and size. More information about the building, including floor plans and other building amenities, can be found on our website[KB1] (http://catalog.ysu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msocom_1).

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Weller House

Weller House underwent renovations in 2017, and features 16 efficiency apartments. In order to best meet the needs of our students, this building is reserved for graduate students or students with families (couples or those with children). Apartments range in size from studios to three-bedroom apartments. Each features a full kitchen, living/dining space, and full bathroom, in addition to the bedroom areas. The basement also features a newly updated community playroom with TV and sitting area. While students living in this building are exempt from the Penguin Tuition Promise, they are also not required to have meal plans. Our rates are also very competitive. More information about the building, including floor plans and other building amenities, can be found on our website [KB1] (http://catalog.yosu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msoacom_1).

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University Courtyard Apartments

In 2011, YSU took on ownership of the University Courtyard Apartments. The apartments are run by a contracted company called RISE management, who oversee all operations of the building, including billing, contracts, communication with students, and more. These two apartment buildings are located in the Wick Oval area, just minutes away from the center of campus and adjacent to Bliss Hall. The apartments include, two, and four bedroom apartments and each apartment comes equipped with an upgraded appliance package that includes stainless steel full size refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher. 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 applied to the student's University bill, so all financial aid can be applied directly towards rent costs.

Christman Dining Commons

Christman Dining Commons, commonly referred to as "Christman" is located adjacent to both Lyden House and Cafaro House. Seating 300 people at a time, the staff can serve up to 600 people per meal period. Most days, Christman hosts three traditional meal times (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), while on some nights they also feature a "late-night" option starting at 9:00pm.

Christman 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. Students can build their own stir-fry daily, while those with food allergies or dietary restrictions can work directly with the chef on meals that meet their needs.

Students living in Kilcawley, Lyden, Cafaro, and Wick Houses are all required to have a meal plan, which is included in their room and board charges. Each meal plan consists of three types of funds: meal swipes for use at Christman, Flex Dollars for use at any other campus dining location, and Pete's Points to be used at any other campus dining location, as well as some off-campus dining locations with whom we partner.

Commuter students, those living in nearby apartments, staff, and faculty, are also welcome to purchase meal plans, visit Christman Dining Common, or visit any of the other many campus dining options. Daily meal rates, menu options, and more can be found on our website [KB1] (<http://catalog.yosu.edu/>

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University Housing Partners

In addition to the University Courtyards Apartments, YSU has strong relationships with the managers of other local apartment buildings that primarily serve YSU students. If you are interested in other housing options than those listed above, you can find more information about some of these options on our website [KB1] (http://catalog.yosu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/general-information/student-services/housing-residence-life/#_msoacom_1).

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