

CLARK UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL LIFE & HOUSING 2026 - 2027 UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING CONTRACT

As an academic community, Clark University provides a residential atmosphere where study and learning can take place along with recreation, relaxation and social development. This atmosphere is dependent upon the willingness of all individuals to behave in such a way that personal freedom and responsibility co-exist.

As evidence by their signature below, the student agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to Clark housing as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and in this document.

2026-2027 Housing Rates

This Housing Contract constitutes a financially binding agreement for a space in University housing for the full contract period, or for such time as the student remains enrolled at the University, unless officially released in writing by Residential Life & Housing.

Room Style	2026 - 2027 Room Rate	2026 – 2027 Standard Meal Plan Rate	2026 - 2027 Total Housing and Meal Plan Rate
Traditional Triple Spaces	\$7,280	\$5,780	\$13,060
Traditional Double Spaces	\$8,580	\$5,780	\$14,360
Traditional Single Spaces	\$10,930	\$5,780	\$16,710
Suite Double Spaces	\$9,000	\$5,780	\$14,780
Suite Single Spaces	\$11,350	\$5,780	\$17,130
Apartment Double Spaces	\$9,570	*	\$9,570
Apartment Single Spaces	\$11,920	*	\$11,920
Blackstone Double Spaces	\$9,980	*	\$9,980
Blackstone Single Spaces	\$12,330	*	\$12,330

Occupancy Period

All occupancy dates will be posted on the Clark University Website. This includes move-in and move-out dates. Please note that these dates are subject to change and will be shared via email and the Clark University website once finalized.

- Graduating seniors are permitted to remain in residence until 5:00pm on the day of commencement.

University Housing remains open during any identified holidays and break periods within the Fall and Spring semesters. Access to specific residential areas, services, or dining locations may be limited during these periods.

- University Housing is **closed** during the Winter and Summer break periods. Winter or Summer Break Housing is available to students facing extenuating circumstances at an additional cost. Students can inquire about the availability of Winter or Summer Break Housing with Residential Life & Housing (RLH) and all open applications can be accessed via the Housing & Dining Self-Service Portal. Students

approved to stay on-campus during these breaks will be required to complete a Break Housing Contract and are responsible for paying all associated costs.

- In the event of severe weather, RLH may adjust opening and/or closing dates as necessary.

The University reserves the right to temporarily relocate residents due to maintenance needs, emergencies, or safety concerns. Such relocations may be to temporary or alternative housing.

Early Arrival and Late Stay

Undergraduate students may request permission to arrive early prior to the official opening date of University Housing or to remain in housing after the official closing date. Requests are subject to approval, space availability, and staffing considerations.

Typically, Residential Life & Housing (RLH) permits:

- Returning students to arrive up to **three (3) days prior** to the official opening date, and
- Returning students who are not graduating, may remain in housing up to **three (3) days after** the official closing date.

All Early Arrival and Late Stay requests must be submitted through the Housing & Dining Self-Service Portal by the published deadline. Requests submitted after the deadline are not guaranteed approval. Students should consult the [Residence Calendar](#) for official opening and closing dates.

Incoming first-year and transfer students are not eligible to request early arrival and should refer to the First-Year and Transfer Student move-in information for applicable dates.

Fees

Approved Early Arrival or Late Stay Requests are assessed the following charges:

- Approved early arrival or late stay: \$30 per day
- Arriving unannounced and requesting a key: Daily rate plus a \$100 administrative fee
- Being present in the residence halls without permission: Daily rate plus a \$150 administrative fee

Fees are applied per day and will be billed to the student's University account.

Fee Waivers

International students and students whose permanent address, as listed in Banner, is 500 miles or more from campus may be eligible to have up to three (3) days of Early Arrival or Late Stay fees waived. Eligibility for a waiver is not automatic; students must submit the appropriate request form and receive approval prior to arriving early or staying late.

Additional Conditions

Dining services and other campus services may be limited or unavailable during approved early arrival or late stay periods. Students approved for an early arrival or late stay are expected to comply with all University policies and housing regulations during these periods.

RLH reserves the right to deny or revoke approval for Early Arrival or Late Stay requests at any time based on policy violations, safety concerns, or operational needs.

Residency Requirement

Students are required to live in University housing for their first four (4) semesters of enrollment. Students who attain junior standing or otherwise complete the four-semester residency requirement during an academic year remain bound to this Housing Contract through the end of that academic year.

Any semester during which a student is formally released from their Housing Contract does not count toward fulfillment of the four-semester residency requirement.

Transfer students who previously lived in on-campus housing at another institution may request to have those semesters applied toward the residency requirement by submitting a Housing Appeal Form. Approval of such requests is not automatic and is subject to review by Residential Life & Housing.

Students who study abroad during the fall semester and return to campus in the spring remain subject to the four-semester residency requirement and may be required to reside in University housing upon their return.

Meal Plans

* Meal Plan price reflects the “standard meal plan.” Students in apartment-style housing can add optional meal plans but are not required to enroll.

