

Living on Campus

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Here at Columbus State University, we believe that living on campus fosters student learning, development, and personal growth. Those who live on campus while attending CSU have easy access to their classes, campus resources, and various involvement opportunities. We are committed to providing intentional learning by facilitating a safe and academically focused living environment. We truly believe that living on campus provides students at CSU the best opportunity to being successful and graduate.

Get the most out from your college experience by living on campus!

Mission Statement

To provide a community experience that supports the growth and retention of both Residence Life and Columbus State University.

Vision Statement

Residence Life is committed to creating a safe living-learning environment that promotes the growth and development of our students by providing well-maintained facilities, knowledgeable staff, and intentional programming. We will support the University and Student Affairs Division by creating an environment in which students can achieve their full potential.

Learning Outcomes

We recognize that a student's education is not limited solely to what is learned within the classroom and that significant personal and cognitive development occurs inside and outside of the classroom.

We provide experiences for students that are guided by intentional learning outcomes in the areas of academic achievement, diversity and civility, engagement and discovery, and personal development.

Academic Achievement

Students will be able to participate in opportunities, experiences, and resources to assist in their academic and personal achievement. Under the guidance of Residence Life Staff, students will be offered programs to develop and enhance study skills, career progression, goal setting, and time management, while also being provided campus resources.

Civility

Students will gain experience and skills that will further develop their civility amongst others. Living on campus will allow residents to participate with many people who are different from themselves. Students will learn important aspects of communal living.

Engagement and Discovery

Students will establish meaningful connections with peers by becoming actively involved in the shaping of their residential, campus, and city-wide communities. They will be encouraged to discover experiences outside the classroom setting that will expand their knowledge and perceptions beyond their individual considerations. Under the guidance of the Residence Life Staff, students will learn to participate socially, develop an interest in community service, gain social responsibility, understand campus culture, and learn how to participate in the world outside of campus life.

Personal Development

Students will be given the opportunity to gain life skills and character knowledge. Under the guidance of Residence Life Staff, students can develop independence, self-advocacy, competence, coping skills, wellness, safety, and maintaining healthy relationships.

Residence Life Resources & Information

Experience Trips

Residence Life strives to enhance the residential housing experience by providing community-building opportunities and learning experiences away from the traditional campus setting.

All trips are offered exclusively to on-campus residents. Each trip has a developmental component offering students greater student-staff interaction, enhanced learning, social skills, and personal growth. Experience Trips for the academic year are announced to all residential students at the beginning of each semester. Past trips have included: the Georgia Aquarium, iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens, and many others!

Faculty in Residence

Our Faculty in Residence (FIR) live on campus in the residential communities and provide mentorship and educational opportunities. They work closely with the Residence Life Staff to create an environment that is conducive to academic and personal success.

Research suggests that faculty interactions can have a positive impact on students' social and academic integration and college persistence, thus benefiting the students and the University as a whole. CSU has created a Faculty in Residence Program to increase faculty-student interaction outside of the classroom to create a more seamless experience for students, to enhance learning and development, and to allow for a greater personalization of the residential environment.

Please visit our [Faculty in Residence](#) webpage to meet our current FIRs!

Housing Accommodations

The Department of Residence Life works closely with the Center for Accommodations and Access at CSU to provide residential accommodation when possible. Students may request accommodation by contacting the [Center for Accommodations and Access](#).

Employment Opportunities

Residence Life provides many opportunities for students to get involved on campus, including working for our department. Whether you are an undergraduate / graduate student, a faculty member, or professional staff, the Department of Residence Life at CSU has several positions. Please visit our [Residence Life Employment Opportunities](#) webpage for more information.