



A Guide to Freshman Housing

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Welcome to one of the most exciting multicultural academic environments in the country! At Georgia Tech, you can look forward to a rewarding academic journey AND one of the most well-rounded life experiences you could ever expect out of your college years.

Georgia Tech's Department of Housing plays a key role in that experience and is committed to providing you with the very best in housing programs, services, and resources. Living on campus will allow you to make the most of everything Tech has to offer.



The Freshman Experience

The Freshman Experience (FE) is Georgia Tech's premier first-year retention program. A comprehensive living-learning program designed to assist in the academic and social transition of Georgia Tech's newest residents, FE encompasses activities and resources that enable first-year students to thrive.

Generally, all freshmen become part of FE, living in traditional-style residence halls and dining together to promote the greatest opportunities for student interaction and successful integration into campus life. In addition, FE sponsors various leadership and campus activity organizations like the Freshman Activities Board and the Emerging Leaders Program. For more information on FE, call 404.385.3739 or visit www.freshmanexperience.gatech.edu.

Why Campus Life?

- You increase your chances of attaining and maintaining a high GPA. Studies have shown that students who live on campus get better grades.
- You'll learn to cope with the newness of independent living in the security of a true community setting.
- You can build lifetime friendships.
- You'll avoid stressful and expensive commutes.
- Extracurricular campus activities will afford you a healthy balance between a demanding workload and non-academic diversions.
- You'll enjoy access to high-speed Internet and HD cable channels.
- The Institute's emphasis on campus safety creates a sense of security within the Tech community.



Students with Disabilities

The Department of Housing is committed to providing access and accommodations for all students. Apply for housing first, then immediately register with the ADAPTS Disability Service program at 404.894.2563 or 404.894.1664 (TDD). Housing and ADAPTS will work together to verify your need and find proper accommodations. Remember that there are a limited number of accessible rooms, so all deadlines must be met to allow us to better accommodate you.



Freshman Experience

Application Process

Dates and Deadlines



Freshman Application Procedures

Once you have been accepted to Georgia Tech and secured your spot in the freshman class by paying your acceptance deposit, you can apply for on-campus housing. To apply, log in to BuzzPort (www.buzzport.gatech.edu) and select "My Housing". Keep in mind that there will be a one-time, nonrefundable \$80 application fee charged to your student account. Room and roommate assignments are processed according to the housing application completion date, so you are strongly encouraged to complete the online application as soon as possible after being accepted.

Roommate Assignments

If you are looking for a roommate, our online housing application has a roommate finder. You can find potential roommates based on several profile questions. Browse your list of matches, and contact the one who best fits you.

Fall Semester

All freshmen who first submit the \$600 rent prepayment and then the online application by May 1 are guaranteed freshman housing. Room and roommate information is released by the second week of July and can be viewed by pulling up your completed housing application via BuzzPort. Housing for freshmen is guaranteed through the second year as long as students meet all application deadlines. Late applications are accepted but are not guaranteed. Fall housing contracts are for the entire academic year; students will be financially responsible for both the fall and spring semesters.

Spring Semester

All freshmen needing just spring housing must submit the \$600 rent prepayment and online application by the second week of November; late applications are accepted. Spring housing contracts are only for the spring semester.



Summer Semester

All freshmen needing summer housing must submit the \$300 rent prepayment and the online application. Summer housing contracts are only for the summer semester.

How Housing Contacts You

All students must have an active Georgia Tech email account. This serves as your official point of contact. The account should be checked daily and can be accessed through BuzzPort.





Deadlines

To be guaranteed a room on campus, submit your housing application by:

Fall Semester - May 1
Spring Semester - mid-November

Room assignments are processed according to the housing application completion date.

When Paying by Mail

Include your gtID number on the check and mail it to:

Georgia Institute of Technology
Bursar's Office
Lyman Hall
225 North Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30332-0255

Canceling Your Housing

If you must cancel your housing application or contract, do so under "My Housing" on BuzzPort. Notifying Admission, the Registrar's Office, a co-op advisor, a resident advisor, or a peer leader does not constitute an official

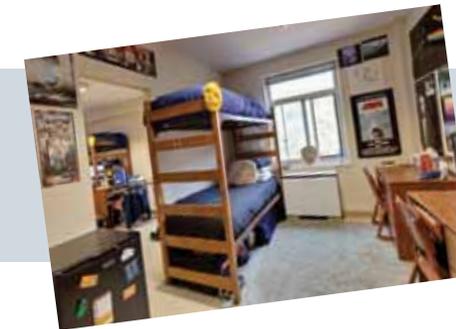
cancellation; **you are responsible for canceling your housing application or contract online.** Canceling early will lessen your penalties.

If you are unable to cancel under "My Housing," send an email to information@housing.gatech.edu with "Housing Cancellation" in the subject line. Remember to include your name, gtID, and reason for canceling.

Cancellation Penalty Schedule

Fall Academic Year

- Cancellations received through March 31: \$370 refund
- Cancellations received April 1 through April 30: \$220 refund
- Cancellations received May 1 through June 30: \$70 refund
- Cancellations received July 1 through July 31: No refund



- Students canceling after July 31 will be billed an additional \$400 if registered and/or attending classes at Georgia Tech.

Spring Semester

- Cancellations received on or before November 15: \$220 refund
- Cancellations received after November 15: No refund

Summer Semester

- Cancellations received on or before April 1: \$70 refund
- Cancellations received after April 1: No refund