- Students living in “Traditional Style” or “Suite Style” housing are **required to be on a standard meal plan**. Students who live in “Apartment Style” housing (where they have access to kitchen facilities located within their apartment) may add an optional meal plan but are not required to enroll in one.
 - Students who live in “Traditional Style” or “Suite Style” housing and are looking to opt out of a meal plan should submit a Meal Plan Waiver Request [here](#). All students requesting a waiver are encouraged to meet with Harvest Table Culinary Group prior to submitting a waiver request.
- Students who change from “Traditional Style” or “Suite Style” housing to “Apartment Style” after the first 14 calendar days after move-in for the semester will be required to keep their standard meal plan for the remainder of the semester.
- Meal plan changes or cancellations are only permitted during the first 14 calendar days after move-in for the semester. If you are eligible to opt out of your meal plan, and wish to do so, you must email RLH within the first 14 calendar days after move-in for the semester. Meal plans may be added at any time. Please note that meal plan cancellations are credited based on the daily rate of the meal plan. To be credited for a meal plan, you must cancel the meal plan prior to the first day meal plans are active.

Room Changes

Residential Life & Housing (RLH) publishes the dates during which voluntary room changes are permitted on the RLH website. Requests submitted outside of the published room change period may not be considered.

Students who voluntarily change room type or housing assignment will be charged or credited the difference associated with the new assignment, effective as of the approved move date.

RLH may require a student to relocate to a different housing assignment for administrative, operational, safety, facilities-related, or community reasons. Required relocations initiated by the University are not considered voluntary room changes.

Students assigned to a space with a vacancy are required to keep the room in a move-in-ready condition at all times and may not deny, delay, or interfere with the assignment of a new occupant to the vacant space.

Students found to be double-occupying a room or housing an unauthorized occupant may be referred to the student conduct process and are subject to fines of \$100 or more, in addition to any other applicable sanctions.

RLH reserves the right to make adjustments to a student's housing assignment or to terminate this Housing Contract when deemed necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to operational needs, safety concerns, policy violations, or community impact.

Accessibility & Accommodations

Residential Life & Housing (RLH) works in collaboration with Student Accessibility Services to provide reasonable housing accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Students requesting accommodations must submit the appropriate documentation to Student Accessibility Services and coordinate with RLH in advance.

Approval of a housing accommodation does not guarantee the availability of a specific room type, assignment, or location. All accommodations are subject to space availability, staffing, and operational considerations.

Where applicable, other sections of this contract—such as Early Arrival, Late Stay, Room Changes, or Break Housing—may be adjusted in consultation with Student Accessibility Services to accommodate documented needs. Students requesting exceptions or modifications for a documented disability should reference this section and submit requests in advance.

Guests & Visitation

Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and must ensure that all guests comply with University policies, housing regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct. A guest is any individual present in a residential building or space who is not assigned to that space. Guests must carry valid identification and comply with requests to present it to University officials.

Residents must escort guests at all times and may have no more than one (1) guest per room without prior approval from Residential Life & Housing (RLH) professional staff.

Restrictions:

- First-year students may not host overnight guests during the first two (2) weeks of the fall semester.
- All students may not host overnight guests during reading days or final exam periods in either semester.
- All students may not host overnight guests during University breaks, including Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break.

Overnight stays require the permission of all room occupants and are limited to no more than three (3) consecutive days per month and no more than fourteen (14) days total per semester. Individuals removed from University housing may not return as overnight guests.

University officials and RLH reserve the right to require guests to leave at any time and to deny or revoke guest privileges for policy violations, safety concerns, or operational needs. Guests present during Early Arrival or Late Stay periods must also comply with all applicable policies outlined in those sections.

Release from Housing Contract

This Housing Contract is a binding academic-year agreement. Approval to participate in the Housing Selection (Lottery) process or receipt of a Lottery Number does not guarantee a specific room type, location, or assignment.

Approval of a release from the Housing Contract does not eliminate responsibility for accrued housing charges. Housing charges are prorated based on the official move-out date as determined by Residential Life & Housing. Any applicable contract cancellation fee, as outlined below, is assessed separately.

Students who withdraw from a Clark University–approved study abroad program after securing a housing assignment remain bound to the terms of this Housing Contract unless otherwise released by Residential Life & Housing (RLH).

Students may be eligible for release from their Housing Contract under the conditions outlined below. Any approved release applies only to the current academic year unless otherwise specified.

Releases Granted Without Charge

A release from the Housing Contract may be granted without financial penalty in the following circumstances:

- Completion of degree requirements at mid-academic-year.
- Official withdrawal from the University or approved Leave of Absence mid-semester or mid-academic-year. Housing charges are prorated based on the official move-out date as determined by Residential Life & Housing.
 - Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence and subsequently return prior to the end of the academic year remain bound to the terms of the original Housing Contract.
- Written notification to RLH prior to being issued a Housing Lottery Number indicating the student does not wish to participate in the Housing Selection process.
- Incoming new or transfer students who apply for housing but ultimately decide not to enroll at Clark University (note that tuition deposits are forfeited; no additional housing fees are assessed).
- Participation in a Clark University–approved study abroad program after selecting a space through the Housing Lottery.
- Participation in a Clark University–approved study abroad program during the spring semester.

