



**Apply To Live On Campus!** 

Living on campus is a great way to meet new people, travel to and from classes quickly, and have 24-hour access to all the wonderful opportunities UNA has to offer. We know that you will be more successful by making this your home-away-from-home therefore, all first-time, full-time freshmen are required to live on campus for one academic year. There are plenty of amenities to help make your experience enjoyable while allowing you to interact with many other fellow residents.



When you scan the QR code, it will take you to our housing application page. Here, students will be prompted to click on the "APPLY FOR HOUSING" tab. Next, students will need their UNA portal username and password in order to login into their housing portal. All applications, assignments, and updates are located in the housing portal. It is also critical that students check their UNA email and housing portal account regularly.

Please feel free to contact us at housing@una.edu with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to UNA!





#### Early Arrivals – Thursday, August 7

Early arrival is reserved for students affiliated with pre-approved university groups such as the marching band, sororities, athletic teams, or on-campus student employees (e.g., Bookstore staff). These groups must be sponsored by a university coach, advisor, or supervisor who has secured early arrival approval from Housing & Residence Life. Please note: this is an unassisted move-in day with no volunteer support.

#### Fall Opening Weekend - August 13-16

Our primary move-in dates are Wednesday, August 13 through Saturday, August 16. During this time, we will have a limited number of volunteers available to assist, and move-in carts will be provided at each check-in location. However, we recommend that students bring their own tools or items (like wagons, dollies, or storage bins) to help with moving. Due to construction in the residential area, traffic patterns and parking locations will be significantly different. Detailed maps and instructions will be sent over the summer. Families are asked to limit the number of accompanying guests, particularly older family members or anyone with mobility challenges, as parking will be located a distance from residence halls and golf cart transportation will be very limited.

#### Late Arrivals - August 18-21

Students arriving between Monday, August 18 and Thursday, August 21 will complete an unassisted move-in without volunteer or cart support. All students must be checked in by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 21. Students who have not checked in by this time will be marked as no-shows and their housing assignments will be canceled.

#### **Reservation System & Move-In Tips**

Every student must reserve a check-in time through the Housing Portal between July 1–21. This reservation is simply their arrival window. Upon arrival, students will unload at their assigned building, then move their vehicle to a designated parking area before settling in.

#### To help move-in go smoothly:

- Label all items clearly with your name and room number.
- Do not use trash bags for packing—they are often mistaken for garbage and may be thrown away.
- Bring any moving tools (like carts or hand trucks) you have at home.
- Pack smart and be prepared to carry items longer distances due to adjusted traffic and parking routes.

# **Welcome To Your UNA Home!**



Transitioning to college can be challenging, yet rewarding. Our staff members are here to support each student through their individual journey. Resident Advisors reside on each floor of the residence halls and are often the most accessible contact and resource that a student has. They provide educational opportunities for residents to expand their horizons and learn to live within a community of individuals from all walks of life. They also assist roommates in building fulfilling relationships and developing communication skills that will assist them throughout their future endeavors. Professional staff and graduate assistants work to ensure that this truly is your UNA home and strive to provide the best experience possible.



Scan here to meet our graduates assistants and professional staff members



## The More You Know.....



#### **Important Dates**

We post our important calendar dates 1-year in advance in order to help residents plan for the furture.



Also included in this is health and safety audits that occur on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of every month.

#### **Maintenance Requests**

Residential students (apartments & residence halls) may submit work requests for basic maintenance concerns. It is imperative that residents make us aware of items such as those listed below so we can work to resolve them as quickly as possible.





#### **Residential Wifi**

The University of North Alabama contracts with Boldyn to provide WiFi service within university housing.



#### Renter's Insurance

Consider renters insurance to protect the personal property you bring with you to campus. Renters insurance protects your personal property against damage or loss, and insures you in case someone is injured while in your place of residence. Many people wonder about the residence halls and are curious if renters insurance will cover them while living on campus. The answer is yes. Students living on campus are encouraged to obtain renters insurance and actually make up one of the largest groups that has this type of insurance.



# Top 10 Things You Didn't Know You Needed to Know

A guide to help your student avoid common (and costly) mistakes—and set up for a successful year.

#### **01** We Don't Close For Breaks

UNA Housing stays open during Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks. Students don't need to vacate, remove belongings, or return keys. There's no extra charge. We're open 365 days a year. Summer housing is available for enrolled students at an additional cost.

#### **03** Command Strips Cost You

They may seem harmless, but command strips often damage walls more than a small nail. A simple touch-up is \$150; a full repaint is \$300, split between roommates unless one accepts responsibility. Hang items properly to avoid charges.

#### **05** Communication Is Key

Roommates, relationships, stress, questions—college life has it all. Students who communicate early and honestly are often the most successful. Whether talking to an RA, roommate, or staff member, encourage your student to speak up. We can't help with what we don't know.

#### **07** Room Changes & Consolidation

Room changes won't occur between August 1 and late August. Students without a roommate may go through consolidation, which could involve moving rooms, getting a new roommate, or paying for a private space if available. Moves occur within the same building only.

#### **09** The Housing Contract

The housing contract is binding, just like a lease. Students commit to an academic year (residence halls) or calendar year (apartments). It can only be canceled for graduation, withdrawal, or transfer. Changing your mind is not a valid reason to break the agreement.

#### **Q2** RAs Are A Student Resource

Resident Advisors (RAs) are here for students not parents. They assist with lockouts, concerns, and support—but they cannot be contacted by families or asked to intervene in roommate or visitation issues. Please direct concerns to Housing & Residence Life during business hours or University Police after hours.

#### O4 Monthly Room Checks Happen

We conduct Health & Safety Checks during the second full week of each month. Staff enter rooms in pairs and only address visible conduct or safety violations. Students receive notice of the week, but not specific dates or times. It's part of the housing contract.

## **06** Guests & Boundaries

Students may have overnight guests up to 3 nights per month. Beyond that is considered cohabitation, which is a violation. Roommates should discuss guest preferences and boundaries early on to avoid conflict.

#### **08** No Pets Allowed

Only fully approved assistance animals are allowed—and only through Disability Support Services. Unapproved animals will be removed immediately and considered a violation. Requests submitted after the semester begins will be reviewed for the following term.

#### 10 Prohibited Items

Items like air fryers, candles, and plug-in air fresheners are not allowed in residence halls. These are common fire hazards—and a triggered alarm from a policy violation results in a \$150 fine. Apartments have more appliance flexibility but must still follow safety guidelines. Please see a full listing at una.edu/housing

# **Virtual Room Tours**



We offer virtual housing tours for all residence halls and apartments.

#### Here are some fun ways that you can decorate your room.



All single rooms come with one set of furniture. Double rooms come with 2-sets of furniture (1 for each resident).

All furniture in the room must stay in the room.



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# **Mandatory Floor Meeting**

Check with your RA for location - 7:00p.m.

Playfair

Student Rec. Center - 8:00p.m.

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### **After The Fire**

Norton Auditorium - 4:00 & 6:30p.m

\*required for residential freshmen & first time students

# Notes:

