Office of Residence Life

LIVING ON CAMPUS

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A Message from the Office of Residence Life

Dear Students,

As you start to think about where you want to live next year, we want you to know that there has never been a better time to be here. The campus is committed to helping students develop the skills they need to become successful citizens of the world. Creating a great living experience on campus is a big part of that commitment. All of the Residence Life staff understand how important a student’s living environment is. We’ve listened to feedback and ideas from current residents and have a lot of really exciting changes and additions in the works for next year. Why? Because when you’re living on campus, we want you to feel like you’re living in a second home! Here are some of the changes we’re making:

• We’ve added housing options to meet the needs of 5,000 students living in university housing.

• Our newest housing option River Hawk Village houses almost 800 students in gorgeous loft-style and townhouse style units.

• Our housing selection process is completely online—pay your housing deposit and submit your housing contract in just a few clicks.

• Renovations are everywhere. In August 2013, we opened two state-of-the-art residence halls (University Suites and Riverview Suites). In August 2014, we reopened Bourgeois Hall and Leitch Hall after both were renovated from top to bottom.

• In August 2015, we opened Riverview East, the second phase of Riverview Suites that houses 300 more students in a suite-style hall. In 2015, we opened 1301 Middlesex, the third phase of the Riverview Suites Complex that houses 60 students in apartment-style units.

• Incoming first-year students now have a wide variety of Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) from which to choose.

We encourage you to explore our many housing options and enjoy the many benefits of living on campus. Please be in touch if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Joel McCarthy-Latimer
Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Residence Life
HOW TO SIGN UP FOR HOUSING

1
Visit
UML.EDU/RESLIFE

2
Apply by logging into the housing portal and selecting “HOUSING APPLICATION”

3
Deadline to apply for guaranteed housing
MAY 5

YOU CAN DO IT ALL ONLINE AT UML.EDU/ HOUSINGPORTAL

Watch for these IMPORTANT HOUSING DEADLINES

INCOMING FIRST-YEAR AND TRANSFERS

MAY 5
Deadline to submit a housing contract and $200 deposit online and have a guaranteed housing assignment!

STARTING IN JUNE
First year students begin selecting rooms through the Online Housing Portal

JULY 15
First set of housing assignment letters sent to student emails!

RETURNING RESIDENTS, READMITTED STUDENTS

MARCH 31
Deadline to submit a housing contract/deposit, have a guaranteed housing assignment and participate in room selection!

APRIL
Room selection events.

Living-Learning Communities
Interested in joining one of our themed Living-Learning Communities? Available LLCs are listed in our detailed Living-Learning Communities brochure, available in our office or online at uml.edu/reslife. You can apply for a Living-Learning Community during the Housing Application Process.
FOX HALL
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR (FLOORS 7-18) AND UPPERCLASS STUDENTS (FLOORS 4-6)

- 800+ residents
- Doubles, triples, quads
- Heart of East Campus
- Home to multiple Living-Learning Communities
- Centers for Learning—Tutoring Lab
- University Dining Commons (meal plan used here)
- Fox Common
- POD and Sal’s (River Hawk Dollars used here)
- Mail Room
Leitch Hall

OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR AND UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

• 310 residents
• Doubles and quads
• Fully renovated in fall 2014
• Home to our Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Living-Learning Communities, including:
  – W.I.S.E. (Women in Science and Engineering)
  – D.L.E. (Developing Leadership in Engineering)
  – PreMed (focus on premed, predental, prevet)
• Living rooms and study rooms on each floor
• Campus Recreation Center located across the street
UNIVERSITY SUITES
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR, UPPERCLASS AND TRANSFER
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE HONORS PROGRAM

- 472 residents
- Suite-style living
  - Four- and six-person suites
  - Double rooms with shared bathrooms/living room
  - All suites include kitchenette area with large refrigerator and sink—no need to bring/buy a microfridge
- Living rooms, kitchens and large group-study rooms on every floor
- Opened in fall 2013
- Home to our Honors House and Commonwealth Honors Living-Learning Community (for students enrolled in the Honors Program)
- **New residential dining hall**
- Across the street from the Campus Recreation Center and an easy walk to the Tsongas Center
DONAHUE HALL
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR AND UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

- 341 residents
- Suite-style living
  - Four- to eight-person suites
  - Double rooms with shared bathrooms/living room
- Home of our Innovation House Living-Learning Communities, including:
  - Business Innovation (focus on business management)
  - ICS: Innovation in Computer Science
    (focus on computer science and computer engineering)
  - L.E.A.F. (Leaders in Environment Advocacy of the Future; focus on sustainability)
RIVER HAWK VILLAGE
PRIORITY GIVEN TO UPPERCLASS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

• 800 residents
• Home to the following Living-Learning Communities:
  – Greek Life
  – ROTC (for Army and Airforce)
  – Rec-It: Fitness & Wellness (focus on fitness, recreation and wellness)
• Gorgeous loft-style and townhouse-style options

Select from 4-different unit types:
Studio: Open concept; residential meal plan required
Standard: Apartment-style; meal plan optional
Deluxe: Large, apartment-style; meal plan optional
Townhouse Deluxe: Multi-level, large apartment-style; meal plan optional

• Air-conditioned
• Easy access to the Hall street garage and Perkins lot
• Easy access to the NEW University Suites dining hall scheduled to open soon, the Tsongas Center, the new Aiken Athletic Fields, the Campus Recreation Center and more!
BOURGEOIS HALL
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR AND UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

