



Do I need a computer?

Most students bring their own computers to Towson University. Each residential room is equipped with enough Internet connection ports for each student in the room.

You can also access the Internet using computers in Cook Library and Newell Dining Hall, or borrow a wireless laptop for up to two hours from PAWS with your TU OneCard.

Towson Unplugged

Towson's wireless network stretches across the campus (including inside all residence halls). Known as Towson Unplugged, the wireless network provides you with the traditional functionality of a wired connection without tethering you to a network wall jack. To learn more go to <http://www.towson.edu/unplugged>.

Computer Skills 101

The Student Computing Services Center will help you assess your skills and acquire the new skills you may need to succeed academically. Free workshops, limited individual consulting, and print and Web-based guides and tutorials are available. For more information, click on www.towson.edu/scsc. The Help Center is the place to call for computing questions and problems. This is the place to call to set up a Towson account, which offers e-mail, Web serving and newsreaders. The Help Center is located in Cook Library, room 5. The phone number is x45151.

Safety on Campus

For the safety and security of resident students, all residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. Upon entry, all residents must present their TU OneCard and guests must produce a picture ID and register at the Front Desk. Student staff and uniformed security guards work to enforce security policies. RAs are on duty in the evenings and University Police are available at all times. The University Escort Program is also available for students traveling alone on campus. Students may request the escort service by calling 410-704-SAFE from campus phones located in every campus building.



Accessible Housing

If you are a student with a documented disability or have a medical condition that may require a special accommodation, we will work to provide you with an appropriate housing assignment. When paying deposit online, be sure to indicate you have a special accommodation and print off the form provided. Mail the completed form, along with appropriate documentation, to Housing & Residence Life by May 2. Please contact Housing & Residence Life with any questions you may have.

How Do I Fix It?!?!

If general maintenance needs to be conducted in student rooms, residents can submit their own work orders online using the Residence Maintenance Request. The form is located under the "Current Students" link on the TU homepage. General maintenance includes things like clogged shower drains and broken window blinds.

ON CAMPUS AT TOWSON

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Resident Assistants

All residence halls are staffed with Resident Assistants (RAs). It's their job to promote interaction among residents on their floors and within the campus community, and to encourage an appreciation of diversity among residents. RAs serve as role models, resources and offer programs and activities. They also meet with students and assist in enforcing university policies.

Community Centers

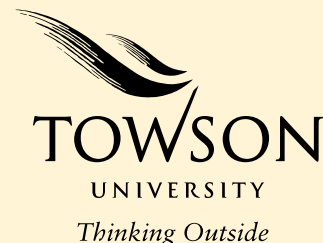
All residence halls have a Community Center staffed by student workers who are supervised by a Residence Life Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator. At the Community Center residents may sign out vacuums, movies, games and obtain spare keys in the event of a lock out. The Community Center checks IDs and registers guests, aids in emergency maintenance situations, and provides reference materials on campus resources and Housing and Residence Life information.

URG/Building Council

One way to get the most of your college experience is to get involved. University Residence Government (URG) is a great way to promote a positive living and learning environment, work cooperatively with others and have fun. All residents are automatically members of this organization. Building Councils form at the beginning of the fall semester and work throughout the year with URG. Ask any staff member for more information.

WELCOME TO RESIDENCE LIFE!

Welcome to your new home! Living on campus is the best way to make the most of your college experience—it's convenient, fun and a great way to meet people. At Towson, you'll join more than 4,500 students (84% of the freshman class) who choose to live near the academic, social, athletic and cultural events that take place on campus every day. Towson University has many traditions that are geared toward student involvement, including September Celebration, Homecoming, Family Weekend, Involvement Fair, Fall Talent Show, concerts, football games and Tiger Fest. Get involved and make the most of college!



WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCE HALLS LIKE?

TU's residence halls are an eclectic mix of old and new architecture, traditional style layouts, cozy two- and three-story halls, high-rise towers, and an apartment-style complex for upper-level students. Housing options include: International House, Honors and Alcohol-free, along with several thematic communities.

You'll enjoy all of the modern amenities necessary to make your new home a comfortable place to live and one that will help facilitate your academic endeavors. Rooms are equipped with basic cable TV, high-speed Internet service, and a Microfridge unit. Towson Run apartments are equipped with full kitchens, including microwaves, and common living rooms.

