

Congratulations on your admission to YSU!

An international student housing requirement exists for all undergraduate international students incoming for the Spring semesters

- J-1 exchange and ELI students are required to live on campus at all times

WHY is there a requirement?

- The Residence Halls provide a safe and well-maintained living environment- this is crucial to your academic success and wellbeing!
- It is hard to find safe, affordable and quality housing during the winter months when you arrive and have very little time before Spring semester starts

The international student housing scholarship

- Each incoming undergraduate international student (F-1 visa status) is eligible to receive a \$1,000 housing scholarship per semester (\$2,000 total for the academic year for students arriving for fall semester)
- This scholarship will be applied toward the cost of room and board each semester
- This coming spring semester, the cost of room and board is \$5,008

Exemption process available for students with valid reasons

We Specialize in First Year Housing!

Penguin Tuition Promise- Guaranteed rate for all four years!

Proximity to Campus- Steps away from classes, activities and dining!

Community- Make friends that will last a lifetime, build a deeper connection to campus, and enhance your overall student experience.

Fully-Furnished Room- Unlike most apartments, your residence hall room comes fully furnished with everything you'll need (bed, dresser, wardrobe, desk, chair, microwave/fridge combination unit)

Contract Terms- Our contracts are only for the academic year, and when you are in classes. Additional break and summer housing is also available by request at an additional cost.

Campus Meal Plan- Dining options both on and off campus are part of your room and board, and offer both national branded and signature concepts with a variety of menu choices and hours of operation.

Intentional Staff-Resident Assistants (RAs) plan social programs that help residents build long-lasting relationships. Housing Coordinators (HCs) are live-in professional staff that manage the building, meet with students and supervise staff.

Safety-All of our residence halls have a 24/7 desk staff, security cameras in public areas, card access to enter the building and staff on call 24/7.

You Belong Here!



Cafaro House

- Designated hall for University Honor's College students
- Houses up to 283 students
- Suite-style with mostly 8 and 18 person suites
- One wing is a traditional floor wing



Kilcawley House

- Houses up to 226 students
- Floors are split by gender due to one bathroom per floor
- Attached to Kilcawley Center by a breezeway-near campus core
- This building also includes soundproof music practice rooms



Lyden House

- Houses up to 334 students
- Traditional double room corridor. Men and women mixed in each wing. Each wing has a men's and women's restroom.
- Located beside Cafaro house and Christman dining hall



What are we doing to prepare for your arrival?

- Virtual housing sessions
- Dedicated international student housing webpage (direct link shared in the chat)
- Free early arrival on January 3rd so you're here in time for your orientation (January 4th & 5th)
 - Register for your early arrival via the request for contract extension (link in chat)
- Your Y-Card and a welcome package will be waiting for you at your residence hall check-in
 - Y-card process
- Housing staff and IPO staff available to answer your questions and guide you to ensure you are ready for a smooth arrival to campus

What do you need to do?

1. Apply to Housing: housingapp.ysu.edu

- Application opened November 1st, 2022
- \$35 non-refundable application fee covers background check and other administrative processes
- Complete all information and sign contract (this action will result in us billing your student account the \$5,008 housing charge)
- Pay \$250 housing pre-payment fee by December 19th to receive your room assignment
 - Students who sign up (or wait to make the pre-payment) beyond the December 19th date will be required to pay their bill in full prior to receiving their room assignment information

2. Complete all move-in requirements prior to travel!

- **Did you complete your housing contract?**
- **Is your student account bill (housing AND tuition) paid in full or have you registered for a payment plan?**
- **Have you met the immunization requirement?**
 - Students have two options to complete this requirement: 1) create a free account at medproctor.com and upload a screenshot of your immunization history for MedProctor to verify OR 2) complete the waiver form and have it notarized. Students can request the immunization waiver form by emailing housing@ysu.edu.
 - For more information about this requirement, please visit the [Immunization Requirements webpage](#) (link in chat)
- **Are you registered full-time for classes?**
 - Students living on campus need to be registered at 12 credit hours (full time status)
 - Students will be required to be registered for 12 credit hours by the end of international orientation



What do you need to do?

3. Getting to campus

- IPO offers a shuttle pick up service from the Pittsburgh International Airport on January 3rd for all international students incoming for the Spring semester
 - **You must work with IPO to register for this shuttle**
- You can arrive at your assigned residence hall to pick up your keys and check-in once completion of your move-in requirements has been verified.
- Our residence hall desks are staffed 24/7, so you are able to arrive and check-in with a Housing staff member as late (or early!) as your travel plans necessitate.

4. Settling in

- There are staff members who live in the residence halls who can help you with any questions that you may have. These staff members are called Resident Assistants or RAs.
- You should plan to bring your own bed linens and pillow or be sure to order them ahead of your arrival. The beds in the residence hall are size 'Extra-Long Twin' ([see chat for link to order linens](#))
- **IPO has organized a full orientation for you to attend on January 4th and 5th to assist you in settling in and preparing for a successful spring semester.** For more information, see link in chat!



Helpful Resources

- Check out our dedicated international student housing webpage at:
<https://ysu.edu/housing-and-residence-life/housing-international-students>
- Please contact the Housing team with any specific housing-related questions at
housing@ysu.edu
- For additional guidance on your immigration status and how you can prepare to ensure that you enjoy a successful arrival, please visit IPO's page for Admitted International Students: <https://ysu.edu/international-programs-office/admitted-international-students>