

What Are the Benefits of Living on Campus?

As you enter college, you'll be making tons of important decisions, including which university to attend, what to major in, and where to live. For many freshmen, living on campus is the ideal choice, because dorm life is an iconic part of the college experience, but there are other options, including commuting from home and renting an apartment off campus. If you're still on the fence about living on campus, consider the following benefits of living in a residence hall.

Discover Your Independence

Dorm life creates a smooth transition from living with parents to living independently. Though you'll be expected to care for yourself and your property while living in a residence hall, you'll also have the support of resident assistants and dorm staff. You'll also share an address with hundreds of fellow students, who can quickly help you feel right at home.

Forge Lifelong Connections with Peers

Building friendships and meeting new people is just a regular part of life in the dorms, where you might discover lifelong friendships. This is especially true when universities offer dedicated dorms for different student populations, including students in the Honors College.

Increase Your Academic Success

When you live on campus, you'll be conveniently close to all your classes, meaning that you'll probably be less likely to be absent or tardy. It's also easy to study in dedicated spaces within residence halls, which is probably why students who live on campus tend to [earn better grades](#) than those who don't. Living on campus also increases retention rates, as those who live in dorms in freshman year are more likely to earn a 4-year degree.

Stay Up-to-Date on Campus Events

Campus life allows you to become part of a community, taking part in various events, study sessions, and celebrations. Living on campus, you'll always be in-the-know about upcoming events, and you may have access to parties and festivities exclusively for those living in residence halls.

Residence Life is just part of the University of ABC experience. To explore everything we have to offer to incoming freshmen, check out our admissions site or attend an information session with us on campus.