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First year experience



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A welcome from the

Chancellor

Welcome to Carolina! We are excited to welcome you to our community this fall. This campus is a remarkable place with so much to offer you in your first year of college. You have the opportunity to learn from our world-class faculty, our dedicated staff and your fellow students as you begin your college career. We can't wait to see what you accomplish here on campus and beyond.

I encourage you to make the most of your experience and to explore all that Carolina has to offer to its fullest. From the classroom to the athletic fields, from the library to Franklin St., I hope that you can build and develop bonds that you will have for the rest of your life.

Take the time to learn more about and contribute to our campus community, comprised of faculty, staff, and students with diverse perspectives. As a first-year student, this may seem intimidating, but it is the varied backgrounds and viewpoints of every person here on this campus that make us unique. By listening, learning and growing together, we can expand our knowledge and work to solve the critical problems of our world.

Don't be afraid to reach out for help – your resident advisors, housing staff and more are all dedicated to making Carolina a warm and welcoming place. They are your guides whose wisdom and expertise will be invaluable in the months and years to come.

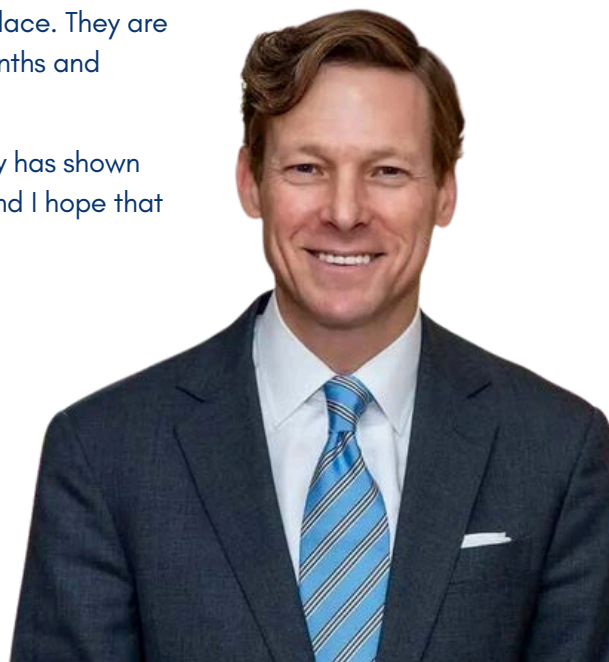
I am also in my first year here at Carolina, and already this community has shown me extraordinary hospitality and kindness. It is becoming my home, and I hope that our university will also be yours.

It is a life-changing place where you will grow in ways you never thought possible.

We look forward to meeting you. If you see me on campus, please stop me and say hello.

Go Heels!

Lee H. Roberts, Chancellor



A letter from our Executive Director

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Welcome Home Tar Heel! At Carolina Housing, we firmly believe that through the creation of a strong community, you have a greater sense of belonging and clearer path to academic success. Living on campus and getting involved in your campus community can be one of the most rewarding experiences in college. And, it's a great way to be at the heart of the Carolina experience! Studies have shown that students who live on-campus are more likely to be more academically successful, take less time to earn a degree, and are overall more satisfied with their college experience. Did you know that Carolina Housing is home to over 8,500 on-campus residents?



Living on campus provides much more than just an accommodation - it's about creating a life experience that is exceptional and unforgettable. Here, you have the opportunity to become an active member in an inclusive community that will help shape who you are and who you will become. This is your opportunity to expand your horizons - meet new people, try something new, immerse yourself in life on campus, and take full advantage of all the activities and resources available. Remember, it's always a #GDTBATH - especially at Carolina Housing!

- **Allan Blattner**, Executive Director, Carolina Housing.

Our Mission

Carolina Housing works to provide convenient housing that is safe, inclusive, and supportive. We strive for students to experience a welcoming home in our on-campus communities, build life-long friendships and develop skills for their current and future success as they journey through their Carolina experience.

