



Living on campus can be an important part of the college experience. It's a chance to form bonds, get involved, and connect with all the campus has to offer. When you live on campus, all of HSU is literally right outside your door.

Studies show that students living in residence halls get better grades, are more active in academic activities, and have a higher graduation rate.

But living on campus can also be full of challenges, especially for students living on their own for the first time. Humboldt State's Housing & Residence Life office works to help students (and their families) feel a sense of belonging as they navigate the transition to living at college.

Housing and Amenities

About 2,100 students live on campus at Humboldt State in six different housing complexes. In general, freshmen live near HSU's main dining locations and most other resident services.

Top Tips

Encourage your student to live on campus during freshman year.

Suggest your student take part in recreational and social events hosted in the residence halls.

Remind your student to get to know student and staff residence advisors.

Learn about ways to live climate positive at HSU, and encourage your student to take these steps.

Student residents are able to use the many residence hall amenities and facilities, including a recreation room, laundry, mailroom, storage, and more. The College Creek Marketplace and Cupboard are on-campus convenience stores with food and other necessities. Students get access to the University's gyms, pool, and other amenities, as well. Residence halls all have high-speed internet.

Connecting to the campus community is important, and living on campus is a great way to do that. Housing & Residence staff plan social activities throughout the year, helping students get to know each other and unwind after classes. Plus, Housing helps students connect with the academic community, offering free tutoring, study spaces, and regularly inviting faculty to the residential common areas to form connections with students.

Responsibilities

Being a student resident at Humboldt State comes with rules and expectations, from keeping living areas clean to helping create a culture of respect. Students receive a detailed explanation of these responsibilities during orientation and in their ResLife & You handbook. Parents or guardians should also talk with their students about roommates, relationships, and housing as they adjust to HSU. Sometimes these basics can get forgotten in the rush of new academic and social adventures.

A Culture of Respect

Housing & Residence Life shares the following with every incoming student:

"Each resident shares the responsibility of creating an environment in which all residents are respected and valued—regardless of one's age, size, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, color, creed, national origin, cultural background, socioeconomic status, or religious affiliation or conviction. Doing your part includes: getting to know people from different groups and cultures as individuals; challenging your biases, and reporting incidents of misconduct to Housing staff as soon as possible. Join us in embracing our differences and appreciating the unique perspectives each resident brings to the Humboldt State experience."

It is our hope that students will carry these values from their residence halls to the classroom and then throughout their lives.

Sustainable Living

Sustainability is one of HSU's core values, and it's reflected in how we operate our residence halls. We also ask that students participate in our goal of conserving resources, championing social responsibility, and reducing our overall carbon footprint.

Students can take steps to become "Green Room" certified, compete with other residence halls to consume the least amount of energy, volunteer in two community gardens on Housing grounds, reduce waste with our recycling and compost programs, and participate in our May move-out "Donation Dash." Remind your student to meet with their Resident Sustainability Advisor to learn more about how to be climate positive.

Support

While we strive to make everyone's experience positive at HSU, it's possible something may go wrong. Something in a living area might break, your student may have trouble getting along with a new roommate, etc.

Housing & Residence staff is available to help when issues arise. A variety of student staff and professional staff members are available for residents to help with everything from maintenance to supportive counseling. Students should get to know their community advocates and advisors, and not be afraid to reach out to them with questions.

Living off Campus

HSU offers information for students who live off campus, including tips and tricks for finding housing, renter's rights materials, and more. Make sure to review those materials if your student is seeking housing or living off campus.

Resources

Housing website: housing.humboldt.edu

