Welcome to Housing & Residence Life!

The University of Idaho strives to create a fun, safe and academically enriching environment for all our residents.

Our coeducational format, which includes traditional residential halls, apartments and a Living Learning Community, offers both privacy and sense of community. From your first visit to campus through graduation, our Housing & Residence Life staff is invested in your education, providing support, guidance and resources for you to be successful.

We want on-campus housing to be a welcoming place as you build relationships, develop social responsibility and achieve academic success.

www.uidaho.edu/student-life/housing
ON-CAMPUS living benefits

Research shows that students living on campus have greater social and academic success when compared with off-campus students. These residents report more engagement with advisors and their faculty as well as higher-quality interactions with other students, resulting in better learning opportunities and ultimately academic success.

When asked about the benefits of living on campus, these are the top reasons cited:

- **Proximity**: Roll out of bed and get to class in 10 minutes! Don’t worry about finding a place to park. Our residents are minutes away from class, dining, the library, the Student Rec Center and vibrant downtown of Moscow, Idaho.

- **Security**: The University of Idaho makes the safety of its residents a top priority. We are staffed 24-hours a day and our trained professional staff members are always available.

- **Healthy**: Residents are surrounded by departmental and university-wide support systems including academic, financial aid, as well as, physical and mental health resources. Campus dining provides a wide selection of healthy food options to those avoiding food allergies.

- **Community**: Campus residents have a stronger connection to the campus community because they are living in the center of all the action. Residents interact with peers from other areas of the nation and countries around the world. Friendships formed during college often last a lifetime.

- **Leadership**: By living on campus, students are more likely to get involved in clubs, organizations and student government, providing leadership skills that resonate after graduation and look great on a résumé.

- **Fun**: Living in our residence halls is simply a fun experience. Social and educational activities are regularly scheduled for residents to enjoy as you experience college life at the University of Idaho.
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First-year Students

Welcome to U of I Housing & Residence Life and all that we have to offer. A large part of life at the University of Idaho is where you eat, where you sleep, and who you hang out with.

As a first-year you are guaranteed space in university housing and have multiple options to choose from including the iconic Theophilus Tower, the Living Learning Community as well as several wings of Wallace Residence Center. These areas are designed to enhance the student experience at the University of Idaho by allowing students to engage with one another, meet new friends and build community in our safe and comfortable residence halls.

First-year Residential Requirement

The residential experience is an essential component of social and academic success at the University of Idaho. All first-year students are required to live on-campus with very few exceptions.

On-campus living provides unique resources and connections that help students create a successful and well-rounded college experience. Research has shown that living in student housing during the first year has numerous academic and social benefits for students. In particular, students who live on campus during their first year typically experience the following benefits.

Students living in the residence halls will see a higher:

- Graduation rate than students who live off-campus
- Level of satisfaction with their college experience
- Level of involvement in clubs and activities on campus
- Level of interaction with faculty members and peers

More information about this requirement can be found on the University of Idaho web site: Living On Campus Requirement

MEAL PLAN REQUIREMENT

All first-year students who are living in the Residence Halls are required to have a meal plan. Whether you like to eat two or five meals a day, you’ll find plenty of choices among our meal plan options that best fits your lifestyle, budget and schedule.

Adjusting to College Life

College is an exciting time of life, one filled with many profound transitions in preparation for an exciting and fulfilling future. The beginning of college provides opportunities for growth, new interests and rich interpersonal experiences. However, adjusting to campus living can bring some challenges. You may be living away from home for the first time, or possibly, sharing a room with someone you have not personally met.

Our Housing & Residence Life team helps make this adjustment smoother with a wide array of academic, social and health resources.

Residence Life EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

All students living on campus can expect a high-quality residential program that provides a fun, supportive, and challenging environment where every student can live, learn and develop academic and social skills.

Every semester our residents participate in numerous events ranging from social, get-to-know-you activities, to programs and services designed to help students become more successful in the classroom.

STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Housing and Residence Life places a major emphasis on the care and wellbeing of all students. Both our professional staff and student staff are trained to support students who may be experiencing various challenges (e.g., mental health, academic), so we can connect students to campus resources so they may navigate challenges. Support is always available from all levels of our distinguished team.

Student Staff

- Resident Assistants (RA) – RAs are student staff members who help mentor and guide their peers. RAs promote a safe and supportive living environment where residents can thrive.
- Program Coordinators (PC) – PCs create programming for students to engage with others on their floors and in their buildings.
- Academic Peer Mentors (APM) – APMs help students succeed by achieving their academic and personal goals through ongoing support and encouragement.

