

# 2024-25 Academic Year FAQs

## for graduate students considering on-campus housing

**Welcome to Oregon State University!** It's time for the next step in your journey toward campus life at OSU -- choosing where to live. Below we've provided some important information about on-campus housing; please also refer to our website, [uhds.oregonstate.edu](https://uhds.oregonstate.edu), for details and current applications.

### What on-campus housing options are available for graduate students?

We offer two types of housing on campus – **apartments** and **residence halls**. The residence halls offer bedrooms that are typically shared between 2-3 students, and some (for example, **Halsell Hall**) have the option of a shared in-unit kitchenette and/or restroom. We offer mainly studio apartments at **The Gem apartments**, and studios and two-bedroom units in our newest apartment-style building at **1045 SW Madison Avenue** (opening fall term 2024).

### Is there on-campus housing that is *specifically* designated for graduate students? Is there on-campus housing that is *exclusively* designated for graduate students?

While we don't have housing exclusively for graduate students, we do have some residence hall communities for students in their second year of college or above. All of our apartments (**The Gem**, **Orchard Court** and **1045 Madison Ave.**) are also exclusive to second year and above students.

### Are there on-campus housing options that can accommodate partners and/or families? If so, which one(s)?

Our **Orchard Court family housing complex** is able to accommodate students with partners and/or families, and **The Gem** can support one dependent in their units. The waitlist for **Orchard Court** is typically around 12-18 months long, and **The Gem** is 6-9 months, so we recommend students apply as soon as they've been accepted to OSU!

### Are on-campus housing options able to accommodate possible graduate student leaves of absence, relocations for research purposes (e.g., field work, internships, fellowships), or other circumstances where there would be a temporary break in their Corvallis-based residence?

Our residence halls would be best able to accommodate a temporary leave. Students can cancel their housing contract for the residence halls with no financial penalty if they're leaving for an academic obligation. If they are planning to come back during the same academic year, they would need to reapply for that term and we cannot guarantee they'd return to the same space.

### Are there any specific requirements for graduate students to live on campus (e.g., continuous enrollment, satisfactory academic progress)?

Graduate students must comply with minimum institutional enrollment requirements in order to be eligible for on-campus housing. Additionally, graduate students should consult with any other enrollment requirements that may relate to financial aid or their institutional employment.

### How do on-campus housing options for graduate students compare with other housing options in the Corvallis area?

Living on campus offers proximity to classes and campus facilities, a sense of community with fellow students, fully furnished rooms, and all utilities included. Our residence hall contracts offer more flexibility than a standard 12-month lease – in fact, the residence halls can be a great option for students who leave Corvallis over the summer as they're on a nine-month contract.

### How do graduate students apply to live in on-campus housing?

Our residence hall **housing application** typically opens in early February for the next academic year. Assignments are prioritized based, in part, on when the student applies, so it's always best to apply early! To submit an application, students just need to have an OSU ONID and password set up. There is no financial obligation associated with applying until they have signed a contract. The application process is similar for campus apartments; however, the application is open year-round, and the requested move-in date is taken into account when we send offers.

### If a graduate student doesn't live on campus, can they purchase a dining plan to eat on campus?

While we don't offer an off-campus resident dining plan, you don't need one to eat on campus – all OSU dining locations are open to students, faculty, staff and campus visitors! Graduate students may want to take advantage of the **Orange Cash account** on their OSU ID card though, which allows you to load money onto your card, then use it to get a 10-percent discount on food purchases across campus.

### Who should I contact if I have specific questions about living on campus as a graduate student?

If you have any questions about living or dining on campus, please contact our main UHDS office via email at [housing@oregonstate.edu](mailto:housing@oregonstate.edu) or via phone at 541-737-4771.