An Exciting Threshold

Living on campus provides a convenient place to keep your stuff, hang out with friends, and spend lots of time studying or retreating for a little solitude.

At Georgia Tech, your new living environment will also be one of the key places where you’ll find all kinds of support and build community. The Department of Housing is committed to providing new students with the very best in housing programs, services, and resources. We invite you to read more about the benefits of freshman housing and the options available to you — and we look forward to welcoming you to Georgia Tech!
A Strategic Move

As a new college student, you’re going to face some big adjustments. **Living on campus makes the transition to college life easier.** You can:

- Be nearer to your classes, study groups, labs, and the library.
- Have convenient access to relationship-building extracurricular activities and stress-relieving amenities like the Campus Recreation Center and Tech Rec.
- Avoid time-consuming traffic, expensive commutes, and frustrating parking issues. (Freshmen can have a car on campus!)
- Use Georgia Tech’s transportation system, day and night.
- Make one convenient payment for rent, utilities, and internet service.
- Enjoy the convenience of 24/7 support staff for maintenance and tech support.
- Feel safer and more secure with on-campus police protection and security features.
Students who participate in one or more aspects of the Freshman Experience program and take GT 1000 are 95 percent likely to return for a second year at Georgia Tech.
The Freshman Experience

Studies consistently show that living on campus can increase a student’s chances of college success. This is especially important for freshmen as they transition to more independent living and learning.

To help you get off to the best start, Georgia Tech offers the Freshman Experience. You can find details at housing.gatech.edu/freshman-experience. Essentially, it is a comprehensive living-learning program with activities and resources designed to support both your academic and social needs.

The foundation of the Freshman Experience is organic — eating together and living in traditional-style residence halls starts building a strong community among the incoming class. Georgia Tech’s Freshman Experience includes additional opportunities for academic success, leadership development, and active participation such as:
**Academic Support**

**GT 1000** – a class that will help you get better acquainted with campus resources and develop skills such as time management and study plans.

**Leadership Opportunities**

**Emerging Leaders** – a program that helps you develop your individual leadership style through a self-assessment of your values and strengths coupled with guidance in group management, communication, and team-building skills.

**Hall Council** – a part of the Residence Hall Association that consists of residents from various areas. Freshmen elect their Hall Council officers early fall semester, giving you and your peers a voice in regulating policy issues and planning programs.

**Freshman Activities Board** – a group selected during fall semester that is given a budget to provide programming for first-year students, while developing its members’ leadership skills.

**Mentorship**

**Peer Leaders** – upperclassmen who live on the floor with you and other first-year students.Peer Leaders plan activities and outings, share their experiences, and introduce you to people and resources that can get you going in the right direction.

**Freshman Partner Program** – a means for first-year students to connect with faculty, staff, and alumni at Georgia Tech. Freshman Partner interactions range from mentoring and networking, to social events, to discussions about current issues.

**Tech Support**

**Wreck Techs** – a resource that’s open six days a week during the academic year to provide free IT support to housing residents. During move-in, they come right to your door to help you set up your internet, printers, gaming devices, etc.
Choices, Choices

Rooms

All freshmen live in traditional housing, but which residence hall you live in — and with whom — can be narrowed down based on personal preferences. You can familiarize yourself with the numerous options by visiting housing.gatech.edu/housing-options to see:

- Floor plans. (Floor plans include two-, three-, and four-person rooms.)
- Typical furnishings and bed lofting setup.
- Location on campus map.
- 360-degree room views.
- Photos of lounges, study areas, kitchen amenities, laundry facilities, and workout rooms.

*Please note: Room Selection Numbers for self-assignment purposes are based on the date and time that the housing contract is accepted. The earlier you apply, the better your chances of getting the room of your choice!*
Theme Housing

You may be assigned to a living-learning community based on your interest in or acceptance to programs such as Global Leadership, Grand Challenges, Honors Program, SHaRP, SMaRT, or iGniTe.

Choosing a Roommate

To choose a roommate, you’ll fill out a profile — via the online housing application’s “Roommate Preferences.” Fall roommate selection begins early June. Be sure to confirm you have accepted your preferred roommate request and that your requested roommate has accepted your request, in order to self-assign yourselves together.
A Step-By-Step Process

Once you have secured your spot at Georgia Tech by confirming your intent to enroll and paying the $250 enrollment deposit via admitted.gatech.edu, you can begin the process of applying for on-campus housing by clicking on “Checkout Campus Housing”.

**Fall Semester**

All students seeking on-campus housing for fall must first submit their $600 housing prepayment, then complete their online application. This housing prepayment — less a one-time, nonrefundable $80 application fee — will apply toward rent for the first semester. All freshmen who submit the prepayment and application by May 1 will receive a Room Selection Number and time slot in June to self-assign their own room. Late applications are accepted, and a room assignment will be made for those students. Fall housing contracts are binding for the entire academic year, so students are financially responsible for both the fall and spring semesters.

**Spring Semester**

Freshman students needing housing only for the spring must submit the $600 housing prepayment and apply online by the second week of November. Late applications are accepted.

Spring housing contracts are only for the spring semester.

**Summer Semester**

Freshman students needing housing for the summer must submit the $300 housing prepayment and apply online. Summer housing contracts are only for the summer semester.

For more details on applying for housing, visit: housing.gatech.edu.
**Housing Accommodations for Disabled Students**

The Department of Housing is committed to providing equal access and reasonable housing accommodations for students with disabilities. If you require special housing arrangements due to medical or disability needs, you must immediately self-identify with the Department of Housing and the Office of Disability Services. You are required to provide appropriate documentation to the Office of Disability Services. For more information, visit [disabilityservices.gatech.edu](http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu). Alternatively, call 404-894-2563 or 404.894.1664 (TDD). Due to limited space, all requests are considered but cannot be guaranteed. The Department of Housing and the Office of Disability Services will review your information.

**Cancellation Penalty Schedule**

If you must cancel your housing application/contract, you can do so in “My Housing” on housing.gatech.edu. If you are unable to cancel online, email information@housing.gatech.edu using the subject line “Housing Cancellation” and include your name, Georgia Tech ID number, and reason for canceling. Keep in mind that if you decide against attending Georgia Tech and withdraw your admission application, you must cancel your housing application/contract also.

**Fall/Spring Academic Year Housing**

- By March 31: $370 refund
- By April 30: $220 refund
- By June 30: $70 refund
- After June 30: No refund

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

**Spring Semester Housing**

- By November 15: $220 refund
- After November 15: No refund

**Summer Semester Housing**

- By April 1: $70 refund
- After April 1: No refund

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**Watch for Emails**

The Department of Housing will communicate with you through the email address listed on your Institute admission application. Once you’re assigned an official Georgia Tech email account, this will become our official point of contact with you.