FAQs About Old Campus Residences

What is in the room?

A bed with mattress, desk, a chair, a bureau, and a closet or wardrobe. The University does not provide pillows, or tables. A blue recycling bin is allocated to each suite. In addition, some rooms or suites are furnished with bookcases, fire screens, curtains, window screens, or storm windows. Computer tables are provided in Bingham Hall, entryway C.

What buildings have Common Room furniture?

All suites have common room furniture.

How long is the bed?

Extra-long, 80” by 36”

Is there overhead lighting?

Bingham Hall (CC & TC), Vanderbilt (BR & See), Lanman Wright (PC & BK) have overhead lighting.

Durfee (MC), Farnam (JE), Lawrence (ES) and Welch (DC) do not have overhead lighting.

You may bring other lamps with you; halogen lamps, however, are fire hazards and are not permitted. Please bring replacement energy efficient replacement bulbs with you to campus as they are not provided

Are there curtains in the windows?

There are curtains in the bedrooms but not the common rooms.

Is there a bathroom in the suite or in the hallway?

In suite bathrooms: Durfee, Farnam, Lanman Wright
Hallway bathrooms: Bingham, Lawrence, Welch, Vanderbilt

Can the bed be bunked or debunked?

Yes, if there is enough room for two beds in the room.

Can I bring my own mattress?

No. Students cannot bring their own mattress. Students can bring mattress toppers for their beds.

How much space is under the bed?

36”

Is there a closet in the room?

Some rooms have closets, and some have wardrobes.
Is there a laundry room in the building? If not, where do I do my laundry? How much does a load of laundry cost?

The Associated Student Laundry Agency offers a wide array of services. A popular choice is the “Look Sharp” plan, a weekly all-inclusive program that provides students with bulk wash, dry, and fold service, laundering and pressing of shirts, pants, and skirts, and dry cleaning. The Student Laundry also offers the “Just the Basics” plan, a weekly bulk wash, dry, and fold laundry service. In addition, students can take advantage of dry cleaning on a piece-by-piece basis. Students have access to numerous on-campus laundry room facilities as well. A load of laundry cost $1.50.

During the summer, you will receive more detailed descriptions of these services and an order form for the bulk laundry plans. Old Campus laundry rooms are located in the basements of Farnam, entryway B, and Bingham Hall, entryway D. For more information, visit the Associated Student Laundry Agency website.

How big is the bedroom?

Bedroom size varies building to building.

Can I see the floor plans?

The University does not provide floor plans. Contact your residential college dean’s office or your froco for more details about your room.

What should I bring with me?


Can I remove furniture from my room?

No. University-issued furnishings cannot be removed from student rooms. If any furnishings are missing from rooms at the end of the year, students will be billed for replacement costs.

At the beginning of each term, students will receive a Facilities Superintendent’s dormitory room report listing the furniture that has been provided; the property listed becomes a student’s responsibility. Students must inform the Facilities Superintendent within five days of occupancy if the report contains mistakes. Even when absent from their rooms, students are held responsible for any disorder or damage occurring there. Students who damage furniture or furnishings will be charged for repairs. If it is unclear who damaged items, all of the occupants of the suite will be billed for a share of the repair or replacement.

Can I bring a window air conditioner?

No. Students cannot place an air conditioner in the window.

Can I rent a refrigerator?

Students can rent refrigerators through the Associated Student Refrigerator Agency. During the summer you will receive an informational leaflet and ordering instructions. All preordered refrigerators will be delivered to the student’s room prior to move-in day. When ordering, please make sure you enter your room location, not your residential college. If you bring a refrigerator from home or buy one elsewhere, please note that you will not be permitted to store it in the residential colleges during the summer. For more information, visit the Associated Student Refrigerator Agency website.
Where can I order bed linens?

You can purchase items on your own or use Yale’s preferred vendor, Residential Hall Linens. They offer a full selection of linens for purchase, including sheets designed to fit the extra-long Yale mattresses, coordinating comforters, mattress pads, pillows, and towels. A brochure for ordering the linens that includes information about home or campus delivery will be mailed to you during the summer. For more information and online ordering, visit Residential Hall Linens.

Can I bring a microwave?

The following items may be used in dormitory rooms: Microwaves, small electric teakettles, and Keurig-type beverage makers.

For reasons of fire safety, the following appliances are prohibited in dormitory rooms: Hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, broilers, griddles, rice cookers, coffeepots, any appliances that are in poor condition, and any appliances deemed hazardous by Yale officials.

Other prohibited items.

a) Halogen lamps.

b) Space heaters, except when issued in emergencies by Physical Plant. Only liquid-filled space heaters issued by Physical Plant are allowed. Space heaters must be returned to Physical Plant immediately after the emergency is mitigated.

c) Any electrical appliance with defective wiring or of an improper current rating.

d) Kerosene lamps, camping cooking equipment, or other open-flame devices.

e) Fabric or fishnet textiles hung from the ceiling or more than 20% of the walls in a room.

f) Cork boards more than four square feet in size.

g) Flammable fluids and gases such as kerosene, gasoline, and propane.

h) Candles and incense.

i) Live holiday trees and decorations.

j) Residential grade extension cords and power strips are prohibited. Only UL approved commercial grade extension cords and power strips are allowed.