Terp Family Fundamentals Webinar

“Navigating Off-Campus Housing with Your Terp”
Navigating Off-Campus Housing

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Outline

- Housing at UMD
  - Options
  - Timeline
  - PPP
- Talking with Your Terp
- FAQs
Housing at UMD

- On-campus Residence Halls
  - 9,500 beds, 37 halls

- Off-Campus
  - Public Private Partnerships (PPP)
  - Apartments
  - Houses
  - Commuting from home
Timeline

Most students live in the on-campus residence halls for their first 2 years at UMD

2017 Student Housing Marketing Analysis

- 88% Adjust to life at UMD
- 76% Sense of community
- 81% New friends

If/when students move off campus, they have a variety of choices.

OCH’s goal is to provide resources and information to help guide students to the right decision for their needs.
Off Campus Housing Options

- **PPP**
  - Managed by Capstone On Campus Management
  - South Campus Commons
  - The Courtyards

- **Apartments**
  - 12+ options in College Park area

- **Houses**
  - Rent rooms/spaces

- **Commuting from home**

- **Subleasing/Releasing**
PPP - Commons and Courtyards

- Apartment style rooms that are close to or located on campus
  - ~3,000 beds
- RAs, community programming, meal plan options, mixed gender options
- 11.25 month lease (August - July)
- Priority given to rising 3rd year on-campus students
PPP- How to Lease

- Student completes the Commons/Courtyards Leasing application in MyDRL to participate in the Open Leasing process
  - One application for both properties
  - **Fall housing priority deadline: March 9**
  - Mixed Gender deadline: Jan 26
  - No obligation application
  - Any apps received March 9-27th will lose priority

- Student is given an open leasing appointment date based on their priority group on March 16
  - Room selection
  - Lease signed from available rooms

- All leasing is done through Capstone

- Pull-ins
  - Must be current PPP resident or rising 3rd year on-campus student
PPP- Eligibility

- Priority
- Must be full-time undergrad UMD student
- Must be in good standing
  - Judicial, financial, academic
- Student is responsible for their lease for the entire lease period (middle August - end July)
- Meal plans can be purchased
- Free UMD shuttle to and from Courtyards- runs every 8-12 min during the school day
### PPP- Priority Order

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<th>Group Description</th>
<th>Number of Semesters of Undergraduate Study # of Semesters of Undergraduate Study (including the Spring 2018 semester)</th>
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- Students with higher priority choose from available units first
- Based on a point system related to # of semesters
- Only on-campus rising 3rd years can be pulled in by a current resident
- If students in different priority groups want to room together, they attend the leasing appt of the higher priority group (later appointment).

*more information about priority and PPP leasing found online at reslife.umd.edu*
PPP Re-leasing

- Re-leasing: legal transfer of a lease from one student to another
  - Current student no longer wants/needs lease
- Coordinated by Capstone and OCH
- Timeline
  - Current student finds re-lessee and re-lessee completes Commons/Courtyards Leasing application
  - Current student completes Re-leasing Request
  - Releasing approval process - up to 5 business days
  - Both current student and re-lessee complete releasing apt and transfer lease
- Re-leasing appointments offered between 4th-20th of each month
  - Except August, February, March
Leasing Off Campus

- 12+ apartment options in immediate area
- Leases are signed through the individual leasing offices
- Most leases are 11-12 months
- Rent due to individual office - not UMD
- Signing a lease vs subleasing
Talking with Your Terp

- What are their priorities? What kind of housing do they want?

- How will they pay rent?

- Do they want roommates/housemates? How will they find them?

- How will they get to campus for classes/activities? How will they get their meals?

- What is their plan for leasing during breaks?
Talking with Your Terp

- Expenses
  - Rent
  - Utilities (variable vs fixed)
  - Parking/transportation on and off campus
  - Furnishings
  - Food
  - House expenses
- When to start looking
  - Apartments vs. houses vs. PPP
- Length of Lease
- How to find housing
  - OCH Database, bulletin boards, facebook
FAQ

- What kind of housing is available off campus? Where can my student list a room? Find a roommate?
  ○ ochdatabase.umd.edu

- How does someone get a room in Commons/Courtyards?
  ○ Open Leasing or Re-leasing

- Can my student’s scholarship pay for their off-campus rent?
  ○ Maybe...check parameters of scholarship and refund policy through Financial Aid & Bursar’s office

- How do off-campus students get to campus?
  ○ UMD shuttles, car, public transportation
FAQ

- My student wants to live off campus but will be abroad for a semester - can they still lease?
  - Yes! They will need to re-lease/sublease for semester they are away
  - If they are currently studying abroad and want to lease in a PPP, they will have a proxy complete Open Leasing

- My student doesn’t know how to read a lease - what should they do?
  - Undergrad Legal Aid, OCH resources

- When should my student start looking for housing?
  - Soon! PPP leases are signed in late March. Apt leases are signed January - July. House leases can be signed at anytime
Resources

- **Online**
  - och.umd.edu
  - ochdatabase.umd.edu
  - Southcampuscommons.com
  - Umdcourtyards.com
  - Facebook
  - DOTS
  - Various apartment websites
  - Bursar.umd.edu

- **In person/by phone**
  - OCH office- 0232 Stamp Student Union
    - Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
    - 301-314-3645

- **Email**
  - Pppleasing@umd.edu
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Join us on Tuesday, January 16 for our next webinar!

“Study Abroad 101 for Parents and Families”
All presentations will be made available on our YouTube channel “Terp Family”.

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