



## Frequently Asked Questions

# Question 1: What is the Housing Agreement?

- ▶ The student **housing agreement** is a binding year-long agreement between the student and the College.
- ▶ The agreement outlines your rights as a residential student as well as the policies and procedures expected of you by the Office of Student Living & College Engagement.
- ▶ When you sign the housing agreement before selection day, you are committed to living in the residence halls until the end of the academic year that you are signing the agreement for.
- ▶ In the case of unusual or extenuating medical or financial circumstances, requests for early termination of the housing agreement can be submitted through the Housing Release Application found on the Student Living Website.

## Question 2: Does UC have a housing requirement?

- ▶ All students are required to live in college residence halls for their first two years at Utica College unless residing at home with their parents or legal guardians who live within a 30-mile radius, they are a transfer student who has lived on campus for two years at another institution (or an equivalence between previous institution and UC), or they will be 21 by August 1st, 2021.

## Question 3: Are there exceptions to the housing requirement?

- ▶ In rare situations students are released from the two-year housing requirement due to medical and/or financial reasons.
- ▶ In order to be considered for release from the on-campus living requirement, you must submit your request in through the Housing Release Application found on the Student Living Website on or before March 26, 2021.
- ▶ Students who choose not to participate in Housing Selection, but fall under the requirement, will be placed in campus housing where space is available. These assignments will be made after the traditional selection process and students will be responsible for the room and board charges associated with this assignment.

## Question 4: What if you are a Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student who is looking at off-campus options?

- ▶ Once a student fulfills the two-year residency requirement, they are free to make a decision about whether or not they would like to live on campus for the next year.
- ▶ If students are looking into off-campus housing but want to keep their options open, we encourage them to go through the housing process.
- ▶ Those students have until June 1st, 2021 at 11:59 PM to request a release and a refund of their housing deposit. As of June 2nd, your housing agreement is binding for the entire academic year.

# Question 5: Does UC offer Special-Interest Housing?

- ▶ Utica College has a separate application for the following special-interest housing options:
  - ▶ **Honors Housing:** Students who are a part of the Honors Program have the option to live in Boehlert Hall. These students must fill up the suite and have at least 3 honors students in the suite.
  - ▶ **Global Village:** Located in Tower Hall. Residents who would like to live in the Global Village sign into these rooms without full capacity and agree to provide a welcoming environment to incoming international students. In addition to living with international roommates, residents of the Global Village are also required to participate in a variety of cultural programs throughout the year.
  - ▶ **All-Gender Housing:** All-Gender Housing is designed for students who may want to live with someone regardless of their gender, gender identity, or gender expression. In this community, legal sex is not a determining factor for assignment. Please note: this process is for residence halls other than Pioneer Village as all apartments in that residence hall are all-gender.
- ▶ Students interested in applying for special-interest housing can apply at: <https://tinyurl.com/UCSPECIALINTERESTHOUSING>

## Question 6: What do I do if I believe I need a housing accommodation?

- ▶ Any student who believes they need a housing accommodation due significant, documented medical disability, including short-term injuries, should contact the Office of Learning Services no later than March 26, 2021 at 5 PM with their request. All requests will require documentation from a physician and will be reviewed by the Housing Accommodations Committee.

## Question 7: What if a vacancy occurs in my housing assignment over summer break?

- ▶ It is the policy of the Office of Student Living & College Engagement that should a vacancy occur in your room, apartment, suite, or cluster between the end of the Spring 2021 and beginning of the Fall 2021 semester, someone will be administratively assigned to that space. If the occupants of the space have someone in mind that they would like to request be moved into the vacancy they should contact Marissa Finch ([mmfinch@utica.edu](mailto:mmfinch@utica.edu)) immediately.