common amenities

Although there are many different living areas available on campus, each residence hall offers similar amenities. For example, each has laundry, study and kitchen facilities in common areas of the building, except the Graduate Residence Hall where each suite has its own kitchen. Typically, rooms are furnished with a bed, dresser, wardrobe or closet, desk, chair and wastebasket for each student. Moreover, each room is equipped with a phone, satellite TV hookup and Internet service.

Cooking in the Residence Halls
Cooking is permitted only in the kitchen areas of each residence hall. Residents may cook in their rooms only if they use a University-approved refrigerator/microwave unit. Public area kitchens are equipped with an oven, stove and/or microwave. There are various food and beverage vending machines located in the lobbies or lounges of the residence halls.

Refrigerator/Microwave
Residents may bring to campus a refrigerator for their residence hall room or suite (one per room or two per suite). The refrigerator must be an energy-efficient model and may not exceed five (5) cubic feet in size. Personal microwaves are prohibited in on-campus residence hall rooms and suites. The University has made arrangements with a vendor to provide both refrigerator and refrigerator/microwave rental units at competitive prices. You will receive specific information regarding this rental service during the summer, since it is best to make this decision in consultation with your roommate. For safety reasons, only refrigerator/freezer/microwave multi-units rented through a University-sanctioned vendor are permitted in on-campus residential halls.

Linens Program
Please refer to the Campus Resources brochure in the Welcome Folder for more information.

Security
Each residence hall is monitored 24 hours a day by resident safety representatives. There is a sign-in procedure at the Public Safety booth of each building and complex. All persons entering a residence hall, both residents and non-residents, must present acceptable identification before being admitted to the building. The only acceptable form of identification for a Hofstra student is a current and valid HofstraCard.
Hofstra’s Residential Programs offer a variety of comfortable living environments geared toward meeting the diverse needs of 4,200 resident students. Six of the 37 residence halls are high-rises, for instance, while two (Liberty and Republic) are low-rises with traditional corridor-style configurations. Four other halls contain suite-style arrangements. Each hall is staffed by resident directors and resident assistants.

What is an RA?
A resident assistant (RA) is a Hofstra student who lives in and supervises a floor in a residence hall. Your RA is there to help ease your transition to college life, as well as to provide direction with any concerns you may encounter on campus or within your residence hall. In addition, all residence halls are staffed by full-time resident directors who are available to assist you.

Here’s a quick tour of the Hofstra residence halls:
The Netherlands Complex consists of 11 houses and two courtyards, all of which are reserved exclusively for first-year students. All of its suites contain two double bedrooms, a bathroom and a lounge. This complex has its own dining area. See the Living/Learning Communities section for more information.

Nassau and Suffolk are six-story buildings, each containing a common area lounge on the main floor. The more than 600 undergraduate students living in these two halls reside in either three-, four-, five- or six-person suites, each with a private bathroom. Beginning in fall 2008, Nassau and Suffolk Halls will be home to living/learning communities for returning students who share an interest in a common theme, such as civic engagement.

The High-Rises are located directly north of the Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center. Of these six residence halls, one – Bill of Rights – is all-female, and the rest are coed. Alliance Hall houses undergraduate students, as well as students with disabilities. Each building contains single, double, triple and quad rooms with common area bathrooms.

Liberty and Republic house approximately 150 Honors College students.

Colonial Square is a suite-style complex, with each of its 14 individual houses containing about 16 suites; students may select suites with or without lounges. Suites contain two double bedrooms, a bathroom and a lounge; three double rooms and bathroom with no lounge; or triple rooms with a private bathroom. Three houses are for first-year students only.

The New Complex is a four-story building with two common area lounges and laundry facilities on each floor. Its suites consist of two double or triple rooms, a bathroom and a lounge. This residence hall is for first-year students only.

The Graduate Residence Hall is a new, five-story residential facility composed of 58 furnished suites housing more than 200 graduate and law students. Each suite has multiple bedrooms, with shared common spaces, kitchenettes and bathrooms. Suites within the Graduate Residence Hall can accommodate three or four students in a variety of room configurations. Some suites offer three single bedrooms, while other suites have two double bedrooms where students share a bedroom with a roommate.

living/learning communities

Some students want a stronger connection between their academics and extracurricular activities. They want to meet other students who share their passion for a particular subject and will challenge them in new and exciting ways.

Various First-Year Connections clusters are associated with “living/learning communities.” These clusters are open to both residential and commuting students. Residential students who register for these clusters or share an interest in the theme are housed together in the Netherlands Complex. Deliberately small, each house accommodates only 55 students. Students who choose this living/learning environment enjoy class-based activities as well as social and cultural events within their community.

Learning is not limited to the four walls of the classroom, or even to the borders of the campus. Through these vibrant living/learning communities, Hofstra students are exposed to environments that are intellectually stimulating, supportive and conducive to building lasting friendships.

Arts Community: This community is home to students who have an interest in drama, dance, music or fine arts. Activities include trips to museums and art shows, and dinners.

Civic Engagement Community: Two houses are designated for students who share a passion for political and social issues on a local, regional and national level. Students are involved in community service events and leadership training.

Health Science Community: This community is designed for students who have an interest in the health science field and includes trips to local hospitals and discussions of ethical issues.

Math, Science and Engineering Community: This community is home to students who have an interest in an array of science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines. It has a specific focus on the role of women in these fields.

Presidential Politics Community: This house is designed for students who are interested in how political leadership is compatible with democratic governance.

Information regarding the selection of a Living/Learning Community is available on the housing application supplied in your Welcome Folder. If you have already submitted your housing application, but did not choose the Living/Learning Community option and wish to change your request, please call (516) 463-6930.

For more details about Connections clusters and seminars, please refer to the First-Year Connections brochure located in the First-Year Programs section of your Welcome Folder. You may register online at hofstra.edu/FirstYear.