Advantages of On-Campus Living

Convenience

- Easy, walkable access to amenities such as recreation fields, dining options, and campus partners
- Community-wide programming in and around your building

Safety

- Secure access to all buildings
- UNC Police patrol 24/7
- SafeWalk Partnership
- Cameras on all exterior doors

Support Staff

- Full-time Community Directors
- Student Staff: Resident Advisors
- On-call teams available 24/7

Affordability

- All utilities included
- No application fee
- No deposit
- Flexible contract terms to meet your academic schedule (including single-semester options for students studying abroad)





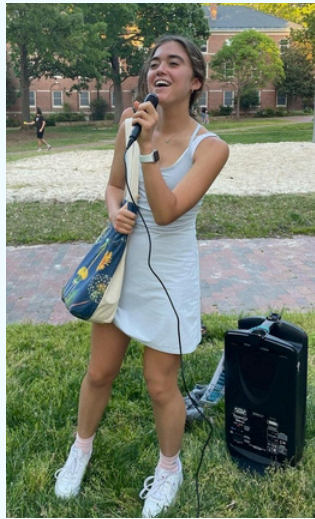
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At Carolina, first-year students have two university-affiliated housing options: on-campus residence halls managed by Carolina Housing, or Granville Towers, our partnership community. Both options are designed to support your transition to college life by fostering community engagement, academic success, and personal growth.

Because of the educational benefits and campus connections created by living on campus, all first-year students are required to reside in one of these two housing options for the entirety of their first academic year. Every first-year student is guaranteed housing in a Carolina Housing residence hall or at Granville Towers. If first-year spaces in residence halls reach capacity, students may be assigned to Granville Towers to fulfill the residency requirement.

For inquiries regarding Granville Towers' processes, please reach out to them directly.

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We host over 2,000 events a year!

Always Here for You

Carolina Housing's motivated team of professionals are constantly finding new ways to help everyone feel at home in the halls. As a staff, we invest time, energy and resources into training, services, and programs designed to support, connect, and engage students. Here are just some of the folks who will be here for you!

Community Directors

CD's are full-time, live-in professional staff members. They serve as the lead educator for students in the community. CD's have direct contact with residents, including advising a community government, providing guidance to Learning Communities where applicable, and through routine daily interactions.

Resident Advisors

RA's are undergraduate or graduate students who - under the supervision and direction of their CD - serve as educators, counselors, administrators, role models, friends, and team members for the residents of a floor or wing in a residence hall.

Office Assistants

OA's serve as a resource for residents and are responsible for maintaining the community offices and assisting residents. OA's perform office functions such as answering questions in person and via phone, and checking out keys and enhancements.

Residential Computing Consultant

RCC's serve as in-building technology consultants for residents and staff in Carolina Housing.



Advancing Sustainability

Sustainable Carolina

Housed within the UNC Institute for the Environment, Sustainable Carolina is the University's sustainability initiative. The group bridges research and operations to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, reduce waste, and more. The group also engages with the campus community to provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students. At the beginning of each school year, Sustainable Carolina hosts the Sustainability Social, where students can talk with and get involved in a variety of environmentally focused student organizations!



The Three Zero's

Here at Carolina Housing, we strive to reach the "Three Zeros," which are; Net Zero Water, Zero Waste to Landfills, and Net Zero Greenhouse Gases. We support this goal by offering residence hall composting bins, building with more sustainable materials, using energy-efficient appliances, and promoting green initiatives such as the "Cold Water Wash" campaign!



Don't Ditch It, Donate It!

Don't Ditch It Donate It is the annual end of the year sustainability program hosted by a team of campus partners, including Carolina Housing. The goal of this program is to donate and reuse items, rather than adding to the local landfills. Our total landfill diversion to date is 379 tons!

Residential Learning Programs

Carolina's Residential Learning Programs (RLPs) give you a unique living experience where you will engage in academic and extracurricular programming designed specifically for your RLP. You can enjoy all of the usual advantages of on-campus living, with the added benefit of living among a group of students who share your academic goals, interests, or experiences.



Applications are received on a rolling basis. If you are accepted into an RLP, you will be assigned housing where the RLP is located. Students typically spend 2-4 hours a week participating in their RLP. RLP members can attend workshops, collaborate with campus partners, attend social events, and even connect with faculty.

"I feel like I'm in a place that is welcoming to me. I feel safe and comfortable."

- Pride Place Resident



"Here I found people who identify with me and are standing by to help each other in their new academic journey. We were the first family members to go to university so we explored UNC together!"

- First Gens Resident





BLUE provides space and opportunity for networking, innovation, creation, and collaboration. Students get to experiment, meet new people, and master concepts of entrepreneurial mindset through hands-on opportunity - plus you will live in Carmichael so you have easy access to the BeAM Makerspace lab!



