

Which Housing is Right for Me?

Feature/Need	Valentine Hall	Graduate Housing (Goler, University Park, Whipple Park)	Off-Campus Housing
Eligibility	Full-time Master's students only (no families/partners)	Full-time graduate students	Anyone (no university restriction)
Living Style	Single room in shared 2-person suite	Apartments (studio to 3-bedroom)	Apartments/houses
Furnishing	Furnished (cannot remove furniture) -must bring linens, toiletries, kitchen supplies	Mostly Unfurnished - must bring linens, toiletries, kitchen supplies, and basic furniture as needed; Furnished (some furnished apartments in Goler only, cannot remove furniture) -must bring linens, toiletries, kitchen supplies	Varies by landlord
Roommate	Assigned roommate	Choose roommate (must be current, full-time Graduate student)	Anyone
Family Allowed	No	Yes (only spouse, domestic partner, or immediate children)	Yes
Pet Allowed	No	No	Possible (depends on lease)
Service Animals, ESA	Must be approved by the Office of Disability resources prior to the animal arriving in housing, must be renewed annually	Must be approved by the Office of Disability resources prior to the animal arriving in housing, must be renewed annually	Even with a no pet policy, Service animals and ESAs must be allowed under the Fair Housing Act. You may need a letter from a licensed health care provider confirming your need for the animal, landlords cannot charge pet fees, deposits, or extra rent
Lease/Contract	Fixed-Term Housing Contract	Lease through June 30 th followed by a full-year lease	Leases vary

Payment Style	Per term or full year paid to the Bursar's Office	Monthly rent + security deposit paid to RMI (Graduate Housing Facilities Operations)	Monthly rent + security deposit paid to the landlord/property management
Cost Structure	Fixed (\$4050 Fall term, \$4050 Spring term, \$2700 summer term: \$10,800/year)	Varies (check the rent chart on the Grad Housing website)	Varies widely
Move-in Flexibility	Based on set assignments dates in mid-August, early January, and mid-May	Based on assignment date	Flexible
Guaranteed Housing?	First-come, first-served	Not guaranteed (lottery system)	Depends on the market
Utilities Included	Yes (wifi, tv, etc)	Yes, w some exceptions – Wifi is only included in WPK rent, UPK/Goler you will have to set up your own wifi; WPK townhouses -you will pay for your electricity usage	Varies
Laundry	Included (free), laundry room on lower level	Paid via app, laundry room in each complex	Varies
Parking	Available (permit required)	Available (permit required, waitlist possible at Goler)	Varies
Residential Life Support Staff	Residential Life – Graduate Housing Staff (Associate Director, Area Coordinator, Graduate Assistant, GCA staff)	Residential Life – Graduate Housing Staff (Associate Director, Area Coordinator, Graduate Assistant, GCA staff)	Landlord, Residential Life Off-Campus Housing Staff (Associate Director, Graduate Assistant)
Best For...	Simple, all-inclusive student living	Flexible apartment-style living with immediate family/roommates	Maximum independence & flexibility