



**VCU**

# COME HOME TO CAMPUS



**Residential Life and Housing**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

---

**VIRTUAL TOUR.....2**

**APARTMENT AMENITIES.....3**

**HOW TO APPLY.....7**

**ROOM SELECTION DAYS.....8**

**WHO CAN LIVE ON CAMPUS?.....9**

**COST.....9**

**ROOMMATES.....10**

**SOPHOMORE YEAR EXPERIENCE.....11**

**RAMS IN RECOVERY.....11**

**VCU TRANSFORM.....12**

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/#virtualltour](https://housing.vcu.edu/#virtualltour). 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](mailto: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". The signature is stylized with a large "G" and a cursive "Roark".

Gavin Roark  
Executive Director for Residential Life and Housing  
[housing.vcu.edu](https://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](https://HOUSING.VCU.EDU/#VIRTUALTOUR) TO TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR AND ENVISION WHAT YOUR NEXT YEAR COULD BE.



360-DEGREE **PANORAMAS**  
OF ROOM OPTIONS

Next: Continue to  
Residential Leadership





# APARTMENT AMENITIES



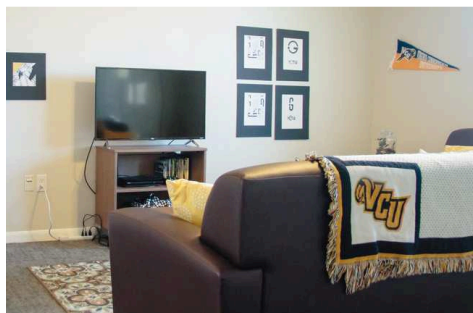
## APARTMENT OPTIONS AND AMENITIES

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

\*Academic Year Contract dates are Aug. 16, 2025 to May 9, 2026.  
Extended Contract dates are Aug. 9, 2025 to July 15, 2026.

\*\*Utilities include wifi, electricity, water, sewer, trash, heating, and air conditioning.

## ACKELL RESIDENCE CENTER



### COMMITMENT

- Extended 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, and bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

## BROAD & BELVIDERE



### COMMITMENT

- Extended 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, and bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

## CARY & BELVIDERE



### COMMITMENT

- Academic Year 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, and bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

## GRACE & BROAD



### COMMITMENT

- Academic Year 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, and bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

## WEST GRACE NORTH



### COMMITMENT

- Extended Contract

### STUDENT POPULATION

- Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate
- VCU Transform students

### UNIT STYLE

- 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
- 4-person apartments with single or double bedrooms

### BATH

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

### BED STYLE

- Extra long twin (36" x 80")

### COMMUNITY

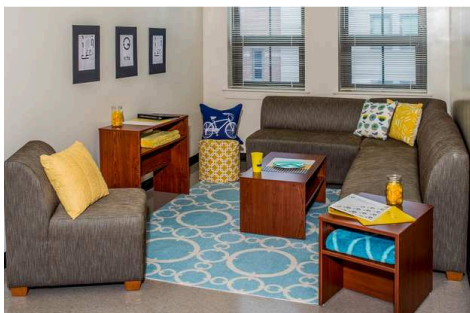
- VCU Transform (see page 12)

### INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES

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

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED

## WEST GRACE SOUTH



### COMMITMENT

- Academic Year Contract

### STUDENT POPULATION

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

### UNIT STYLE

- 4-person apartments with single or double 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, and bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break

### MEAL PLAN NOT REQUIRED



# HOW TO **APPLY** FOR HOUSING



**Step 1: Complete a Housing Application** by visiting [housing.vcu.edu](https://housing.vcu.edu).

The Housing Application will open at noon on Thursday, Jan. 23 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 or is assigned a room. If students do not find a space they like, they simply do not select 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. 23**  
*at noon*

**Housing Application Opens**

**FEB. 7**  
*at noon*

**Housing Application Closes**

**FEB. 13**  
*at noon*

**VCU Transform Returning  
Student Sign Up Opens**

**FEB. 14**  
*at noon*

**VCU Transform Incoming  
Student Sign Up Opens**

**FEB. 21**

**Selection time sent to  
students' VCU emails**

**FEB. 25**

**Rising Sophomore Room  
Selection Opens**

**FEB. 27**

**Upperclass Student Room Selection Opens**

*To select a room a student must complete a  
Housing Application by **Friday, Feb. 7 at noon.***

### **FEBRUARY 13-14: VCU TRANSFORM LLP INCOMING STUDENTS SELECTION**

VCU Transform LLP participants may sign up for a space. Returning Transform participants will select rooms starting on Feb. 13, and new participants will begin selecting on Feb. 14. Eligible students will receive an email from their program with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

### **FEBRUARY 25-26: RISING SOPHOMORE ROOM 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 in the group a space. Selection time slots will be emailed to VCU emails on Feb. 21.

### **FEBRUARY 27: RISING JUNIOR, SENIOR AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ROOM 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/timeslot will assign each person in the group to a space. Selection time slots will be emailed to VCU emails on Feb. 21.

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 the room 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](mailto:vcuhousing@vcu.edu).

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 the Fall term. Students graduating in the Spring with extended contracts will not need to vacate after graduation; their contracts will continue until July 15.

To participate in the returner student housing process, you must currently live in VCU on-campus housing. VCU students who 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 or 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 Thursday, Jan. 23, and noon on Friday, Feb. 7. 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 room 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 that 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. 7 at noon. For more information on Gender Inclusive Housing, visit [housing.vcu.edu/applinks/gihr](https://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. 7 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 spaces, 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](mailto:recovery@vcu.edu)





## VCU TRANSFORM

VCU Transform is a 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 the Transform program 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, build community at cohort events and socials, 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](https://go.vcu.edu/transform) to apply by Friday, Feb. 7, 2025 at noon.  
For more information, email [transformllp@vcu.edu](mailto:transformllp@vcu.edu)

# **Residential Life and Housing**

**VCUHOUSING@VCU.EDU**

**804-828-7666**