The First Generation RLP is an innovative, collaborative program that serves self-identified, first-generation students during their first year at Carolina. The First Gen RLP provides co-curricular activities, learning spaces, and opportunities to build relationships to supplement and enhance their Carolina experience. This program is located in Hinton James.



When students join Outdoor Pursuits, they will pursue health and well-being through connecting with other Tar Heels in the outdoors. From high impact adventure to low key events, Outdoor Pursuits fosters opportunities to collaborate with others to connect with themselves, others, and the world around them! This partnership with Carolina Adventures is located in Ehringhaus.



Pride Place is a community located in Joyner that's focused on personal wellness and academic success for students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions at Carolina. Pride place seeks to make every member feel safe, included, and empowered while engaging them with the LGBTQ+ community.



The Civil Discourse Community (Civ-Comm) is a vibrant residential learning program that empowers Carolina students to engage in courageous, honest, and respectful conversations about life's most fundamental questions. Through meaningful dialogue on topics of meaning, ethics, and public life, Civ-Comm fosters the skills needed to navigate complex ideas, embrace diverse perspectives, and contribute thoughtfully to society.

First Year Experience Residence Halls

Granville
Towers



Graham

McClinton

Stacy

Cobb

Everett

Lewis

Joyner

Playmakers
Reperatory
Company

Lenoir
Dining Hall

The Pit

UNC Student
Stores

Hooker Fields

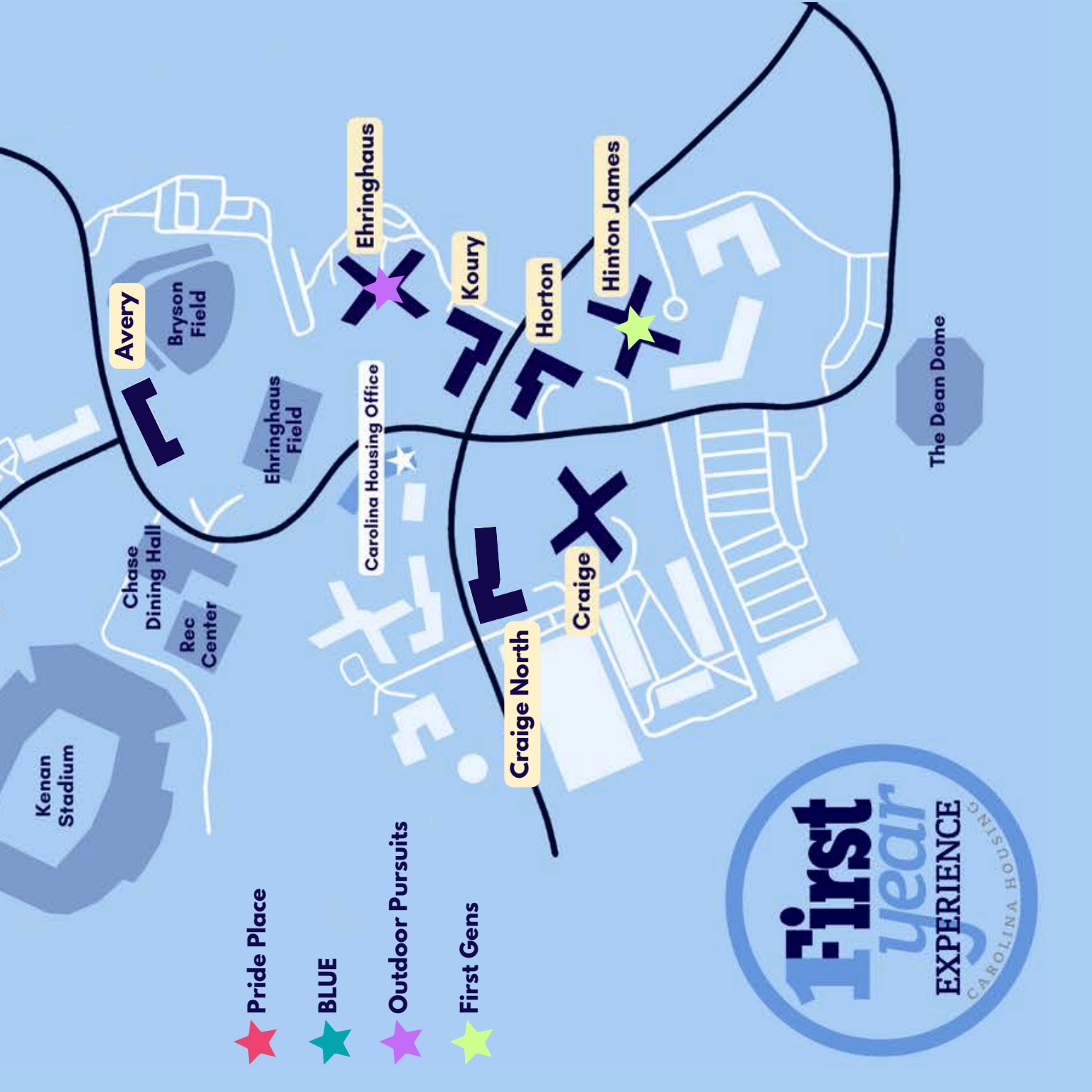
Carmichael
Arena

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Pool

Dorrance
Field

Rec Center

Carmichael



★ Pride Place

★ BLUE

★ Outdoor Pursuits

★ First Gens



Our Campus Partnerships

BeAM Makerspace



At the BeAM Makerspace in Carmichael – if you can think it, you can make it! Experiment and create with the help of workshops, student staff, trainings, and state of the art technologies. You can enjoy embroidery, sewing, 3-D printing, vinyl cutting, laser cutting (coming soon!) and SO much more. The possibilities are endless at BeAM!

Carolina Cupboard



The mission of Carolina Cupboard is to provide food assistance to individuals of the UNC community by acquiring and distributing food to those in need on campus. Any student experiencing food insecurity is encouraged to come visit, they can also pick up hygiene items while they're there!

Carolina Gaming Arena



The gaming arena in Craige may be the most fun spot on campus! With 33 high-end PC stations and over 10 gaming consoles, including VR systems, the arena is set up for everything from casual (or not so casual) sessions of Mario Kart to a competitive Overwatch match with the Esports team. Gaming assistants stay ready to help you with anything you need, no matter your level of experience!

