COME HOME TO CAMPUS
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For the most up-to-date information, please visit housing.vcu.edu.
Hello Rams,

Thank you for considering on-campus housing for the upcoming academic year. We are excited for the opportunity to be a part of your success. Returning students should be planning for what comes next: what classes to take, which professors best fit their learning styles, and how to make the most out of the future. On-campus living creates an environment to help students succeed. We have developed this upperclass housing resource to help students and families plan for next year and explain all of your on-campus housing options.

COVID-19 has had an impact on all of our lives this past year. Our department remains committed to our mission: providing safe, inclusive, and well maintained facilities where we build intentional communities to empower residents in their academic excellence, citizenship, and personal growth.

Residential Life and Housing has deployed the following strategies to help keep our community safe:
• Required daily health checks of residents and staff
• Increased cleaning of high traffic areas
• Required face coverings in all public spaces
• Designated Isolation and Quarantine Housing
• Modified closed common areas to maintain physical distancing
• Required COVID-19 entry testing for residents.

We recognize we must all continue to do our part to promote health and safety for ourselves and others. All of these steps reinforce our continued commitment to support you in your return to living on campus. To learn more about our steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, please visit housing.vcu.edu/together/preparations.

On-campus housing offers more than just a place to sleep. It is an integral part of the VCU experience. We understand that each student is unique and has different requirements to be successful. That’s why VCU offers a variety of on-campus housing options for upperclass residents. Returning residents have the option to apply to two specialized communities, VCU Transform or the Sophomore Year Experience. These programs are residential environments designed to integrate on-campus living with a focused academic curricular and co-curricular experience. For more information about these programs, see pages 12-13.

We understand that there is a lot to consider when planning for next year. If you have questions, please email vcuhousing@vcu.edu, call (804) 828-7666 or use the chat function on our website, housing.vcu.edu.

Go Rams,

Gavin Roark
Director of Residential Life and Housing
housing.vcu.edu
WANT TO SEE YOUR NEXT YEAR’S HOUSING OPTIONS?

Take our guided virtual tour and see how close each hall is to the core of campus and campus resources. Each hall stop on the tour showcases 360-degree panoramas of apartment options and still images to let you see what each hall has to offer.

VISIT HOUSING.VCU.EDU/#VIRTUALTOUR TO TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR AND ENVISION WHAT YOUR NEXT YEAR COULD BE.
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ACKELL RESIDENCE CENTER

COMMITMENT
• 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore
• Junior
• Senior
• Graduate

UNIT STYLE
• 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
• 2-person units have one bathroom
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long full (54" x 80")

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water and Sewer
• Trash
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• 24-hour information desk
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

BROAD & BELVIDERE

COMMITMENT
• 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore
• Junior
• Senior
• Graduate

UNIT STYLE
• 2, 3 and 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
• 2-person units have one bathroom
• 3 and 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• 2 and 3-person apartments have extra long full beds (54" x 80")
• 2 and 4-person apartments have full beds (54" x 75")

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water and Sewer
• Trash
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• 24-hour information desk
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED
CARY & BELVIDERE

**COMMITMENT**
- 9-month contract

**STUDENT POPULATION**
- Sophomore Year Experience (SYE) students

**UNIT STYLE**
- 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

**BATH**
- 2-person units have one bathroom
- 4-person units have two bathrooms

**BED STYLE**
- Extra long twin (36" x 80")

**COMMUNITY**
Sophomore Year Experience SYE
(See page 12)

**INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES**
- WiFi (high-speed)
- Electricity
- Water and Sewer
- Trash
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- 24-hour information desk
- Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

GRACE & BROAD

**COMMITMENT**
- 12-month contract

**STUDENT POPULATION**
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

**UNIT STYLE**
- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

**BATH**
- 4-person units have two bathrooms

**BED STYLE**
- Extra long twin (36" x 80")

**INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES**
- WiFi (high-speed)
- Electricity
- Water and Sewer
- Trash
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- 24-hour information desk
- Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED
WEST GRACE NORTH

COMMITMENT
• 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore, Junior, Senior and Graduate
• VCU Transform students

UNIT STYLE
• 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with double bedrooms

BATH
• 2-person units have one bathroom
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

COMMUNITY
• VCU Transform (See page 13)

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water and Sewer
• Trash
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• 24-hour information desk
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

WEST GRACE SOUTH

COMMITMENT
• 9-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore
• Junior
• Senior
• Graduate

UNIT STYLE
• 4-person apartments with double bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water and Sewer
• Trash
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• 24-hour information desk
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break

MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED
**Step 1: Complete a Housing Application** by visiting [housing.vcu.edu](http://housing.vcu.edu).

