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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

WELCOME HOME!



The Department of Housing and Residential Life is excited that you may be joining us in the near future. Living on campus is one of the best ways to get connected quickly at Florida Atlantic University. As you review this brochure, picture yourself here at FAU! There are many choices in your room and building selection. While we don't have many halls, we have many types of room arrangements and lifestyle options. The Living Learning Communities in Heritage Park Towers are rapidly becoming the place to be! Our newest residence hall, Glades Park Towers, is available only to new first year students and offers specific programs and academic offerings.

Living on campus is part of your recipe for success. Studies of college and university students across the country have shown that on-campus living increases the success rate of students. Satisfaction levels, rates of graduation and grades are better for those students who choose to live on campus. Living in a residence hall provides you with a greater opportunity to become involved within your new home, to meet and develop relationships with a wider variety of people and to develop life skills that will benefit you long after you leave FAU. The Department of Housing and Residential Life is committed to providing a quality living environment which allows you to grow and develop into whoever you wish to be. Start dreaming of your new home here at Florida Atlantic University.

See you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Eckardt".

Jill Eckardt, Director



Picture Yourself. . .

We're proud that you've chosen Florida Atlantic University to serve your educational needs. Now, we'd like to welcome you to University Housing. We invite you to sit back, relax and see yourself in these pages.

Envision yourself with a group of like-minded students working on a class project in our modern computer labs and convenient study lounges.

Visualize yourself enjoying a variety of cultural, educational and social programs without leaving your residence hall.

Dream of yourself as a campus leader, involved in one or more of our leadership, employment and service opportunities.

Picture yourself walking to class as others search for parking spaces.

Imagine yourself feeling safe and secure, knowing that highly trained staff are available to help you 24 hours a day.

Foresee yourself enjoying the convenience of having easy access to campus activities, professors' offices and other students.

See yourself sharing free time with friends as you take in the South Florida sun and hear the wind rustle through the palm trees in our lush green spaces.

Our Vision

The Department of Housing and Residential Life strives to educate our students outside of the classroom in order to provide them with a collegiate experience that better prepares them for a pluralistic society.

Our Mission Statement

The Department of Housing and Residential Life creates a seamless environment of living and learning in a safe and welcoming community. Through opportunities for leadership development, civic responsibility, self-exploration and student involvement, we assist in building a life-long connection between the student and the University.

THE BIG PICTURE

GENERAL HOUSING INFORMATION

A Place of Your Own . . . Where Someone's Always around to Help

Imagine a place where you live on your own. You make your own choices and decisions, and every friendship you have was forged by you. You select your own courses and can attend those classes at any time of the day (or night). These are the most exciting aspects of college life for many students, and we are looking forward to helping you navigate the wide variety of academic choices that will be available to you.

We are ready to assist you in making your new home a positive environment that will support your academic pursuits. Trained staff are located in each of the residence hall areas and apartments to help you work out concerns, listen to what's on your mind and help organize the fun and exciting programs offered in your community. Our full-time, professionally trained Resident Coordinators live on campus and supervise the housing communities. Each area is also staffed with Resident Assistants (RAs). Our RAs are upper-division undergraduate students and graduate students who have been specifically selected and trained to provide assistance and maintain a supportive academic atmosphere within your community.

Student Programming and Involvement Opportunities

Living on campus provides you with more than just a place to live. We invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in the Housing and campus communities. There are always programs and activities to attend — many of our students even help in the planning of events that are of particular interest to them. In addition, there are various organizations in which you can participate. Several of these groups serve as a representative voice for the residents of Housing and also plan various social and community service events.

The Resident Student Association (RSA) and area Community Council provide you the opportunity to become involved in planning events for students and providing input on decisions made by University Housing. RSA is your voice to Student Government and both the Housing and University administrative staff. RSA is open to all residents and gives students the chance to organize, support and participate in Housing and campus activities.

Freshman Residency Requirement

All full-time freshmen are required to reside in University Housing. Any freshman who wishes to receive an exemption must complete a Housing Exemption Request Form. This form is available at www.fau.edu/housing or by calling the Department of Housing and Residential Life at (561) 297-2880. Exemption requests must be received and approved before August 1. Freshman student residency will be verified for compliance at the start of each semester.

Exemptions from this policy are made for students who:

- Are 21 or older by the first day of class
- Reside with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) within a 50-mile radius of the Boca Raton campus
- Are married

Contract Options

Academic Year Contract – This option is available in every residence hall/apartment area except Algonquin Hall. This is the standard University housing contract and provides an assignment for both the Fall and Spring semesters. If you are unsure of your housing needs for the Summer term, this is the best contract option for you.

