

# Student Housing

Opened in fall 2006, UCDHSC's student housing is located directly adjacent to the Auraria Higher Education Center, within easy walking distance of campus and the downtown area. Campus Village houses 685 Auraria campus students in apartment-style accommodations and provides students with programs and resources to help foster their academic and social success. At Campus Village, housing is exclusively for students.

By focusing on the total student experience, life at Campus Village at Auraria reinforces the student's educational goals, as well as UCDHSC's commitment to community service and development. Through cultural and development programs coordinated by Campus Village staff, residents can participate in a wide variety of activities, including nutrition and fitness seminars, community outreach programs, and classes on career planning, time management, study skills and more.

## Amenities

At Campus Village at Auraria, students will find a community to support their academic and personal interests. It's convenient, comfortable and affordable. Features include:

- apartment-style living with kitchenettes or full kitchens for all students
- lease rates that include heating, cooling, electricity, water, cable and high speed internet service
- a variety of floor plans (from individual studios to four bedroom apartments) to meet the needs of all students
- individual lease agreements for shared units
- fully furnished apartments
- various affordable meal plans

Diagrams of floor plans, details about meal plans, pricing, and frequently asked questions, as well as applications an exception forms are available on the Web site at <http://thunder1.cudenver.edu/housing/index.html>.

## Live-In Requirement

In an effort to improve the quality of the undergraduate experience, the downtown Denver campus has a live-in requirement for first-time freshmen and first-time international students (undergraduate and graduate). For more information regarding this policy and the applicable exemptions, please see the "Exemptions" section.

Research has shown that living in student housing during the first year has numerous benefits for students both academically and socially. Student-housing participants tend to have:

- higher graduation rates than students who live off campus
- a higher level of satisfaction with their college experience
- a higher level of involvement in clubs and activities on campus
- more frequent interaction with faculty members and peers

First-time freshmen at UCDHSC are required to live in the two-bedroom, two-bath units with an efficiency kitchen. These units comprise an entire wing of the project and are designed with the unique needs of first-year students in mind:

- Additional staff—this wing of the complex will have a higher ratio of staff to students to help provide additional support, guidance and resources for first-time students.
- Special programming—Many of the programming efforts sponsored by the university will be taking place in this wing of Campus Village. Programs will focus on study skills, navigating the university and community, living with a roommate, and a variety of other topics.
- Connections with other first-year students—First-year students share many of the same challenges and anxieties as they begin their college careers. Living in a community of students going through the same types of experiences provides a built-in support network and can lead to lasting friendships.
- First-year experience seminars—UCDHSC staff are planning first-year experience seminars for students living in Campus Village at Auraria. Ideally these sections will take place on site and will help to form additional connections between students and faculty.

## EXEMPTIONS

First-time freshmen students wishing to live with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or who qualify under at least one of the exemptions listed below must submit the special exemption form to be considered for exception from the live-in policy.

Exemptions to the first-time freshmen live-in requirement will be considered for those who are:

- living at home with parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- veterans of the armed forces

- married or a parent with dependent(s)
- a part time undergraduate student enrolled for less than 10 credit hours per semester.
- deemed medically excusable by the Office of Student Life (must be supported in writing by a doctor and with appropriate medical documentation).

Exemptions to the international student live-in requirement will be considered for those who are:

- living at home with parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- married and living with your spouse

- married or a parent with dependent(s)
- deemed medically excusable by the Office of Student Life (must be supported in writing by a doctor and with appropriate medical documentation)

Exemptions to these policies will be evaluated and made on a case-by-case basis. Exemption forms are available through the Office of Student Life, Tivoli room 303, or online at <http://thunder1.cudenver.edu/housing/exemptionform.html>. For further information, please call the Office of Student Life at 303-556-3399 or via e-mail at [housing@cudenver.edu](mailto:housing@cudenver.edu).