

# RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING

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The mission of Residential Life and Housing is to efficiently and effectively administer a housing program in a learning-centered environment that supports students while challenging them to:

- enhance self-understanding;
- value community responsibility; and
- learn from their experiences.

Residential Life and Housing holds the belief that student development and learning goes on outside the classroom, as well as inside the classroom. The policies, procedures, and programs that are established and encouraged by Residential Life and Housing are those that enhance student learning and involvement outside the classroom.

The office takes very seriously its role as guarantor of a residence-hall atmosphere conducive to work and study. We also strive to provide an atmosphere in which students are encouraged to make informed decisions on their own, take responsibility for their actions, and learn from their experiences.

Leadership development opportunities are offered to students in the residence halls through participation in Residence Hall Councils, the Residence Hall Advisory Committee (a student advisory committee to Residential Life and Housing), Sustainability Reps, Dining Services Reps, and the Connections Leadership class.

The Residential Life staff wants to provide a memorable, enjoyable, and successful academic year, but reminds students that we are jointly responsible for the success of this experience. Through participation, cooperation, understanding, and communication, all can enjoy the time spent in the residence halls at Pratt Institute.

Residential Life and Housing at Pratt Institute is based on a specific set of values. These values guide the expectations the office has for itself and for the students who reside on campus and extend to the residence halls in many direct ways. They are:

- Personal rights and responsibilities
- Integrity
- Respect
- Fairness and justice
- Open communication
- Involvement

The educational mission of Pratt Institute is actively pursued in the residence halls. An expected outcome of the on-campus experience is to have students learn to cope and deal with problems that arise. Though this is not always an easy task, if a student is able to learn from an adverse situation, the goal has been achieved. Along with this is the ability for students to take responsibility for their choices and behaviors. If students make inappropriate choices, they should expect to be held

accountable. The hope is that a different choice will be made the next time, more in keeping with the community expectations set forth.

## THE RESIDENCE HALLS

Pratt Institute maintains two residence halls to accommodate graduate students. The focus of our residential life program is on providing a comfortable yet challenging environment in which students will become integral members of the campus community. This is fostered by educational approaches and programming.

Pratt residence halls offer a variety of housing options, including rooms with and without kitchens, doubles, and singles. Pratt also offers campus meal plans for students who like the convenience of eating on campus.

### Grand Avenue Residence

Grand Avenue Residence can accommodate 50 students, graduates and undergraduates, in a variety of apartment layouts.

A “shared single” room for graduate students is two or more students, each with their own private bedroom. Sharing involves two students sharing a one-room efficiency apartment. Our single efficiency is a smaller efficiency apartment that one student occupies. Both of these options include a bathroom and kitchen, within the confines of the apartment. The single with shared bath involves each student having a private bedroom, with a shared kitchen and bath. The building is located one block from campus. Each living room is furnished with a sofa, club chair, coffee table, kitchen table, and chairs. Utilities are included, with the exception of telephone. Internet connections are provided. The building offers a garden courtyard, laundry facilities, and lounge areas.

### The Townhouses

The Townhouses are remodeled historic row houses located near the center of campus. Six students reside in each house in single rooms on three floors. Each house is coed and offers a full kitchen, living room, parlor, backyard area, and basement. Each room is provided with the standard campus furniture (bed, armoire, dressers, desk, chair, and bookshelf). Preference for this housing option, which accommodates 120 upperclass students, is given to junior- and senior-level students.

### Willoughby Residence Hall

Willoughby Residence Hall is a 17-story former apartment co-op and is the largest residence hall. It accommodates about 900 upperclass and graduate students. The building houses offices (Residential Life and Housing, Health and Counseling, and the Learning/Access Center) as well as a student workroom, TV lounge, convenience store, laundry facilities, and other common student lounge areas. Suites are single-sex, but floors are coed. Rooms vary in size from 9 x 12 feet to 15 x 18 feet. In addition to the standard furniture, all suites have a kitchen table, stove, and refrigerator. Each resident is provided with a bookcase. All students assigned to double, triple, and single spaces will share kitchen and bathroom facilities with other residents of the suite. The converted apartments consist of at least one double or triple that occupies the former living room space of the apartment and at least one private single room that occupies the former bedroom space of the apartment. The number of students residing in a given suite usually ranges from three to six students (depending upon the size of the converted apartment— one-bedroom, two-bedroom, or three-bedroom). Willoughby Residence Hall remains open all year. However, residents on certain floors might have to relocate to different floors during the summer months for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep. To accommodate additional graduate students, select double rooms are converted to semiprivate

single spaces. Each semiprivate space occupies the former living room space of the apartment, is occupied by only one student, and shares kitchen and bathroom facilities with other private single rooms in the apartment. The semiprivate option is only available to graduate students and on an as-needed basis.

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT

Upon acceptance to the Institute, students are sent an Accepted Student Guide, which includes an application and a brochure describing each housing option. Students are assigned rooms in the order their applications are received. Space is limited, and students are advised to return their completed applications as soon as possible. Assignment notifications are made in June.

Students who have not applied by April 15 can anticipate being assigned only if and when space becomes available.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

reslife@pratt.edu

## ROOM RATES—GRADUATE OPTIONS

Room rates vary according to the type of accommodation. Estimated typical costs for each residence hall for an academic year (<https://www.pratt.edu/about/offices/residential-life-and-housing/apply-for-housing/options-and-costs/>)

## MEAL PLAN

Meal Plan information is here (<https://www.pratt.edu/resources/avi-fresh-meal-plans-at-pratt/>)

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