Releases Granted with a Fee

A release from the Housing Contract may be granted with the following associated fees:

- **\$150 Release Fee:**
Students who receive a Housing Lottery Number but elect not to select a room during the Housing Selection process.
- **\$1,500 Release Fee:**
Students granted a release from the Housing Contract or residency requirement for any reason not otherwise outlined above.

Housing Lottery Participation

Students who participate in the Housing Selection process but fail to select a housing assignment remain financially responsible for their Housing Contract unless formally released by RLH. Failure to select a room does not constitute an automatic release from the Housing Contract.

Student Status

Students residing in University housing are expected to be actively enrolled and registered for a full-time course load in order to remain eligible for on-campus housing.

Students who transition to part-time enrollment or to the School of Professional Studies must request permission to remain in University housing by contacting Residential Life & Housing at reslife@clarku.edu. Students who do not receive approval will be removed from housing upon transition to part-time status.

Students who withdraw from the University or take a leave of absence and subsequently reverse their decision or return from leave within the contractual period remain bound to the conditions of the Housing Contract and may be subject to additional fees, as outlined elsewhere in this Contract.

In order for a housing assignment to be guaranteed, students must demonstrate clear intent and ability to return to campus by August 1, 2026. Determinations of intent and ability are made by the University and may include, but are not limited to, factors such as satisfaction of student account balances, registration for classes, completion of required forms, and timely communication with University officials.

A student's financial obligations to the University must be satisfied prior to moving into University housing. If a student's financial account becomes delinquent, the University reserves the right to remove the student from their housing assignment.

Housing charges are prorated based on the official move-out date as determined by Residential Life & Housing. Students remain financially responsible for housing charges through the approved move-out date, regardless of the actual date of departure, unless otherwise specified by the University.

If a student is required to vacate housing for disciplinary reasons, or as an interim measure pending potential disciplinary action, housing charges will not be refunded.

Room Condition & Maintenance

All residents are responsible for verifying the condition of their room with Residential Life & Housing staff by completing the Room Condition Report via the Housing & Dining portal.

Prior to students' arrival to campus, the RLH staff will be conducting a room inspection, noting any damages or other issues of concern with the space. Students are required to verify the condition of their room/apartment through the Housing & Dining portal and may dispute any condition issues by contacting reslife@clarku.edu. Students must review the Room Condition Report upon entering their room, and any time they move to a different on-campus room. Rooms are inspected following student departures and move-outs from the on-campus space. Students will be notified of any damage billing after move-out.

Residents will have the opportunity to appeal any charges to the Assistant Dean of Students or designee if applicable. Residents will be responsible for the total repair costs, as determined by the University, as a result of any damage occurring during their period of occupancy (ordinary wear and tear excepted). Residents are

also responsible for damages in common areas, including but not limited to suites, kitchens, and hallways. Students' responsibilities related to their room and common areas are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

During the semester, students can report any non-emergency any facilities- or maintenance-specific issues in their room by submitting a work request to Facilities Management through the WebTMA system located on the ClarkYOU portal by clicking "[Submit Work Request \(Facilities Management\)](#)." For any emergency work requests such as a power outage, room lock concern, or flooding, students can contact University Police directly at 508-793-7575. We also encourage students to connect with their Resident Adviser or Community Director for any consistent issues or concerns.

Additional Terms & Conditions

1. The University and the RLH Office are not liable for the loss of, theft of, damage to any personal property belonging to residents, their family members or guests, or for any injury or illness to any of these individuals. You agree to hold the University harmless from and indemnify the University for any costs, including court costs and attorney fees, incurred by the University and associated with any actions brought by any of the before-mentioned individuals or 3rd-parties for any loss or injury to person or property not caused by the University's intentional or grossly negligent acts or omissions.
2. Students are advised and encouraged to purchase a personal insurance policy if belongings are not covered under family insurance (i.e., renter's insurance). Students have the opportunity to purchase GradGuard renter's insurance through the Housing & Dining portal.
3. The University and the RLH Office disclaim any liability for failure to perform any of their contractual obligations resulting from, but not limited to: any governmental order or regulation; an act of God; an act of war; a riot; or any other cause beyond their reasonable control.
4. The University reserves the right to make reasonable modifications to this contract to ensure safety or protection of property, provided reasonable advance notice is given.

This contract shall be governed, construed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This contract, and any rider attached hereto, constitutes the complete and final contract between the student and the University for a space in University housing. Accepting a key or submitting an Undergraduate Housing Application indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and regulations of the Clark University Residential Life and Housing Contract. Clark University reserves the right to terminate this contract if the resident breaches any of the material contractual terms, and that breach is not cured within ten (10) days' written notice thereof.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____