12 Month Contract – This option is only available to you if you are assigned to Algonquin Hall or the University Village Apartments. This contract allows you to occupy the same space for the Fall, Spring and Summer terms. Students who are certain that they will need on-campus housing accommodations on a year-round basis will find convenience and security in this option.

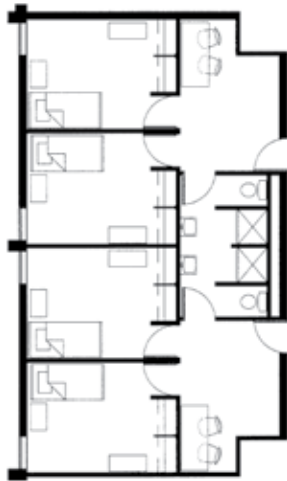
PORTRAIT OF

ALGONQUIN HALL

Picture yourself waking up in your private bedroom to get ready for a day full of your favorite classes. You roll over and silence the alarm clock, then walk to your sizable closet. You smile, knowing that your suitemates usually don't get up for another hour, and the large bathroom is all yours until then. You'll be stopping by the Centre Marketplace for breakfast later, so you decide to grab just a bottle of water from your MicroFridge in the common area.

You'll find this experience at Algonquin Hall, a suite style building available to both upperclassmen and freshmen. Algonquin Hall was renovated in 2007 in order to update the facilities and provides solely single rooms. Each side of the suite accommodates two residents who share a common living area. Usually, four students share a bathroom facility. Every student is provided a microwave and compact refrigerator. In addition, every bedroom is equipped with unlimited Ethernet access and basic cable television service. Algonquin Hall also provides students with a study lounge, computer lab, laundry facilities and multipurpose room with a large screen TV.

Algonquin Hall is only available to students who choose the 12 month contract option.



Suites with four singles



PORTRAIT OF

INDIAN RIVER TOWERS (IRT)

Imagine yourself walking up to the doors of your residence hall after your most difficult class. As you open the doors, you head straight for the multipurpose room, where you usually meet your roommates after a long day for a friendly game of pool. When you enter, you see them already there waiting for you. After your game, you decide to check your e-mail in the conveniently located computer lab before heading to your room.

This experience awaits you in Indian River Towers, a suite-style residence hall featuring both double and single rooms. This building is open to both upperclassmen and freshmen. All suites feature a living area and two bathroom facilities. In most instances, two residents share a bathroom. All bedrooms are equipped with unlimited access Ethernet connections and basic cable television service. Wireless Ethernet access is also available throughout the building. Located adjacent to the barbeque pits and sand volleyball court, IRT offers unique amenities such as a two story lofted lobby area and a furnished sun deck. At Indian River Towers you'll also find a 24 hour desk operation, community kitchen, multipurpose room with large screen TV, laundry facilities, study lounges, classroom and computer lab.



Suites with two doubles



Suites with four singles

PORTRAIT OF

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE APARTMENTS (UVA)

Visualize yourself coming home to prepare for a project design group that you'll be hosting that evening. Your group has decided to meet at your apartment because you have plenty of room for everyone in your living room. You decide to have some snacks ready for anyone who gets hungry, so you check your kitchen cabinets to make sure you have enough food. While you're doing this, one of your roommates comes home and chats with you before heading upstairs to their room.

This is life at the University Village Apartments. Our apartment community accommodates more than 500 upper-division undergraduate and graduate students. In general, first-year college students are not eligible to reside in the apartment community. Some exceptions may be granted, however, for students who have been out of high school for more than one year. The University Village Apartments area offers students a multipurpose room with a large screen TV, laundry facilities, community kitchen and computer lab.

TWO FLOOR PLANS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE UNIVERSITY VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

Four Bedroom Apartment

These apartments offer each student a private bedroom. This style of housing is designed to accommodate four same-gender residents. These are two-story units, featuring a furnished living/dining area and kitchen on one floor and the bedrooms on a separate floor. All bedrooms are fully furnished and provide unlimited access Ethernet connection and basic cable television service.

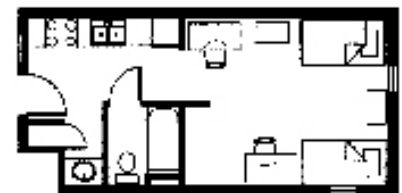
Studio Efficiency

This unit offers a large, open area that serves as both a bedroom and living area for two same-gender students. This efficiency apartment is fully furnished and offer unlimited access Ethernet connections and basic cable television service.