"To me, the Morrison Art Studio represents expression. I can just come in, put in my airpods, and create whatever I want without it having to be for a class"

"I love being at BeAM and creating things you really enjoy – the creative expression is just so great"

Chapel Thrill Escapes



Chapel Thrill Escapes was created by students, for students. Located in Cobb, the current room is called "Ramses in Wonderland" and is filled to the brim with mysteries and magical puzzles. Bring your roommates, suitemates, and friends and see if you have what it takes to escape Wonderland!

Edible Campus



Edible Campus works to combat food insecurity while promoting agricultural sustainability. They have a large garden as well as eight satellite garden sites spread throughout campus. These gardens are filled with vegetables, fruits, herbs, and a variety of pollinator friendly perennials and annuals. The produce is free for anyone in the community to forage.

Hardin Advisory Hub



The Hardin Hub for Career & Academic Advising is a full-service extension of University Career Services and Academic Advising Program where students can meet with an academic advisor to review career and academic plans to achieve their goals, explore majors/minors and discuss course planning, and navigate academic challenges.

Morrison Arts Studio



The Morrison Art Studio provides residents with an opportunity to unleash their inner artist! The studio features free use of all the supplies you'll need for painting and drawing, and an MFA artist-in-residence who serves as a resource. A quick orientation gives all UNC residents the freedom to learn, explore, and create anything they can imagine.

Residence Hall Association



"Hi Tar Heels! We at RHA are beyond excited to welcome you to UNC. There are tons of resources available to you on campus and loads of leadership opportunities. RHA is proud to host programs, offer enhancements, advocate, and give recognition to over 9,000 residents!"

- RHA Executive Board

Ways to get involved with RHA:

- Executive Board
- Community Governor
- Community Government
- External Boards; Marketing, Collaboration, Programming
- Residence Hall Renaming Committee
- Environmental Health Conservation Committee
- Bylaw and Constitution Amendment Committee



Through our preferred vendors, RHA also offers helpful resources as you transition to Carolina, including:

- Microfridges
- Carpets
- Linens

To learn more, check us out at rha.unc.edu and follow us on Instagram @RHA_UNC or our Facebook page RHA at UNC. We can't wait to welcome you to our community soon!

North and South Campus

Figuring out which residence hall to choose for your first year at Carolina can be difficult. Each building and community hosts its own culture and offers different perks to suit every type of Carolina student. But which one will suit you?

