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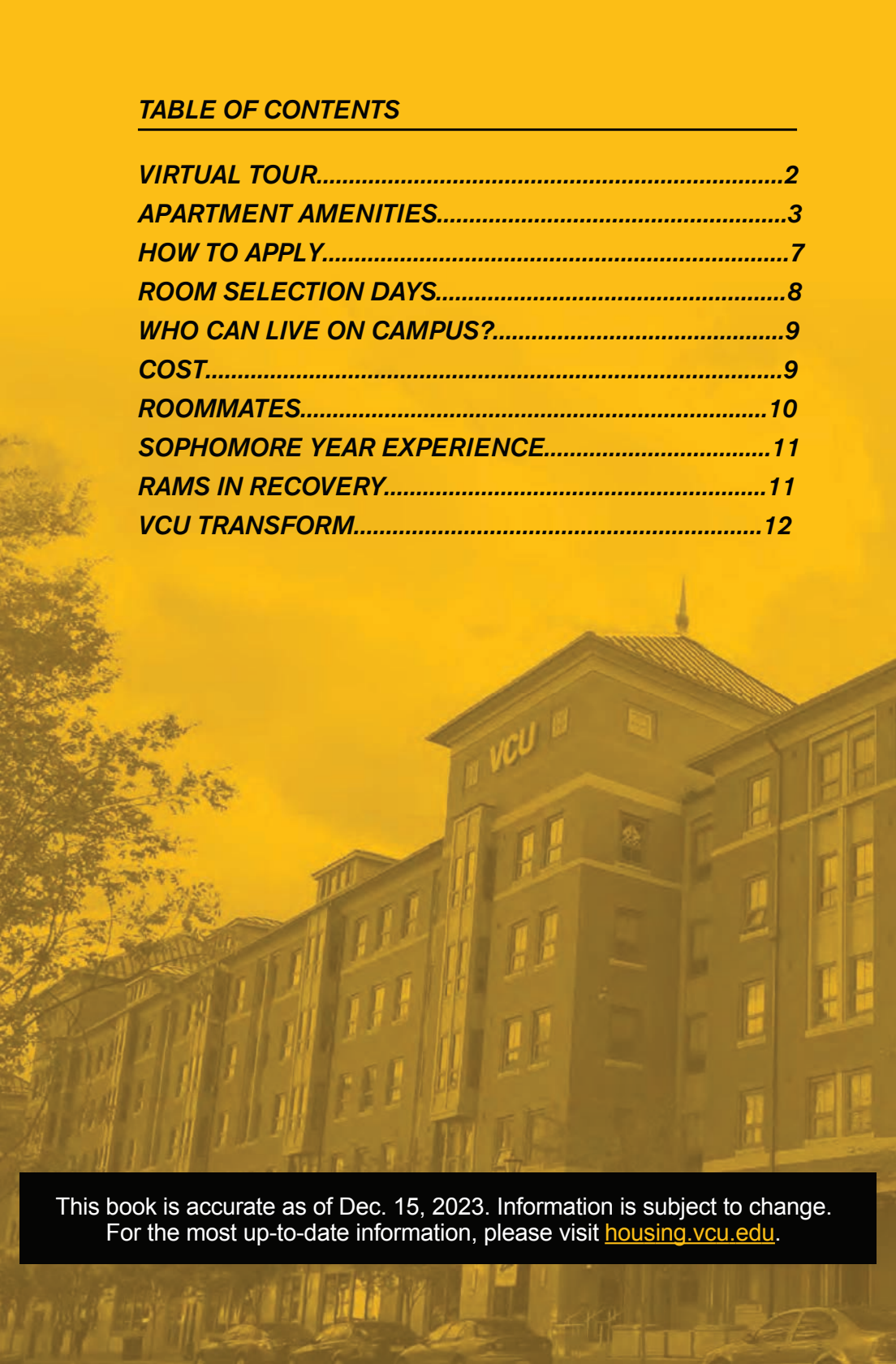
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VCU Residential Life
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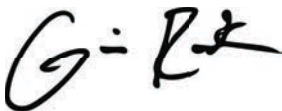
Hello Rams,

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 booklet to help students and families plan for next year and explain all of your on-campus housing options. Be sure to take a virtual tour of the residence halls at housing.vcu.edu/#virtualtour. This tour provides 360-degree panoramas of apartment options and still images to let you see what each hall has to offer.

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 11-12.

We understand that there is a lot to consider when planning for next year. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our department. You can email us at vcuhousing@vcu.edu or reach us on the phone by calling (804) 828-7666.

Go Rams,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G-Roark'.

Gavin Roark
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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.