All rooms are furnished with beds, desks, chairs, closets/wardrobes, dressers, wall-to-wall carpeting, and blinds/drapes. In-house laundry facilities, lounges, study rooms, and vending areas are located in each hall. Pool tables, TV rooms, and pianos are also available in many of the halls. Air conditioning is provided in all halls except for Prettyman and Scarborough.



How Are Rooms Assigned?

- Roommate requests receive first priority and must be mutual. All roommate requests made by May 2 will be honored if space is available.
- Requests for housing options are made on a space-available basis.
- We cannot honor requests for a specific room, type of room, building, suitemates or location of a room within a building. Two-, three- and four-capacity rooms are assigned as regular multiple occupancy. Room rate fees vary depending on the assignment the student receives. Students are not guaranteed a particular assignment nor room rate.

Temporary Triples and Other Possibilities

Keep in mind there's a chance you'll be assigned to a triple or discounted room. Here's what to expect:

Tripled Rooms for fall semester - Some Glen Complex double rooms will be temporarily expanded to triples. Students assigned to triples will receive a pro-rated refund once the rooms are returned to double occupancy. All rooms will be de-tripled by spring semester.

Discounted Rooms - Some students assigned to discounted rooms (located in Residence Tower) will be asked to remove all personal belongings at the end of the fall semester to accommodate athletes and Minimester students during winter break. Students who return for the spring semester will receive a \$250 credit to their account.

Overflow Rooms - Some students will be temporarily assigned to overflow housing. These rooms are normally used as study lounges or rec rooms. They will be furnished to accommodate students until a permanent assignment becomes available. Students will receive a pro-rated refund once assigned to a permanent room.

Room Rates

Current rates for the 2010-2011 academic year (per semester) are listed below. Rates are likely to increase for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Multiple Occupancy Room	\$2,760
Single Occupancy Room	\$3,247
Towson Run Apartments (if eligible)	
1 bedroom apt.	\$3,465
2 bedroom apt.	\$3,275
4 bedroom apt.	\$2,803

University Housing is Non-Smoking

Towson University is a smoke-free campus.

DINING ON CAMPUS

No matter where you go on campus, you can find something good to eat! We have 14 dining locations (2 all-you-can-eat and 12a-la-carte), offer a variety of meal plans, and have vegetarian and kosher cuisine.

All students who live on campus must purchase a meal plan (except those who live in the Towson Run Apartments). Additional meals and snacks can be purchased through a Dining Points debit account. Dining Points can be used at any Dining Services location. Dining Points carry over from semester to semester and year to year, as long as you are registered at TU. Meal plans and Dining Points are accessed through your OneCard ID. For more information, visit www.mycampusdining.com/towson/ and click on "about campus dining."



How to Choose a Meal Plan

Choosing a meal plan that works for your schedule and eating habits is easy. Just take a few minutes to educate yourself to select the meal plan that is right for you. Indicate your meal plan choice on the Housing Preferences screen online when paying your housing deposit.

Things to Consider

- Half of our resident students choose the 14 meals/week plan.
- How many times a day do you eat?
- Will you be on campus most weekends?

Meal Plan Advantages:

- Our Meal Plans are flexible and allow you to eat more than one meal per meal period. For example, eating lunch at 11:05 a.m., and a second meal at 3:30 p.m., would place both meals in the lunch meal period.
- With our Meal Plans, you can swap unused meals for cash allowances toward a-la-carte purchases at numerous locations around campus including PAWS, the Den and Susquehanna Food Court.

All meal plans are for a specific number of all-you-can-eat meals per week. All meals must be used before the end of the meal plan week or you will lose them. Meal Plans are priced per semester. You will have the opportunity to change your meal plan each semester, until the date the Bursar's Office finalizes the charges for the semester. This date is posted in the dining halls and published in the university's student newspaper, *The Towerlight*.

Meal Plan Options*	Unrestricted Meal Plan
19 meals/week with \$50 Dining Points	\$2,188
14 meals/week with \$50 Dining Points	\$2,047 (most popular)
10 meals/week with \$50 Dining Points	\$1,800
5 meals/week with \$200 Dining Points seniors only	\$991
<p>* These costs represent 2010-2011 prices for each semester. A price increase should be anticipated for the 2011-2012 academic year.</p> <p>Towson Run students can purchase any meal plan, including Block Plans, and can review the Block Meal Plan option at http://dining.towson.edu</p>	

