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# **Your FSU Home: Making the Most of Living on Campus**

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# Who handles what?

Office of Accessibility Services	University Housing
<b>Application and Documentation</b> *Self-disclosure of diagnosis is required.	<b>Housing Contract</b> *Disclosure of diagnosis is not required at any time.
<b>Accommodations Approval</b>	<b>Accommodations Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dependent on availability</li></ul>
<b>Accommodations Review</b>	<b>Roommate Assignment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can make requests with UH</li><li>• Roommate cannot serve as personal care attendant due to liability concerns.</li></ul>



# Housing Accommodations Process Overview

1. Complete a UH contract.
2. Complete the OAS [online application](#) (\*Note [priority deadlines](#).)
3. Submit [documentation](#) to OAS
  - Dated within five years
  - Include diagnosis and direct link to housing accommodation request
  - [Additional details](#)
  - [Support Form](#)
4. Schedule an intake appointment with an Accessibility Specialist
  - Call 850-644-9566
5. OAS sends approved accommodation request directly to UH
  - Student will be copied on email.
6. UH reaches out to student to discuss housing accommodations if necessary and notifies student of housing assignment.
7. Schedule an accommodation review if concern arises or diagnosis changes



# Housing Accommodations Limitations

FSU is unable to:

- Provide a low distraction living environment accommodation based solely on a diagnosis of ADHD or a learning disability.
- Honor housing accommodation requests for a specific room assignment, residence hall assignment, or roommate assignment.
- Provide a dust, mold, or allergen-free housing accommodation



# Service Animals

Service animals do not need to be registered with OAS; however, you may be eligible for academic accommodations if you use a service animal. If you would like to request academic accommodations, please follow the application procedure explained above.



# Emotional Support Animals

- Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are not considered service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- These support animals provide companionship, relieve loneliness, and sometimes help with psychiatric disabilities and mental impairments, such as depression, anxiety, and certain phobias; however, unlike service animals, ESAs do not have special training to perform specific tasks to assist people with disabilities.
- ESAs only pertain to a student's dwelling and may not be taken to class.
- If you would like to request an ESA accommodation, you must register with the OAS and follow the application procedure explained above. Please refer to the Emotional Support Animals process for more details about ESAs and the OAS application process.



# FAQs

- One of the benefits of living on campus is the many supports that are offered in our residence halls. What supports has UH put in place to ensure students have a safe and comfortable living space on campus?
- A common concern among incoming students is living with a roommate, especially one that they might not have met before. What procedures do you have in place to assist students in adjusting to a roommate?
- Many students with disabilities are often unsure how to answer their roommate or friends' questions about their housing accommodations. What suggestions do you have for them when having these types of conversations?
- UH does a tremendous job with programming. What events can students look forward to this Summer or Fall?
- What other information or tips would you like students who live in the residence halls to know?



# Questions





# Success Tips

- Submit your application and documentation and schedule an intake appointment *as soon as possible*.
- Communicate *early* with your roommate about your accommodations.
  - Self-disclosure is not required.
  - Instead focus on what works best for you.
  - “I sleep best when it’s quiet. Could you wear your headphones after 10:00pm when you listen to music?”
- If there is a problem or you have a concern, ask for help *as soon as possible*.



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# Contact Information

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