Both floor plans are available with an Academic Year or 12 month contract option.



Apartments with four singles



Apartments with a studio double

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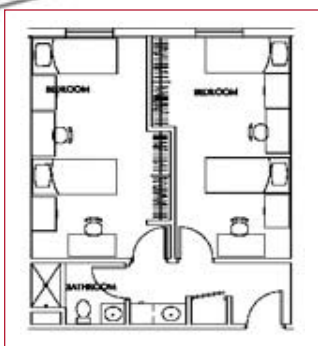
HERITAGE PARK TOWERS (HPT)



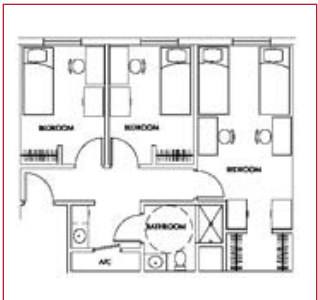
Envision yourself taking a break between classes to stop at your residence hall. Before going home, you decide to take care of a bank deposit at FAU's branch of Bank Atlantic and grab a coffee from Starbucks. You breathe a sigh of relief knowing that your hall, Heritage Park Towers, is located adjacent to these campus venues. On your way into the hall, you run into some of your floor neighbors and chat for awhile before going to your room.

This is life in Heritage Park Towers, a suite-style residence hall for both freshmen and upperclassmen. Suites are comprised of fully furnished double and single bedrooms, and in most cases, four residents share a bathroom. Each bedroom is equipped with unlimited access Ethernet connections and basic cable television service. Wireless Ethernet access is also offered throughout the building. Heritage Park Towers also offers a 24 hour desk operation, academic support center, community kitchen, classroom, computer lab, multi-purpose room with large screen TV, laundry facilities, study lounges and conference room.

The North Tower of HPT is the home to the Living-Learning Communities at FAU. This unique program combines classroom learning with opportunities to put education into practice. Space in this program is limited, so it's important to apply early.



Suites with two doubles



Suites with two singles and one double



PORTRAIT OF

HERITAGE PARK TOWERS (HPT) continued

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) at Heritage Park Towers

It's up to you to make the most of your college experience. One of the best predictors of college success is how involved you are and how much you feel a part of the campus community. In one of the FAU Living-Learning Communities, you'll not only make connections at FAU, but you'll excel while you're doing it! The LLC is a residential encounter that brings what happens in the classroom to your real-world experiences and vice versa. You will live on the same floor with students who have similar interests or majors, and you'll take courses with others in the community. As a resident in one of the LLCs, you'll also be offered additional programming and academic support related to the needs of your floor.

As part of a living-learning community you will:

- Make friends, build relationships and create connections with others at FAU
- Attend workshops, events and study groups designed to help you be successful in college
- Develop a community of learning with your peers, faculty and staff in and out of your classes
- Have convenient resources (advising and college support staff within the residence hall, structured study groups and more) available to you

Requirements of the Living Learning Communities:

- Live on-campus in Heritage Park Towers (HPT).
- Register for specific LLC courses (see www.fau.edu/retention for courses)
- Participate in LLC community events (workshops, study groups, service projects)
- Complete and return the LLC application and essay questions. — you may download the application at www.fau.edu/retention.
- Submit your Housing Contract, with Heritage Park Towers selected as your first choice to the Housing Department (be sure to include the \$200 security deposit)



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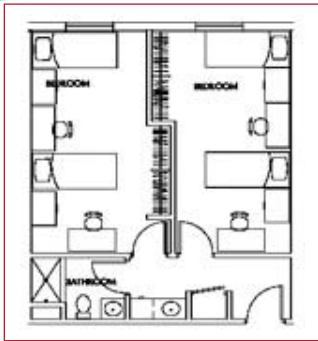
GLADES PARK TOWER (GPT)



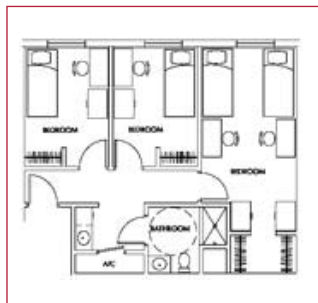
Picture yourself coming home with some friends from a long day of classes and activities. As you enter your residence hall, you are swept into a world of energizing color and friendly faces. Before going up to your room to relax, you stop by the Out-takes convenience store, located in the lobby, to pick up a quick bite to eat.

