

Housing and Residence Affairs



Residences play an important role in campus life, particularly at the UFS where the individual residences have a long, respected tradition. The main purpose of Housing and Residence Affairs (HRA) is to offer a variety of accommodation to students on campus, as well as to UFS visitors. In addition, we have established an office within HRA to assist with off-campus accommodation and the accreditation thereof, thus ensuring a safe and conducive environment for students in accredited off-campus accommodation.

The following is the basic information you need to know about HRA:

- To be accepted into a residence, the student must have an APS score of 30 points upwards.
- In total, we have 22 full-time residences and that are full time and 6 day residences for students staying off campus.
- Must be able to participate and comply with the rules of the residences.
- A student does not choose a residence, the system automatically picks one for them.
- Staying in residence means that you should pass very well, as there is a placement policy each year.
- The basic things you will find in a residence are a bed, table, chair, bathrooms and toilets, washing machines, and kitchens.

Placement Policy

It simply entails that students must renew their intent to stay in the residence every year if they so wish. This policy is based on three criteria, namely academics, age, and finance. So, to continue staying in the residence, you must pass all your modules to qualify.

Junior Residences

Each residence constantly strives to maintain a sound balance between academic work and fun and games. An amount is divided annually among the residences that perform the best with regard to academics, sport, culture, and diversity.

A residence head is in charge of each residence (including city residences). The residence head is assisted by a prime and a residence committee (RC), which are separately and jointly responsible for the orderly and civilized management of the residence. They also ensure that residence rules are complied with and accept responsibility for everything that occurs in the residence.

Furthermore, the residence head fulfills the role of a substitute parent, serves as contact person for the parent, and looks after the interests and education of each individual first-year student in his/her residence.



Co-ed residences available for men and ladies

ConLaurês

Outeniqua

Health Sciences

About off-campus accommodation

The university realised that everyone cannot fit into the residences, and therefore saw the need to ensure that accredited off-campus accommodation should also be in good condition. So, the HRA manages the office for accredited off-campus accommodation.

The safety and living conditions of our students are of great importance. Student accommodation is a significant aspect of the success of the UFS; consequently, good-quality accommodation is important for each individual student to be successful in their studies. The accreditation process entails a list of primary requirements, drafted with the cognisance of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, in terms of off-campus accommodation to which private providers must adhere in order to be accredited by the university. The requirements are in line with the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities.

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