**Yale Housing Webinar**

**Questions and Answers**

**Do I have to pay a security deposit?**

* Yes, a $700 security deposit (plus $25 processing fee) will be due when you sign the license agreement. Once you sign, you will be brought to a payment portal allowing you to pay with a credit card.
* The security deposit cannot be posted to your YalePay account. It needs to be paid with a credit card.
* A security deposit is required for all dormitory, apartment and family housing assignments.
* The license agreement and security deposit must be done within 48 hours of signing.

**What are the room dimensions for an efficiency at Esplanade?**

* The square footage of an efficiency at Esplanade Apartments is 379 square feet.
* The dimensions of all rooms can be found on each of the building pages at <https://yale.housing.edu>

**When is the rent due?**

* For dormitories the rent is charged per semester and posted to your student financial account on June 25 and October 25.
* For apartments the rent is charged monthly, approximately 5 weeks before the start of each month and is posted on the 25th of each month.

**If I choose a 2-bedroom share, how do I make sure my roommate is of the same sex?**

* For the two-bedroom shared units (whether dormitories or apartments), the first person to select a bedroom in a unit will determine the sex of the second bedroom. For example if Ceila Chen selects Room 321A, only a female will be able to select Room 321B.

**I will be receiving a stipend from Yale. Can I use that to pay my rent?**

* Yes. Please contact Yale Student Financial Services regarding all payment arrangements. Their website is: <https://student-accounts.yale.edu/>.

**Are utilities included?**

* Utilities are included in all dormitories and apartments.

**Are there meal plans?**

* There are no compulsory meal plans in any of the dormitories or apartments.
* Residents interested in purchasing a meal plan, can do so through Yale Hospitality: <https://hospitality.yale.edu/graduate-meal-plan-options>.
* Only ESHarkness Hall has a cafeteria on the main floor called Café Med.
* There are many dining options on campus and restaurants in New Haven.

**What is the difference between an efficiency and a studio?**

* There is no difference between an efficiency and a studio.

**Are the apartments furnished? Do they come with any furnishings?**

* Apartments are not furnished.

**Do the apartments come with a refrigerator?**

* Yes, there is a refrigerator and a stove in each apartment.

**Is there parking at Esplanade? Is it included in the rent?**

* Yes, Esplanade, Mansfield, and Whitehall have dedicated parking lots on the premises. There is no additional charge for parking.

**Are there storage options in New Haven?**

* Yes. Please see our website for more information for independent storage facilities in the area - <https://housing.yale.edu/resources>.

**My program begins on July 1st. Can I come at that date?**

* The license agreement begins on August 1st. We would not be able to accommodate you if you need to begin on July 1st and would suggest you consider off campus living.

**Can I live at Baker Hall even if I’m not a law student?**

* No, Baker Hall is dedicated to law students only. Should all the beds not be filled by law students, any empty beds would then open to other disciplines in late May.

**Are Divinity apartments exclusive for just Divinity students?**

* Yes, only students in the Divinity program can live in the Divinity Sterling Quadrangle.

**I’m a nursing student. Can I live at 272 Elm?**

* No, only first year students in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences are eligible to live at 272 Elm.
* 272 Elm has a one-year residency limit. You would need to vacate or transfer within Yale Housing after the first year.

**What is the agreement term length for dormitory housing?**

* The dormitory license agreement begins on August 1, 2021 and ends on May 29, 2022 – a ten-month period.

**Can I renew my apartment for the following year? How is it renewable?**

* License agreements for new apartment residents begin on August 1 and end on June 30. Residents may choose to renew their assignment for the next academic year during the annual March Housing Intent. The renewal assignment would begin on July 1.

**What is the visitor policy for apartments? And for dormitories?**

* The visitor policy for the University has been suspended due to Covid. Should that change, then the visitor policy would be reinstated:
  + The visitor policy for apartments is no longer than two weeks.
  + The visitor policy for dormitories is 3 days/2 nights occasionally.

**What is the bathroom set up at 276 Prospect?**

* The bathrooms at 276 Prospect are co-ed. They are individual bathrooms throughout the dorm shared by all residents.

**Is there air conditioning in the dormitories?**

* There are no air conditioned rooms at Helen Hadley Hall, 254 Prospect, and 276 Prospect. Only the 4th floor at ESHarkness Hall is air conditioned. Baker Hall and 272 Elm are air conditioned.

**Do international students tend to pick dormitories because they are furnished?**

* We have international students living in both our dormitories and apartments. There doesn’t appear to be a preference due to apartments not being furnished.

**I won’t have my Net ID on April 20. How can I apply for housing? Who do I get my Net ID from?**

* You will not be able to apply for housing without a Yale Net ID. Your school assigns Net IDs. Please check with them.

**What dormitories are closest to the School of Management?**

* The closest dormitories to the School of Management are 254 and 276 Prospect and Helen Hadley Hall.

**How come my assignment in my Self Service shows Check In and Check Out dates for 8/1/2022 and 12/31/2022? I need the room for both semesters.**

* Our housing software is set up semester-by-semester. Once we create the Spring 2023 semester, we will “roll over” your assignment to the spring. The Housing License Agreement that you signed is for the academic year with an end date of May 28, 2023 for dormitories and June 30, 2023 for apartments.

**What apartments are reserved for family housing?**

* Whitehall and Esplanade apartments are dedicated family housing

**What is considered Family Housing?**

* Family Housing is reserved for students who will be living with a spouse or partner, students who are single parents, or students who will be living with their spouse/ partner and child/ren.
* Family Housing applicants will be contacted directly for Yale Housing for an assignment.

**Are pets allowed in Yale Housing?**

* No, Pets are not permitted in Yale Housing.
* If you have a service animal or an emotional support animal, it must be registered with Student Accessibility Services: <https://sas.yale.edu/>.

**Can I rent a full 2-bedroom apartment to myself?**

* No, our 2-bedroom units are shared apartments for you and another Yale graduate student.