Professional Staff

- Resident Directors and Area Coordinators are student affairs professionals who live within the different residence hall communities to ensure that the students on campus experience is successful.
- Asst. Director of Leadership Development and Community Standards works with all student leadership avenues within the residence halls. As well as oversees conduct and community standards.
- Asst. Director for Residential Support – Oversees the Student Success Program for approximately 1400 students.
- Conduct Coordinator – Responsible for the coordination and administration of student conduct within the residence halls.
Transfer Students

Congratulations on your decision to transfer to the University of Idaho and joining us in Housing and Residence Life.

As an incoming transfer student, you are in a unique position as your experience will be similar to returning students while still experiencing the same orientation programs as first-year students. To help you transition into the Vandal community, transfer students can choose housing in our upper-level residence halls.

Your housing application will allow you to indicate certain lifestyle characteristics you may want us to consider when making your housing placement. Housing assignments will be based on your responses, available space and your best match for roommates. Special considerations are made for medical or health-related needs, placement in specialized communities, lifestyle preferences, roommate requests, and availability.

Specialized Communities

As a transfer student, new to the university, you may wish to live with residents that share similar interests or academic goals. Ease into your new living arrangements with a specialized community such as:

- College of Natural Resources – LLC 5
- Engineering – LLC Building 7
- Gender Inclusive – Wallace & LLC
- Honors Program – LLC Building 8
- Pre-Health Professions – Gooding 2nd Floor
- Women in Idaho Science & Engineering (WiseE) – Tower 9th Floor

Dining & Meals

As a non-first year student, all of our meal plans are available to you, regardless of where you reside. Whether you like to eat two or five meals a day, you’ll find plenty of choices among our meal plan options that best fits your lifestyle, budget and schedule.

Community Service

Community service is important to our students. Give back to the community by participating in our annual events like the popular Tower Trick-or-Treat program. For over 40 years this annual event hosts over 1000 families in our fully decorated 11-story Theophilus Tower, giving local school-aged children a fun and safe place to trick-or-treat.

Student Success Program

Our Student Success Program provides in-house resources specifically for students living in the residence halls. Students have the convenience of staying inside their residences to find peer mentoring, academic assistance, flexible study spaces.

Specialized Communities

Though our residence halls are open to all academic majors, we offer a fantastic opportunity to live and learn students who have similar interests or academic pursuits.

- Art & Architecture – Ballard 1st Floor
- College of Natural Resources – LLC 5
- College of Agricultural & Life Sciences – Ballard 3rd & 4th Floors
- College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences – Ballard 2nd Floor
- College of Education, Health & Human Sciences – Gooding 1st Floor
- Engineering Males – Tower 8th Floor
- Gender Inclusive – Wallace & LLC
- Honors Program – LLC Building 8
- Pre-Health Professions – Gooding 2nd Floor
- Women in Idaho Science & Engineering (WiseE) – Tower 9th Floor

Additional Resources

LET’S TALK

Join the University of Idaho Counseling & Testing Center for LET’S TALK! Informal, confidential drop-in mental health consultations are available weekly for our residents. This is a great opportunity to connect with a counselor and find support and resources for homesickness, stress, etc.

ASK AN ADVISOR

Looking for advising help? Drop into the Wallace Basement Lounge on to visit with a Vandal Success Advisor. Come by to talk through general advising questions and problem solve your academic needs.

Student Employment Opportunities

As a part of the University of Idaho’s Auxiliary Services, residents can find employment in various departments beyond housing including dining, the university bookstore (VandalStore), custodial, summer conferences, parking and even the university golf course. A full listing of available jobs can be found on the university’s website.

Student Employment

https://www.uidaho.edu/current-students/career-services/students-and-alumni/handshake#
Graduate Students and Students with Families

The university apartments offer wonderful environments suited for graduate students, and students with children.

Graduate Students, Students with Families, and other non-traditional students

We strive to provide a warm, diverse, academic community where everyone can thrive. Our apartments are close to the University of Idaho Child Center and our staff is committed to working with residents and encouraging the development of interactive and supportive communities.

STUDENT STAFF

Our on-campus apartments feature an on-call Apartment Community Assistant (ACA) who is responsible for the general administration, development, and implementation of student life in the apartment communities. Each month features a new family based activity to promote a sense of community and connection in the on-campus apartments.