The Housing Application will open at noon on Friday, Jan. 17, and will close Friday, Feb. 7 at noon. We highly encourage all students to complete a Housing Application, even if they are not 100% sure if they want to live on campus. Completing a Housing Application does not lock a student into a housing contract. The housing contract is considered signed once a student chooses a room. If students do not find a space they like, they simply do not choose a room and are free to find a space somewhere else. By completing a housing application, a student can explore all their housing options.

**Step 2: Confirm your application** is complete by logging into the Housing Application. If the Housing Application is complete, there will be a green box with the housing term listed. If the application is incomplete, the box will be yellow.

**Step 3: Choose a room on your selection day.** If you are part of a roommate group, one person from the group will choose spaces for the whole group.

*No prepayment is required to complete a housing application for current VCU students.*
**ROOM SELECTION DAYS**

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**FEB. 16-17: SAME-ROOM SELECTION**
Only preselected students living in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North, West Grace South and returning students of VCU Transform, ASPIRE, Globe, Innovate and LEAD are eligible to select their same room. An email will be sent in January, letting students know if they are eligible.

**FEB. 17-18: ROOMMATE PULL-IN SELECTION**
Anyone who has chosen a room during Same-room Selection can pull students into their apartment or room, up to the number that would fill all vacant beds. Only students who have completed a housing application can be pulled in. We strongly encourage all students to make every effort to fill their entire unit through the roommate pull-in process. Students who do not fill an entire unit may be moved to consolidate space.

**FEB. 19-22: SAME BUILDING**
Students living in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North and West Grace South are eligible to select a space in their same building.

**FEB. 24-25: LLP RETURNING STUDENTS SELECTION**
Students who are currently returning to ASPIRE, Globe, Innovate, LEAD and VCU Transform may sign-up for a space. Eligible students will receive an email from their program with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

**FEB. 25-26: VCU TRANSFORM LLP INCOMING STUDENTS SELECTION**
Students who have been accepted to VCU Transform LLP may sign-up for a space. Eligible...
WHO CAN LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Students who are enrolled in 9 credit hours or more and progressing towards graduation are eligible for on-campus housing. In certain limited circumstances, students may obtain permission to drop temporarily below the required minimum number of credits. Students wishing to do so may submit an exemption request by emailing vcuhousing.vcu.edu. Please consider that to graduate in four years; a student should take a minimum of 15 credits per term. Students graduating in the Fall term are allowed to participate in the returning student process. They will need to vacate their assignments at the end of Fall term. Students graduating in the Spring with 12-month contracts will not need to vacate after graduation; their contracts will continue until July 15.

COST

The proposed rates will be posted to our website in late January-early February. All rates become final after approval of the Board of Visitors, which usually occurs in the spring. The cost of on-campus housing is equal to, or lower than, most surrounding locations that offer similar quality amenities. Students living in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Cary & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North and West Grace South are not required to have meal plans.

MARCH 1-3: DISPLACED STUDENT SIGN-UP
Residents who are eligible for the Displaced Student Sign-up will receive an email in early January. These students will not be able to select a room on Same-room selection day.

MARCH 12: RISING SOPHOMORE SELECTION
Rising Sophomores who have not selected a room will choose their room during their room selection time slot. If a student is part of a roommate group, the person with the lowest selection number will assign each person of the group a space. Selection time slots will be emailed to VCU emails on March 9.

MARCH 13: RISING JUNIOR, SENIOR AND GRADUATE STUDENTS SELECTION
Rising Junior, Senior and Graduate Students who have not selected a room will choose their room during their room selection time slot. If a student is part of a roommate group, the person with the lowest selection number will assign each person of the group a space. Selection time slots will be emailed to VCU emails on March 9.

WHO CAN LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Students who are enrolled in 9 credit hours or more and progressing towards graduation are eligible for on-campus housing. In certain limited circumstances, students may obtain permission to drop temporarily below the required minimum number of credits. Students wishing to do so may submit an exemption request by emailing vcuhousing.vcu.edu. Please consider that to graduate in four years; a student should take a minimum of 15 credits per term. Students graduating in the Fall term are allowed to participate in the returning student process. They will need to vacate their assignments at the end of Fall term. Students graduating in the Spring with 12-month contracts will not need to vacate after graduation; their contracts will continue until July 15.