This will be your experience at Glades Park Towers, our newest residence hall. This hall is specifically designated for students who will be taking college courses for the very first time. All students living in Glades Park Towers participate in the First Year Student Housing (FYSH) Program and take a college success course, SLS 1503, in the Fall semester. Many sections of this class are offered within the building.

Glades Park Towers is a suite-style residence hall consisting of both double and single rooms. Usually, four residents share a bathroom facility. Every room in Glades Park Towers is fully furnished, and all bedrooms feature unlimited access Ethernet connections and basic cable television service. Wireless Ethernet access is also available throughout the building. Additionally, Glades Park Towers offers a 24 hour desk operation, floor study lounges, multipurpose room with large screen TV, laundry facilities, conference room, computer lab, classroom and convenience store.



Suites with two doubles



Suites with two singles and one double



The FYSH Program At Glades Park Towers

The First Year Student Housing (FYSH) Program at Glades Park Towers provides you the opportunity to succeed as you make the transition to college life. As a resident of GPT, you are automatically part of this program with 600 other students.

Requirements of the FYSH Program:

- Be a resident of Glades Park Towers
- Be taking college courses for the first time
- Enroll in SLS 1503: Learning Strategies and Human Development during the Fall semester
- Participate in the Freshman Reading program

With FYSH you will:

- Develop a connection with Florida Atlantic University
- Become an active participant in your floor, building and campus communities
- Take part in educational, social and personal development activities
- Develop and improve leadership skills

As a resident in the FYSH program, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the FYSHing Tournament. You will earn points for attending campus and community events, maintaining a strong GPA and participating in intramural sports. Points are tracked by Residence Life staff and FYSHing Tournament winners are announced on a monthly, semester and yearly basis.



FAU DINING SERVICES



The Resident Dining Program – Leave the Cooking to Us

A student's life can get a little hectic, and the last thing you want to worry about is cooking. In order to help you in manage your time and provide you with a complete array of dining choices, FAU's Dining Services provides convenience and flexibility, allowing you to choose from a variety of food choices and meal plans.

The Centre Marketplace

Picture yourself enjoying an array of delicious menu options in the Centre Marketplace, conveniently located adjacent to the Student Union. Unlike a traditional cafeteria, the Centre Marketplace features restaurant-style concepts prepared right in front of you all day long. You can choose when and what you want to eat in this all-you-care-to-eat facility. The Centre Marketplace is open for meals from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday – Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekends. (Hours of operation are subject to change).

Select from creative entrees and flavors from around the world, which are presented in styles and portions that will suit everyone's tastes. Order a charbroiled burger hot off the grill, a hearty sandwich from Bocadoillos, or a freshly made salad from Wild Greens. Home-style baked goods and fragrant coffees are available at Pastelitos Café and Terre Ve serves up a wide selection of menu items that follow strict vegetarian guidelines. You may even want to watch as our chefs prepare sizzling fajitas or omelets at the Me-nutainment station.

Residence Hall Meal Plan Requirements and Options

Since our residence halls do not provide adequate cooking facilities for individual and regular food preparation, all students living in University residence halls are required to participate in the Resident Dining program. Each Dining Meal Plan includes a certain number of meals per week, plus two free guest meals per semester. Some of the meal plans also include "Flex Bucks," each worth one dollar. The Flex Bucks provide you with the ability to eat meals, without needing cash, at any of our on-campus retail dining operations, including the restaurants in the Breezeway Café. The amount of Flex Bucks varies per plan. Flex Bucks expire at the end of each semester.

Residents are required to complete a Campus Meal Plan Contract in addition to their Housing contract. Residents may complete and submit the contract online, print a copy and submit it by mail. Students assigned to the residence halls who do not make a selection will automatically be placed on a meal plan and will be charged accordingly.

Reasonable accommodations will be made if you require assistance meeting nutritional, medical or religious needs. Please contact Dining Services if you need such accommodations.

Need More Information?

Meal plans, prices and the Campus Meal Plan contract can be found at www.fau.edu/dining.

If you have questions about the meal plan options or other dining questions, please contact FAU Campus Dining Services at (561) 297-2041.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply for housing?

In order to apply for housing, you must first be admitted to FAU. As soon as you've been notified of your acceptance, go to www.fau.edu/housing. Click on the "Prospective Students" link. There, you'll find our housing contracts. Simply print the appropriate contract, complete the form, and mail it to our office. Be sure to include a \$200 security deposit. Your application cannot be processed without it.