360-DEGREE PANORAMAS
OF ROOM OPTIONS

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APARTMENT AMENITIES



APARTMENT OPTIONS AND AMENITIES

	ACKELL RESIDENCE CENTER	BROAD & BELVIDERE	CARY & BELVIDERE	GRACE & BROAD	WEST GRACE NORTH	WEST GRACE SOUTH
9-month contract			✓	✓		✓
12-month contract	✓	✓			✓	
Living-Learning Community			✓		✓	
Single bedrooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24-hour information desk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does not require a meal plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can stay over breaks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
All utilities included*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Wifi, Electricity, Water, Sewer, Trash, Heating and Air Conditioning

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

- Standard full (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 11)

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

- 9-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

UNIT STYLE

- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH

- All 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 & Graduate
- VCU Transform 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

- VCU Transform (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

WEST GRACE SOUTH



COMMITMENT

- 9-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

UNIT STYLE

- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH

- All 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

HOW TO **APPLY** FOR HOUSING



SCAN TO APPLY



Step 1: Complete a Housing Application by visiting housing.vcu.edu.

The Housing Application will open at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and will close Friday, Feb. 9 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

Jan. 22
at noon

Housing Application Opens

Feb. 9
at noon

Housing Application Closes

Feb. 15
at noon

VCU Transform Returning Student Sign Up Opens

Feb. 19
at noon

VCU Transform Incoming Student Sign Up Opens

Feb. 23

Selection time sent to students' VCU emails

Feb. 27

Sophomore Selection Opens

Feb. 29

Upperclass Student Selection Opens

*To select a room a student must complete a Housing Application by **Friday, Feb. 9 at noon.***

FEBRUARY 15-19: VCU TRANSFORM LLP STUDENT SELECTION

VCU Transform LLP participants may sign up for a space. Returning Transform participants will select rooms starting on Feb. 15, and new participants will begin selecting on Feb. 19. Eligible students will receive an email from their program with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

FEBRUARY 27-29: 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 Feb. 23.

FEBRUARY 29: RISING JUNIOR, SENIOR AND GRADUATE STUDENT 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 Feb. 23.

Room selection will continue until all beds have been selected. It is important to note that we anticipate that all available beds will be selected before all students have the opportunity to participate in selection. Students should have an alternative plan in case they are unable to select an on-campus bed.

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.

In order 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.

In order to participate in the returner student housing process, you must currently live in VCU on-campus housing. VCU students that currently live off campus will be able to apply for housing on April 2.

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 often 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.





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 Wednesday, Jan. 22, and noon on Friday, Feb. 9. 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. 9 at noon. For more information on Gender Inclusive Housing, visit housing.vcu.edu/applinks/gihr.



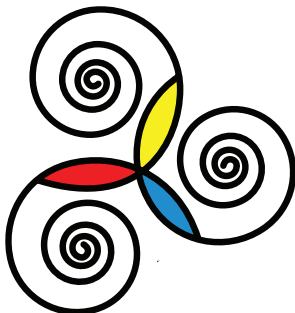
SOPHOMORE YEAR EXPERIENCE

Housed in Cary & Belvidere, the Sophomore Year Experience, SYE, offers residents special programming, 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, 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. 9 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 in recovery.

For more information on how to apply to live in Rams in Recovery, please email recovery@vcu.edu.



VCU TRANSFORM

VCU Transform is the 2-year, innovative living-learning program for undergraduate students of sophomore status or above. This program is designed for students to get out of their comfort zone, develop as leaders, and leave a legacy at VCU and beyond. Transform encourages students to build relationships and a social network that will help them achieve their personal and career goals. Students of VCU Transform explore their potential in leadership, service, and cultural agility by becoming changemakers in their local and global communities.

VCU Transform students build skills through a specialized curriculum, co-curricular activities, and a community focused residential experience in the West Grace North residence hall. VCU Transform students will receive unique opportunities to interact with university and local leaders, engage in activities like food and sightseeing tours across Richmond, community building events, and explore exclusive transformational experiences like study abroad trips to Qatar, alternative spring and summer breaks to Sneedville and Belize,

Urban Plunges to DC, Raleigh and beyond! Students who participate and complete the VCU Transform living-learning program will receive a Certificate in Leadership Studies and Experiential Learning. The program also satisfies the REAL experiential learning requirement for all students to graduate from VCU.

Why Join VCU Transform?

- Guaranteed housing placement in apartment-style living in West Grace North Residence Hall
- Early Course Registration every semester
- Exclusive access to transformational experiences such as study abroad trips, alternative spring and summer breaks, and urban plunges
- Certificate in Leadership Studies and Experiential Learning
- Satisfaction of students REAL Level 4 requirement
- Activities, lectures and social events available only to Transform students
- Building relationships in a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community

Visit go.vcu.edu/transform to apply by Wednesday Feb. 7, 2024 at noon
For more information email transformlp@vcu.edu.