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ROOMMATES

Many students have found their Ramily and know who they want as their roommate(s). For a group of students to select an on-campus unit together, they will need to join a Roommate Group as a part of their Housing Application.

HOW TO CREATE OR JOIN A ROOMMATE GROUP
One person from the group will create a Roommate Group inside the Housing Application by following the directions. When creating the group, the creator will be prompted to name and give a password for the group.

The group creator will send the Roommate Group’s name and password to the other members. Then they can log into their Housing Application and follow the directions to join the roommate group.

Students can leave or join a roommate group at any time between noon on Friday, Feb. 1, and noon on Friday, Feb 12. However, they can only be a part of one Roommate Group at a time.

SELECTING A SPACE
Any member of the Roommate Group can assign group members to spaces. We highly encourage the whole group to communicate before their selection date about preferences.

VCU TRANSFORM STUDENTS
VCU Transform students can create and join roommate groups. However, returning students should only create/join a group with other returning students of their program, and incoming students should only create/join a group with other incoming students of their program. The reason for this is because VCU Transform spaces have been designated in the system by program and whether they are for returning or incoming students. If a student in a roommate group is not in VCU Transform or is trying to select a space that is not designated for them, they will not be allowed to be assigned to that space.

GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING
VCU students have the opportunity to choose Gender Inclusive Housing, a housing option where students can live together regardless of gender. To participate, all students who wish to live together must complete a Housing Application and the Gender Inclusive Housing Application by Feb.5 at noon. For more information on Gender Inclusive Housing, visit housing.vcu.edu/applinks/gihr.
SOPHOMORE YEAR EXPERIENCE

Housed in Cary & Belvidere, the Sophomore Year Experience, SYE, offers residents special programming and individual outreach and provides unique resources and experiences tailored to the needs of second-year students. SYE aims to assist students as they navigate their second year at the university and begin actualizing their future after graduation. Sophomores living in Cary & Belvidere will receive specialized opportunities to further enhance their academic success, deepen their connection to VCU, develop life skills through the #Adulting series and grow in their demonstration of civility. Join us in Cary & Belvidere as we work together to provide sophomores with unique opportunities to engage with faculty, peers, VCU and the surrounding community throughout the year.

To apply, complete a Housing Application by Feb. 12 and select a space in Cary & Belvidere during room selection.

RAMS IN RECOVERY, LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Rams in Recovery Living-Learning Community is a partnership between Rams in Recovery and Residential Life and Housing. This community is a completely substance-free community for students in recovery from substance use disorders who choose to abstain from alcohol, illegal drugs and other controlled substances. As a resident of Rams in Recovery, students will have access to professional staff, supportive space, a recovery support seminar and focused wellness programming that supports student success academically and recovery.

For more information on how to apply to live in Rams in Recovery, please email recovery@vcu.edu.
VCU Transform is a new, 2-year, innovative VCU living-learning program for undergraduate students of sophomore status or above. The program is designed to help students develop as changemakers through an intentional focus on leadership, community engagement, and global competency. Opening in Fall 2021, VCU Transform will build students’ skills through a specialized curriculum, co-curricular initiatives, and a community-focused residential experience. The living-learning program will be housed in the West Grace North residence hall. VCU Transform students get unique opportunities to serve in the Richmond community, interact with local leaders, explore cross-cultural communication, and engage in exciting social events. The program is designed for students to get out of their comfort zone and leave a legacy at VCU and beyond, but also build relationships and a social network that will help them achieve their personal and career goals. Beyond the requirements, VCU Transform offers a unique and special experience for students that will make impacts beyond their time at VCU.

Students who participate and complete the VCU Transform living-learning program will receive a Certificate of Completion in Leadership Studies and Experiential Learning.

Why join VCU Transform?
• Unleash your leadership potential
• Build relationships in a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community
• Support your success and achieve your academic goals
• Complete an immersive experiential learning pathway that will help you achieve your career and professional goals
• Apartment-style living that is close to everything on campus
• Grow in your ability to reflect and make connections between your academic and beyond the classroom experience at VCU
• Expand your network by interacting with campus and community leaders

Visit students.vcu.edu/departments/leadership-and-involvement/vcu-transform to apply. For more information email transformllp@vcu.edu.