




On Campus Living

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**Haven't made your
housing decision yet?
What are you waiting for?**

Living on campus is...



Convenient.

Located on campus, we provide academic year only contract terms that don't lock you into summer.

Safe.

Card swipe access, security cameras, 24-7 reception desks, well-lit pathways & adjoining parking lots.

Great Value.

Fully-furnished room, campus meal plan, free laundry, on-site janitorial & maintenance teams.

Supportive.

Our team is here for you, Monday through Sunday, evenings & weekends, dedicated to supporting your success.

Fun.

Make meaningful connections with peers that will become lifelong friends; attend exclusive residential social events.

Don't miss out!

Visit housingapp.ysu.edu to sign up for your enhanced campus experience today!



Housing &
Residence
Life



Congratulations on your admission to YSU!

Residence hall life provides international students with everything needed for a successful and enjoyable enhanced college experience!

A safe and well-maintained living environment is crucial to your academic success and wellbeing

It is hard to find safe, affordable and quality housing- especially when you are new to the area!

Fall-arriving students are **strongly encouraged** to live on campus

Spring-arriving students are **required** to live on campus

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



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)

- This scholarship will be applied toward the cost of room and board each semester
- This year, the cost of room and board is \$10,920 (billed at \$5,460 for fall and spring semester)
 - *Once the scholarship is applied, you'll be charged \$4,460 each semester for your housing/meal plan package- great value!!*
- Please note this scholarship is subject to tax



You BELONG Here!



Cafaro House

Designated hall for University Honor's College students

Suite-style with mostly 8 and 18 person suites

One wing is a traditional floor wing



Kilcawley House

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

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

Want to check out a virtual tour of the res halls?

Here's Cafaro House...



And Lyden House...



And lastly, Kilcawley House...





Penguin 101

Your Student Y Card
& Meal Plan





YCard

Your YSU Identification Card

Can be used to access:

Campus Events & Amenities

Also allows students to use:

Meal Plans

Don't have your physical ID?

There is a virtual option!

You can choose your photo!

[Upload a photo for your ID](#)



STUDENT & STAFF LOGIN

PARENT/GUEST LOGIN

ADD VALUE VIA CREDIT CARD

MEAL PLAN CHANGE AND PURCHASE

VIRTUAL ID CARD

ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

- Manage Account Home
- Account Statements
- Report Lost or Stolen Card

PERSONALIZE

- Automatic Deposits
- Low Balance Notifications
- Request Money
- Grant Guest Access
- Change Guest Password
- Virtual Card Display
- Upload Your Photo

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Locations

Y Card

Welcome to the Y Card account management website!



Manage your Y Card here!

- View your account balances and transaction history
- View recent account activity
- Create low balance warnings
- Set up automatic deposits
- Deposit to your Pete's Points or Flex Dollars accounts using your credit card or bank account
- Deactivate a lost ID card
- Create guest access

Advantages to you:

- It takes less than 60 seconds to add value online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- All website features are mobile-friendly

Attention Resident Students:

Meal Plan

Residential students receive a 12-Bronze meal plan included in the cost of room and board

Participation in the meal plan is mandatory and cannot be removed

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Meal Swipes

Christman Dining Hall

1 Meal Swipe = All you can eat

Found by Cafaro and Lyden
Resident Halls

350

Flex Dollars

Kilcawley Center Locations:

*Chick Fil A, Food Court &
Dunkin*

Academic Hall Cafés: *Maag,
Williamson & Cushwa*

150

Pete's Points

Can be used on or off campus:
*Wendys, Subway, Hot Head,
Pressed*

Options on "Locations" tab



What can you share about the campus dining experience?

Chartwells Dining strives to create an inclusive food culture where students from all backgrounds and needs can dine together!

- Focus on building relationships with students and creating individualized plans based on needs.
- Vegan and vegetarian options and Halal products are available throughout campus daily!
- Chartwells is proud to provide opportunities for students observing Ramadan to utilize their meal plans in a flexible manner while honoring Ramadan fasting practices.
- Signage and logos used at all campus dining stations allow students to easily identify options that are safe to enjoy.

The below common allergies and sensitivities are ones that we commonly work with students to address and manage:

- Lactose intolerance
- Dairy-Free
- Gluten intolerance
- Diabetic
- Low Carb

Do you require a dietary accommodation? Please let us know! Chartwells works with Housing and the Office of Accessibility for students with medical conditions or dietary needs not mentioned.



What are we doing to prepare for your arrival?

- Virtual housing information sessions
- Dedicated international student housing webpage
- Free early arrival starting August 17th so you're here in time for international orientation
- Register for your early arrival after you have received your housing assignment via the request for contract extension
- A welcome package will be waiting for you at your residence hall check-in
- If you have uploaded your photo ahead of time, your Y-card will be ready and waiting for you at international orientation
- Upload your photo so we can get your Y-Card ready before your arrival!
- Your academic year meal plan won't begin until August 21st, so we're also providing you with a pre-arrival meal plan (billed directly to your student account)
- 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 ahead of your arrival?

1. Apply to Housing: housingapp.ysu.edu

- Application opened February 1st, 2024 and rooms are filling fast!
- \$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 \$5,460 housing charge)
- Pay \$250 housing pre-payment fee in order to receive your room assignment



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?
 - **Payment options:**
 - Pay via credit card, debit card, or electronic check. If a student is paying with a credit or debit card, there is a 2.85% convenience fee for each transaction.
 - Sign up for the University Payment Plan
 - Flywire or Transfermate (these options take time to process)
 - Bank Drafts (must be drawn on US bank; should not exceed the total currently owed on account; must have plan for remainder of unpaid balance if bank draft is less than full amount owed)
- 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
- 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



3. Getting to campus

- IPO offers a shuttle pick up service from the Pittsburgh International Airport on August 18th for all international students arriving for the start of the school year
 - **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 prior to the start of the Fall semester that will assist you in settling in and preparing for a successful year.** For more information, see link in chat!



Helpful Resources

- Check out our dedicated international student housing webpage at: ysu.edu/housing-and-residence-life/housing-international-students
- Please contact the Housing team at housing@ysu.edu
- Connect with the Card Office team at cardoffice@ysu.edu
- Connect with the International Programs Office team at ISSS@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: ysu.edu/international-programs-office/admitted-international-students

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