Dining & Meal Plans

Campus dining, known as Idaho Eats, is committed to providing the Vandal community the highest level of quality food and service at a great value.

Food quality, creativity and innovation are at the heart of what you will experience.

First-year students living in the residence halls, and all students living in Wallace, Theophilus and McConnell are required to have a Residential Meal Plan which are chosen while completing the residence hall application.

About Your Plan

MEAL SWIPES

A specific number of meals that can be used at The Eatery dining Hall per week. A single meal swipe equals one entry into The Eatery for an “all you care to enjoy” meal.

GOLD MEALS

Gold Meals allows you to use a select number of meal swipes a week at other Idaho Eats dining locations like Einstein Bros. Bagels, Qdoba and more!

DINING DOLLARS

Dining Dollars provide the flexibility to eat at a variety of campus dining locations, including Chick-fil-A, True Burger and more! For students who have a spring meal plan, any remaining fall dining dollars will roll over to the spring semester.
Residential Meal Plans

THE IDAHO EXPERIENCE
Unlimited Weekly Meals + 225 Dining Dollars. The name says it all. Unlimited meals every week in our dining hall, The Eatery. Best option for residents who stay on campus and plan to dine most weekends.
- 225 Dining Dollars per semester.
- Four Gold Meals per week.
- Satisfies the meal plan requirements for First-Year, McConnell and Wallace residents.

JOE’S CHOICE
14 Meals per week + 325 Dining Dollars. Joe’s Choice gives residents the peace of mind of 14 square meals per week. Best option for residents that skip breakfast and dine on campus twice a day.
- 325 Dining Dollars.
- Three Gold Meals per week.
- Satisfies the meal plan requirements for First-Year, McConnell and Wallace residents.

VANDAL FUEL
8 Meals per week + 425 Dining Dollars. The affordable Vandal Fuel allows residents the flexibility to decide when to eat while having more Dining Dollars for on-campus meals or just snacking. Best option for residents looking to eat on campus about once per day.
- 425 Dining Dollars.
- Two Gold Meals per week.
- Satisfies the meal plan requirements for First-Year, McConnell and Wallace residents.

SOCIAL PLATE
3 Meals per week + 450 Dining Dollars. The flexibility of the Social Plate is perfect for the busy resident whose daily schedule takes them all across campus. Best option for occasional visits to The Eatery while having the most Dining Dollars.
- 450 Dining Dollars per semester for use at all Idaho Eats dining locations, including Starship delivery and the Boost app.
- One Gold Meal per week.
- Not available to First-Year residents, but satisfies the Meal Plan Requirement for McConnell and Wallace.

Community Meal Plans
Voluntary meal plan options for residents not required to have a meal plan or students living off campus. Plans also include Meal Swipes, Gold Meals and Dining Dollars.

Dietary Accommodations
We strive to accommodate the full spectrum of dietary needs and restrictions by providing daily rotating vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options as well as an allergen-conscious station free of the top nine allergens. We offer an allergen self-identification tool and an allergen-free station at The Eatery.

More information and the latest updates can be found on the Idaho Eats website:
https://dineoncampus.com/uidaho/dietary-accommodations
Housing

The University of Idaho provides 7 community options, catering to students at all stages of their academic careers.

Types of Residence

Hall Living

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

A variety of housing options are available at the University of Idaho. Our facilities offer traditional, suite and apartment style floor plans, as well as various specialized communities to provide living options that fit the needs of each resident.

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Theophilus Tower
THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
A popular choice for first-year students, the iconic Tower provides social and academic support to students transitioning from high school to college. With eleven stories, you will never have to go very far to find a place to study, join in the fun or hang out with friends.
All rooms feature an XL twin size bed and a micro fridge/microwave combo unit.

Wallace Residence Center
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Home to both first-year and returning students, Wallace consists of four distinct wings: Ballard, Gooding, Willey and Stevenson. Centrally located to the Student Success Program and our main dining center, the Eatery. Wallace features suite-style living arrangements with an individual bathroom for suite-mates.
All rooms feature an XL twin size bed and a micro fridge/microwave combo unit.
3. McConnell Hall
INDEPENDENT LIVING
With its single room layouts, McConnell is perfect for students wanting a more private and academically focused living environment. Reserved for non-first year and international students, this residence hall has the convenience of living on campus while living in a quiet, safe and friendly community.
All rooms feature an XL twin size bed and a micro fridge/microwave combo unit.

