

LIVING ON CAMPUS



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to live on campus?

Full-time students may apply to live on campus. Housing is limited, so apply early.

Does the cost include a meal plan?

No, a meal plan is not included in the cost of housing; however, there are three separate meal plans that are available for purchase depending on each student's needs. For details about dining options and meal plans, go to sunyocc.edu and click on 'Admissions.' Also, each suite includes a full kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher and stove, allowing students to prepare their own meals. The College also offers a prepaid debit card, SMARTCARD, that can be used for purchases in the Gordon Dining Commons, the Mawhinney Hall café and the Bookstore. The SMARTCARD also functions as the Student ID and residence hall entry card. For more information, contact Student Central at (315) 498-2000.

Can I choose my suitemates?

Students may indicate any suitemate preferences on the application; however, requests are not guaranteed. Refer to the application for more details.

What should I bring?

A list of suggested items to bring can be found by clicking on "Residence Life" at sunyocc.edu/admissions.

Is there supervision within the residence halls?

Each residence hall has a full-time professional live-in Residence Hall Director (RHD's) who was specifically hired and trained to provide assistance and maintain a supportive academic environment within each residence hall. Additionally, each floor has two student Resident Assistants (RA's) who plan student activities and assist with student concerns.

Is the campus secure?

The safety of our students is of paramount importance and Onondaga Community College is among the safest of SUNY campuses. The College has highly trained campus safety peace officers on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, there are 38 emergency call boxes (also called "blue lights") installed throughout the campus. The main doors to the residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. During the day, residents are required to use a SMARTCARD to gain access. After hours, students must present their SMARTCARD student ID to the night clerk. The halls are under 24 hour video surveillance. Visitors to the residence halls must be signed in and out by a resident student and must adhere to the campus housing rules and regulations while on the property.

What is there to do on the weekends?

The Office of Residence Life plans many events during the week, in the evenings and on the weekends. You can also meet with your RA and plan your own event! Also available:

- Fitness center
- Weight room
- Pool
- Intramural sports
- Social events within the residence halls
- Bus service is available for off-campus activities
- Student recreation center

Your Life on Campus

For many students, the desire to have the full college experience includes living on campus. Onondaga recognizes the importance of a clean, comfortable and safe living environment. We enhance the college experience by creating a residential setting that allows you to strike that important balance of academics, clubs and organizations, relaxation, social life and personal growth.

Onondaga maintains an alcohol, tobacco and substance free environment to ensure your safety and academic integrity. Professional residence hall directors and student resident assistants are available to offer you personal guidance and support your college experience.

But there's more to a living experience than just hitting the books. Onondaga offers a number of activities after studying – concerts, movie nights, sporting events, intramurals, fitness center, student government, and more!

Take a virtual tour of the residence halls at sunyocc.edu!



Our resident students enjoy a number of amenities including:

- Full kitchen for cooking meals*
- Two full baths in each suite
- Air conditioning and central heat
- High-speed Internet and wireless access
- Computerized laundry facilities
- Easy access to bus lines
- Dedicated resident parking lot
- Secure, keycard accessible residence buildings

*Meal plans are also available for purchase

Interested in becoming an RA?

Onondaga actively seeks student leaders to help guide our residents through their academic and social endeavors and transition to college life. Resident assistants help with everything from planning community programs to supporting the success of resident students.

Contact Residence Life at (315) 498-2351 for more information on this unique leadership opportunity.

2009-2010 Housing Fees

Onondaga offers attractive 5- and 6-person suites conveniently located just steps from all academic buildings. All costs include utilities, local phone service and cable.

Triple room rate	\$4,896
Double room rate	\$5,662
Single room rate	\$6,548
Parking fee	\$80

Financial aid is available for eligible students. Click on "Financial Aid" at sunyocc.edu/admissions to learn more.

Note: Fees are approximate for the 2009-2010 academic year and are for housing only; tuition and fees are additional. Fees are subject to change without notice.

How to Apply

Go to sunyocc.edu/admissions for instructions on how to download and complete the housing application form. Have questions about the application process? Call Student Central at (315) 498-2000.

Onondaga houses nearly 600 students each academic year on a first-come, first-served basis. Housing fills up fast, so apply when the application becomes available each year on February 1. Students requesting to live in the residence halls who do not receive a housing assignment for the fall semester can often be accommodated in the spring semester. Contact the Office of Residence Life at (315) 498-2351 for more information.

Planning a visit to campus? Call (315) 498-2221 or complete a visit request form at sunyocc.edu.

