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 staff 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, microfridge, 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, microfridge, 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 a microfridge 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.

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 2011, 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 Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication. The community is comprised of one, 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. In addition, the units are fully furnished and equipped with ceiling fans, mini-blinds and upgraded flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms. 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.”

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 microfridges, beds, desks, and wardrobes similar to those found in Lyden House.

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