4. Living Learning Communities
COMBINING THE BEST OF ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LIVING
Comprised of eight buildings, each building provides residents with an atmosphere dedicated to academic success, student support and activities geared for social enrichment. Though generally popular with our returning residents, the LLC buildings have limited openings for first-year students based on room availability.
All suites feature XL twin size beds and a full size refrigerator and microwave.
**University Apartments**

The University of Idaho owns and operates three on-campus apartment complexes located on the east side of campus. Designed to fit the various living needs of students, our apartments cater to graduate students, staff/faculty and students with families. Our apartment rates include water, electricity, sewer and refuse services as well as high-speed internet access.

**5. Elmwood Apartments**

Elmwood Apartments offer studio, one-bedroom and loft-style apartments. Located on Elm Street, in the heart of campus near the Bruce M. Pitman Center, Engineering Buildings and the VandalStore. There are no laundry facilities located in the Elmwood Apartments, as residents generally utilize a local laundry mat.

**6. South Hill Apartments**

GREAT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

South Hill Apartments offer one to four bedroom townhouse-style units. Apartments are located on Deakin and Taylor Avenue. Electric hookups are available for washer and dryers.
South Hill Vista
PERFECT FOR FAMILIES
South Hill Vista Apartments offer two and three bedroom townhouse-style units. Apartments are located on Sweet and Taylor Avenue which is close to the Early Childhood Learning Center. Electric hookups are available for washer and dryers. All units also feature a back patio and storage.

Campus Services
When on the University of Idaho campus, you are supported by a vast network of people, resources and services.

Housing and Residence Life
Beyond operating just Residence Life & Housing, the University of Idaho’s Auxiliary Services group is a diverse team of service units providing the university essential resources needed for a vibrant campus life. Supporting our students, faculty, staff and guests, Auxiliary Services oversees a wide range of operations including:

Campus Dining
IDAHO EATS
Idaho Eats is a team of experienced culinary and hospitality professionals dedicated to supporting students, employees and the Vandal community at large. Maintaining the campus’ dining locations, Idaho Eats is the university’s provider of residential dining, retail restaurants as well as our Craved & Crafted Catering service.

VandalStore
YOUR TEXTBOOK AND VANDAL APPAREL HEADQUARTERS
Not merely a supplier of academic textbooks, the VandalStore houses the largest selection of VandalGear and university merchandise on the planet!
The VandalStore, operated by Auxiliary Services is dedicated to the entire Vandal family: students, alumni, staff/faculty and visitors.
Every dollar spent stays within the university to enhance and provide additional services for students. Money earned at the VandalStore contributes to student scholarships, student employment opportunities and campus organizations while directly supporting the university’s various auxiliary services.

U of I Golf Course
Nestled among the rolling hills of the Palouse sits the historic University of Idaho Golf Course. Originally designed by Francis L. James and constructed in 1936, our golf course boasts a rich history and stunning scenery. Our panoramic vistas and the university’s arboretum create a backdrop that changes with the seasons from emerald green to amber gold.
Not only hosting a uniquely challenging course, the U of I Gold Course hosts tournaments and community events year-round. Event space and a start-of-the-art indoor golf simulator keep our staff busy during the winter months.

**Cultural Events and Ticketing**

Our Cultural Events teams oversees the booking, ticketing, facilities and even stage management of concerts, performances, theatre productions and dance events at the University of Idaho. Overseeing the use of the Kibbie Dome, ICCU Arena, theatres and multiple event areas, Cultural Events bring some of the largest and most engaging productions to campus as well as the Palouse community.

Auxiliary Services also operates campus mail, concessions, summer conferences and the administration of multi-use facilities, including the Kibbie Dome, ICCU Arena and Pitman Center.

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**Parking & Transportation Services**

The Parking and Transportation Services office is open to the public. It’s located on campus inside the Intermodal Transit Center at 1006 Railroad St.

**Parking Permits**

The University of Idaho’s Parking & Transportation Services team provides a full range of parking and transportation services, serving a diverse community of more than 12,000 students, faculty and staff.

A parking permit will be available for each student who chooses to bring a personal vehicle to campus. Availability of a specific permit type or parking location is not guaranteed. Students are encouraged to purchase their permit early to ensure they are able to park on campus.

**Vandal Break Bus**

Parking and Transportation Services charters buses to transport students to designated cities in southern and eastern Idaho for academic breaks, at a nominal fee compared to other modes of transportation.