North Campus can be best described in one word – proximity. Anything you may need is mere minutes away – academic buildings, Lenoir Dining Hall, Franklin Street, Davis Library, The Pit, and the Student Union – it's right there!

The atmosphere of North Campus is more quiet and academic, and communities are smaller and more close-knit. The First-Year halls located in North Campus, part of the Lower Quad community, include Everett, Lewis, Graham, McClinton, and Stacy. Additionally there is Cobb, which is part of its own community.

The buildings are smaller and more historic. They are also all corridor-style, meaning large bathrooms are shared by each hall. The plus side of this is that housekeeping cleans and maintains the bathrooms, and students will have more space.

Does a traditionally social yet academically-focused community sound right for you? Then choose North Campus!

"I just love being close to everything on campus. I live right across Davis and Lenoir, and I can get to my classes on time! "

The South Campus residence halls such as Hinton James, Avery, Ehringhaus, Koury, Horton, Craige, and Craige North offer suite-style spaces. This means private restrooms will be shared by a suite of 6-8 students. Some students may prefer that setup, but in Koury, Horton, and Craige North this privacy comes with the responsibility to clean and maintain the bathroom themselves.

South Campus residence halls have a variety of layouts and these halls are much bigger than those on North Campus, the biggest being Hinton James at a population of 900+ students! South Campus residence halls are known for their lively and sociable energies.

While the commute to North Campus is a bit far, students will utilize our free bus system to get around – plus Chase Dining Hall, the Dean Dome, Subway, and Port City Java are all on South Campus.

Does a large community filled with new people to meet sound right for you? Then choose South Campus!

"Living in a larger building, such as Hinton James, has tremendously aided me in my first year for making new connections."



First-Year Housing Options



Avery

- 6-8 person Suite-style
- Central A/C
- Social atmosphere of mid-campus
- Looks over baseball field!



Craige

- 8 person Suite-style
- Smallest of the high-rises
- Window A/C units
- Houses the Gaming Arena
- Has a Basketball court!



Craige North

- 4 person Suite-style
- The fourth floor is first-year exclusive
- Window A/C units
- Has a great location!



Cobb

- Corridor-style
- Across from Battle Park
- Central A/C
- Home of Chapel Thrill Escapes!



Ehringhaus

- 8 person suite-style
- Window A/C units
- Beach-themed springtime party
- Has a hammock station



Everett

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Near rec complex
- Has sand volleyball court



Graham

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Male only
- Connected to McClinton



Hinton James

- 8 person Suite-style
- Most populated residence hall
- Window A/C units
- Has a basketball court

*Rates include all utilities, and are pending final approval



Granville Towers

- Adjacent to the iconic Franklin Street
- 24-hour fitness center
- Fully furnished units



Horton

- 4 person Suite-style
- Central A/C
- Located right on a bus stop



Koury

- 4 person Suite-style
- Central A/C
- Same layout as Horton
- Has sand volleyball court



Lewis

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Closest first-year hall to Davis Library and Lenoir



McClinton

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Female only
- Connected to Graham



Stacy

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Near rec complex
- Has sand volleyball court

Rates

- **Double Occupancy:**
\$4,139/semester
(\$8,278/year)
- **Triple/Quadruple Occupancy:**
\$4,016/semester
(\$8,032/year)
- **Single Occupancy:**
\$4,902/semester
(\$9,804/year)

Choose Your Housing!

Carolina Housing

- 1** Access the Housing Application through the MyHousing Portal 3-5 business days after paying enrollment deposit.
- 2** Fill out a personal profile and utilize the Roommate Search tools to identify roommates and form a roommate group to be assigned together.
- 3** List up to 10 building preferences.
- 4** Continue to make edits in your roommate group or building preferences until the **May 15th** priority deadline.
- 5** Consider applying for a Residential Learning Program after your application is submitted.

Apply by the Priority Deadline of May 15!

You may apply after this date, but your application will be processed after all that were submitted by the priority deadline, so your preferences may not be available

*If you are under the age of 18 at the time you submit the housing contract, you must complete the Parent/Guardian Signature page found under "Online forms and Resources" on the Housing Portal.



Granville Towers

Located in the heart of Chapel Hill, just steps from Franklin Street and a short walk to campus, Granville Towers offers a unique residential experience with suite-style living, an on-site dining hall, and premium amenities such as study lounges, a fitness center, and an outdoor pool.