I have the Florida Pre-Paid "Dormitory Plan." What does this mean for me at FAU?

When you request a residence hall, you will be given a priority assignment, provided the completed Housing Contract is returned by May 1. The "Dormitory Plan" portion of the Florida Pre-Paid College Program covers only the rate for our least expensive double room in Glades Park Towers or Heritage Park Towers. You may "upgrade" your requested preferences, but are responsible for paying any additional costs. You must indicate on your Housing Contract that you are a participant in this plan to get a priority assignment. The "Dormitory Plan" will not cover the \$200 deposit.

I have a disability and need to request a specific type of space. What should I do?

A limited number of spaces are designed to be accessible and can accommodate students with disabilities. The specific nature of your disability should be identified so we can work with you to meet your needs and make your assignment. You must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Specific written documentation will be requested from you and your physician or diagnostician to support the request; that documentation will be evaluated by the OSD staff and recommendations to the Housing Office will be made regarding your needs, the appropriate modifications, and assignments. The process of review does take some time. The Housing Office is not able to honor requests for special accommodations without an evaluation from the OSD staff, and you need to complete the Housing Contract and OSD paperwork prior to June 1.

I've read that all accommodations are furnished. What should I bring with me when I move in?

Residents need to provide their own linens, towels, desk lamps, cleaning supplies and trash receptacles. Students may also bring televisions, stereos and computers but may want to wait until they have received their roommate/suitemate assignments to determine their specific needs.

How do I connect local and long-distance telephone service?

Local and long distance telephone services are available through PaeTec. PaeTec sends out information to students' home addresses during the summer months, and representatives are available when you check into your residence hall/apartment.

What can I expect from the on-campus computer network?

ResNet is the high speed computer network for the FAU residential student community. It is a shared resource, available in all on-campus housing locations. ResNet provides access to the World Wide Web, University e-mail accounts, individual student record information, as well as access to all FAU on-line and distance learning materials and information. The campus network is a shared resource and actual transmission speed from a given work station will vary depending upon network traffic load. You are provided with your own data port, and in most places within the residence halls, you will be able to access the network wirelessly.

I've filled out a Housing Contract, but now I need to cancel. How do I do that?

In order to cancel your Housing Contract, you must complete a cancellation form. You may cancel your contract by the established deadlines without penalty for the following reasons:

- You do not enroll at FAU or withdraw from the University
- You participate in an academic program that requires residency outside of a 50 mile radius of the Boca Raton campus
- You are dismissed or suspended for academic reasons
- You graduate and do not continue as an enrolled student in another program

You are responsible for providing evidence of one of these conditions for cancellation. The cancellation will not be effective until the information is filed with and verified by the Housing Office. Should the conditions which warranted the cancellation of the Housing Contract change during the original contract period, you will be responsible for fulfilling the Housing Contract as if it had not been cancelled. Please refer to your copy of the Housing Contract for applicable cancellation deadlines and fees.



	Algonquin Hall	Heritage Park Towers	Indian River Towers	Glades Park Towers	University Village Apartment
Year Built	1968	2004	2001	2007	1996
# of Resident Beds	94	602	604	602	528
Co-Ed	By Wing	By Suite	By Suite	By Floor	By Apartment
Visitation	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
Kitchen	No	Community	Community	Community	Each Apartment
Coin/Card Operated Laundry	1st Floor	1st Floor Each Tower	2nd Floor Each Tower	1st Floor Each Tower	Each Building Cluster
Elevator	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Floor Lounges	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
In-Room Internet	Yes 1 Per Resident	Yes 1 Per Resident	Yes 1 Per Resident	Yes 1 Per Resident	Yes 1 Per Resident
Cable TV	1 Per Bedroom	1 Per Bedroom	1 Per Bedroom	1 Per Bedroom	1 Per Bedroom
Local Telephone Connection	Available Upon Request	Available Upon Request	Available Upon Request	Available Upon Request	Available Upon Request
Computer Lab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Contract Period	12 month	Academic Year	Academic Year	Academic Year	Academic Year/ 12 month
Micro-Fridge	Yes	No	No	No	No

Alphabet Soup - What Do All Those Letters Mean?

FAU – Florida Atlantic University
FYSH – First Year Student Housing
GPT – Glades Park Towers
HPT – Heritage Park Towers

IRT – Indian River Towers
LLC – Living Learning Community
RA – Resident Assistant
RC – Resident Coordinator
RSA – Resident Student Association
UVA – University Village Apartments