Vandal Break Buses run for all three academic breaks including fall, winter and spring breaks. Buses leave Moscow the Saturday after classes and return the Sunday before classes resume.

**BOISE ROUTE OPTIONS**

New Meadows, Weiser, Payette, Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise.

**IDAHO FALLS ROUTE OPTIONS**

Mountain Home, Bliss, Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello/Chubbuck, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls.

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**Parking Permits**

www.uidaho.edu/infrastructure/parking/permits/students

**Vandal Break Bus**

www.uidaho.edu/infrastructure/parking/alternative-transportation/regional-transit/vandal-break-bus
Things To Do

There is so much to do on campus, you won’t want to miss it!

The University of Idaho offers hundreds of activities to enjoy year-round, from exploring natural and historic marvels to attending a concert, arts performance, distinguished lecture or athletic event. The possibilities are limitless:

**Play Golf**
Hit the links and play on our historic 18-hole Vandal Golf Course. And for new golfers, we offer a full suite of lessons where our PGA instructors will help you learn and improve your game so that you can get the most enjoyment from your time on the course.

**Swim**
Jump into one of our two 25-yard NCAA competitive pools for lessons or laps. Or take a quick 5-minute trip to Moscow’s Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center for lounging, tube slides, water basketball and a mini lazy river.

**Go to a Concert or Show**
There are endless opportunities on campus to enjoy concerts, shows, plays, comedians and other special events. Venues range in size across campus including our Kibbie Dome, the Hartung Theatre, various ballrooms and our new state-of-the-art ICCU Arena.

**Ski, Hike or Bike**
If you are into the outdoors, Moscow and the Palouse area is the perfect place to attend college. Situated near rugged mountains for skiing, the university is in the middle of the best hiking, biking, camping and rafting in the Pacific Northwest.

Check out the Outdoor Program for rental equipment, trips and activities, trip planning assistance and other outdoor information and resources.

**Attend Sporting Events**
Jump right into Vandals Athletics and catch a football game in the Kibbie Dome and hoops in our new ICCU Arena. Root on our mens and womens Vandal teams across campus as they compete in the competitive Big Sky conference.

**Join a Club**
Meet new people and explore your interests out of the classroom. Student clubs and organizations are a great way to empower and enrich yourself while meeting fellow Vandals who have the same passion. Once you’re on campus, you’ll have more than 200 clubs and organizations to join focused on music, debate, dance, philosophy, games, recreation and much more.
Find a Job
As the largest provider of jobs at the university, Auxiliary Services has openings in Housing and Residence Life, Idaho Eats, the VandalStore, Parking & Transportation, event staff as well as various work-study positions.

Become Active in RHA
As a resident you are automatically in our Resident Hall Association. Take the next step and become a leader and help organize amazing educational, leadership, service and social programs for residential students.

Join ASUI
YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Get involved and make a difference on campus by joining your ASUI Student Government. Advocate for fellow students, help create meaningful events and experiences for your fellow Vandals.

Volunteer
University leadership and volunteer programs connect students with service opportunities on campus, in their community and beyond. Using GivePulse, an online platform, students are safely connected to non-profit agencies and organizations in Moscow and the surrounding areas. Both students and community partners are able to organize and join volunteer events making a difference in the community.

Downtown Moscow
Walk the historic blocks of downtown Moscow as you pass by bookstores, restaurants, art galleries, specialty shops and the famous weekly farmer’s market. Our vibrant downtown invites you for an exceptional shopping, dining and entertainment experience.

Explore Area Dining
In Moscow and around the Palouse, you’ll find inspired and unique dining options, including award-winning restaurants, comfortable local favorites and ethnic dining. Sample everything from wood-fired pizza to fine Italian cuisine.
EXPLORE ANY TIME

- Visit uidaho.edu/housing
- Learn about your housing options
- Choose your favorite community
- Learn about your meal plan options
  at uidaho.edu/dining

APPLY

PHASE ONE – MID NOVEMBER
- Go to iwanthousing.uidaho.edu
- Start your application
- Pay your non-refundable $100 application fee
- Connect with your roommate, if you already have one in mind

PHASE TWO – MID MARCH
- Sign into your housing application
- Choose your building, room and roommate
- Select a meal plan

PREPARE FOR MOVE-IN

- Meet Your Roommate – After selecting a room
- Check out our “What to Bring” list at uidaho.edu
- Select your move-in timeslot through the application portal
- Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter @uidahohousing

https://iwanthousing.uidaho.edu/