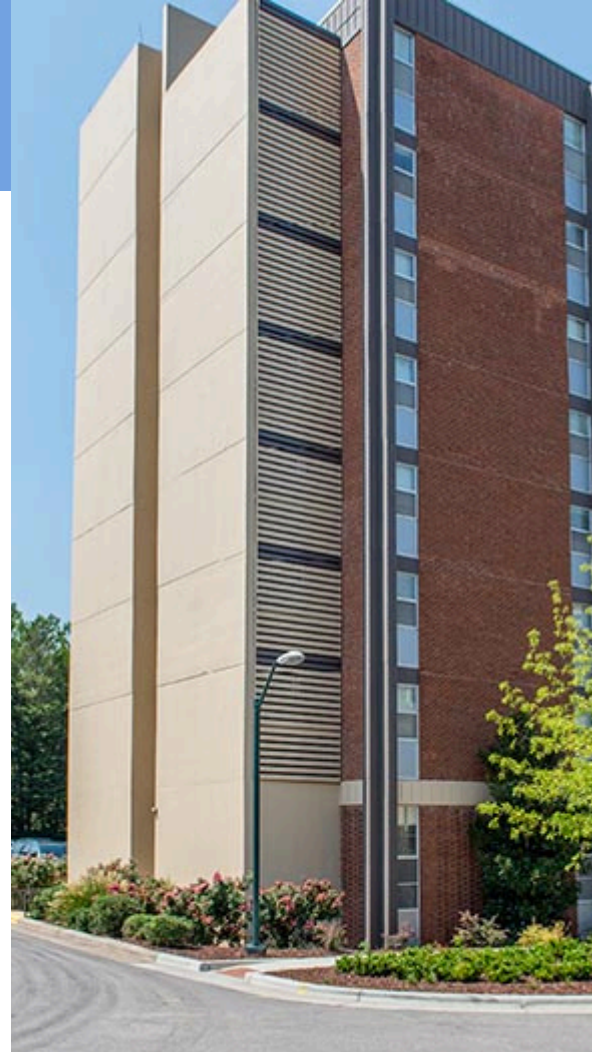
While Granville Towers is partnered with Carolina Housing, it operates independently with its own contracts, deadlines, and application process.

For specific information regarding leases, applications, and deadlines at Granville Towers, please contact them directly.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How is my room assignment made?

All of the applications received by May 15 are assigned a random lottery number, which determines your place in "line" (applying early will not impact your random lottery number). When it is your turn, the system identifies your preferences and seeks vacant rooms starting with your first choice and progressing down the list. If nothing is available in any of the locations you preferred, a random housing assignment is made.

When will I find out my room assignment?

If your application was completed by the priority deadline, you should expect your assignment in early June. Confirmation is initially sent by email and is also online at myhousing.unc.edu.



Do I have to live on campus?

Yes, first-year students at UNC Chapel Hill are required to live in on-campus residence halls or at Granville Towers during the entirety of their first academic year. There are some rare exceptions, if you feel this would apply to you, please refer to our website to see our guidelines and request a waiver.



Can I get a single room?

Yes, but single rooms are very sparse on the UNC campus, so it is very difficult to get assigned to one. If you have a medical condition that requires you live alone, please submit the Accommodation Request Form through the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office.

When can I move in?

Move-in for incoming first-years will take place August 13-17th. Residents will sign up for a move in appointment in mid-June.

What if me and my roommate don't get along?

We understand that not every roommate match is perfect. If you choose, you can request a room change through the Carolina Housing office either from mid-June to August 1st, or after the second week of Fall semester and continuing throughout the academic year.

Do I have to leave during breaks?

Residence halls only close over the Winter and Summer Breaks. Visit the Break Housing page on our website for more information on what to do if you want to stay on campus during these times.



How will I be billed for housing?

Apply by May 15 and your student account will be billed in July with payments made to the University Cashier. Payments are not made directly to or at the Carolina Housing office.

I'm thinking about living at Granville Towers, what's the difference?

Although Granville Towers is considered a partner to Carolina Housing, Granville Towers is managed by a private entity, and contracts are issued independently of Carolina Housing. It's important to note that contracts are not transferable between Carolina Housing and Granville Towers.

I have more questions!

Check out housing.unc.edu for more information. Still have questions? You can visit our office, email us at housing@unc.edu, or call us at 919-962-5401.



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