- 306 residents
- Doubles and quads
- Renovated in 2014
- Home to the following Living-Learning Communities
  - Women’s Leadership (focus on leadership development for women in our global society)
  - Advocates of Tomorrow (focus on equity & inclusion)
- Study rooms on each floor
- Across the street from the Campus Recreation Center and next door to LeLacheur Park
RIVERVIEW SUITES
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR (EAST SIDE) AND UPPERCLASS (WEST SIDE & 1301 MIDDLESEX) STUDENTS

- 800 residents
- Apartment-style living (West side and 1301 Middlesex building)
  - Four- and six-person apartments
  - Double rooms with shared bathrooms/living room/kitchen
- Suite-style living (East side)
  - Double rooms with shared bathrooms/living area
  - All suites include kitchenette—no need to bring microwave or fridge
- Living rooms and large group-study rooms throughout the building
- Game room, full fitness center and seminar rooms on 1st floor
- Home to our Health & Social Sciences House Living-Learning Communities, including:
  - H.E.A.L.L.: Health Education Academic Living-Learning Community (focus on health professions)
  - Hall of Justice (focus on Criminal Justice)
  - Politkos: Politics & Public Service
  - MasterMinds (focus on Psychology)
SHEEHY HALL
OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR AND UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

- 250 residents
- Suite-style living
  - Four- to eight-person suites
  - Double rooms with shared bathrooms/ living room
- Upgraded in summer 2014
- Home to our Arts & Education House Living-Learning Communities, including:
  - Living Allegro (focus on music)
  - Creative Artists (focus on fine arts)
  - Media Makers (focus on digital and social media)
  - iTeach (focus on teaching & how to become teachers)
- Spectacular view of the Merrimack River
- Easy access to South Campus classes, library, dining hall, Starbucks and more!

CONCORDIA HALL
OPEN TO FRESHMEN, UPPERCLASS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

- 180 residents
- Singles and doubles
- Large common living room with billiard/pingpong table
- Located next to Durgin Hall and South Campus Quad
- Easy access to McGauvran Hall Dining Facility, Starbucks and more!
- Study rooms on lower level
INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

PRIORITY GIVEN TO UPPERCLASS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

- 500 residents
- Hotel-style living
  - Doubles consisting of queen/full sized beds on floors 4-6
  - Doubles with extra-long twin sized beds on floors 7-9
  - A/C, full carpet, private bathroom to share with roommate(s)
- Home to the T.Y.E. (Transfer Year Experience) Living-Learning Community—for first-year and upperclass transfer students
- Convenient access to downtown Lowell restaurants, shops and culture
- Home of the Centers for Learning-Tutoring
- Dining hall on 1st floor—renovated in fall 2015
725 MERRIMACK STREET
OPEN TO UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

- Two- to six-person apartments
- Double rooms with shared kitchen/bathroom/living room
- Hardwood floors, A/C
- Steps from North/East campuses and University Crossing
The $10 million transformation of the University Dining Commons (UDC) at Fox Hall means you have the choice of seven food stations offering a variety of fresh, made-for-you appetizers, entrées and desserts. Settle in for a hearty, healthy, fun meal. We’ve also brought some well-known partners to the UMass Lowell fold in recent years, from the coffee experts at Starbucks to the sandwich magicians of Subway on South Campus, plus the regional pizza powerhouse, Sal’s, on East. And it didn’t take a genius to know Einstein Bros. Bagels offers a great addition to North Campus.

We offer options for those with special diets, from vegetarians to those with food allergies. If you need to plan ahead, menus for each dining facility are available online three weeks in advance. Just roll over a menu item and up pops the nutritional information. Recent upgrades to South Campus Dining include the all-you-care-to-eat South Campus Dining facility featuring “home-cooked” entrees at Full Plate, pizza and pasta at Aroma, sandwiches from Broadway Deli, a salad bar at Wilder Farms, gluten-free options at Choices and late-night takeout from Grill Out. There is seating for 400 on the first floor, including a bright and open section with a two-story glass wall providing a view of the South Campus quad.

Learn all about food choices, dining locations and meal plans at uml.edu.dining.
The aroma of fresh-baked bread and coffee greets guests on the second floor, which connects to O’Leary Library and has seating for another 400 students, including several tables and chairs on a new outdoor terrace. In addition to a bakery and café, the second level features retail food options at Subway and Freshii, a Canadian chain specializing in wraps, burritos, salads and smoothies. Grab-and-go options are also available at the Merrimack Market.

We’re dedicated to providing good, nutritious food so you can go about the business of learning.

**Tips ON MAKING YOUR RES LIFE EXPERIENCE A SUCCESS**

- Get your housing contract in on time!
- Bring a team on move-in day—one driver, one unpacker and you!
- Living-Learning Communities offer a great way to meet people with similar interests.
- The university can’t give out your address, so make sure you give it to your parents so they can send you whatever you need (and care packages).
- Explore downtown Lowell—there is plenty to do!
- Contact your roommate early and decide who will bring what—no need for two microwaves!
- Check out the online calendar of events to see what's happening on campus.
- You can’t bring your dog or cat, but you can bring a 10-gallon fish tank! Check out uml.edu/reslife for a list of items to bring with you and items that should be left at home.
- The Campus Recreation Center offers everything from ballroom dance lessons to racquetball, so check it out!
- Make sure you check your move-in date and your student email in August for move-in information.