



VCU

COME HOME TO CAMPUS



Residential Life and Housing

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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're excited to support your success and help make next year unforgettable. As you plan ahead—choosing classes, professors, and opportunities—don't forget that where you live matters. On-campus housing provides a supportive environment designed to help you thrive academically and socially.

To make planning easier, we've created this Upperclass Housing Resource Booklet that outlines all your options and answers common questions. You can also explore our residence halls through a virtual tour at housing.vcu.edu/#virtualtour, featuring 360° views and detailed images of each space.

On-campus living is more than just a place to sleep; it's an essential part of the VCU experience. We offer a variety of housing options for upperclass students, including two specialized communities:

- VCU Transform
- Second Year Experience

These programs combine residential life with academic and co-curricular opportunities. Learn more on pages [11](#) and [12](#).

We know planning for next year involves many decisions, and we're here to help! If you have questions, email us at vcuhousing@vcu.edu or call (804) 828-7666. You can also follow [@vcuhousing](#) on Instagram for tips, insights, and peer advice on all things related to on-campus living.

We can't wait to welcome you home!

Sincerely,



Dr. Megan Becker
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WANT TO SEE 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

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, 2026 to May 9, 2027.
Extended Contract dates are Aug. 9, 2026 to July 15, 2027.

**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

- Second 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

- Second 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. The Housing Application will open at noon on Thursday, Jan. 22 and will close Friday, Feb. 6 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 the Returning Student Housing Application.

ROOM SELECTION DAYS

JAN. 22
at noon

Housing Application Opens

FEB. 6
at noon

Housing Application Closes

FEB. 12
at noon

**VCU Transform Returning
Student Sign Up Opens**

FEB. 13
at noon

**VCU Transform Incoming
Student Sign Up Opens**

FEB. 20

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

FEB. 24

**Rising Sophomore Room
Selection Opens**

FEB. 26

Upperclass Student Room Selection Opens

***To select a room a student must complete a
Housing Application by **Friday, Feb. 6 at noon.*****

FEBRUARY 12-13: 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. 12, and new participants will begin selecting on Feb. 13. Eligible students will receive an email from their program with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

FEBRUARY 24-25: 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. 20.

FEBRUARY 26: 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. 20.

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.

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 8.

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. 22, and noon on Friday, Feb. 6. 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.

OPEN HOUSING

VCU students have the opportunity to choose Open Housing, an inclusive living option within VCU residential communities that allows any students to live together. To participate, all students who wish to live together must complete a Housing Application and the Open Housing Application by Feb. 6 at noon. For more information on Open Housing, visit housing.vcu.edu/applinks/openhousingr.



SECOND YEAR EXPERIENCE

Housed in Cary & Belvidere, the Second 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. 6 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



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,

such as 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

Visit go.vcu.edu/transform to apply by Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 at noon.

For more information, email transformllp@vcu.edu or visit oslel.vcu.edu/transform-llp.

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