

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

We are looking forward to your arrival at Ferris State University! As you prepare to join us, you will need to make housing arrangements for your stay. Ferris State University offers a variety of options for housing accommodations. You can live in on-campus housing with American students or other international students. You can also find an off-campus apartment if you are older than 19.

The Ferris Housing Office is taking extra precautions this year due to Covid-19. Please review the [Housing Office website](#) for more information.

Important Links:

- [Housing information and videos](#)
- [Meal Plan Information](#)

Housing Options:

Students under 19 years of age as of September 1, 2020 cannot live off-campus and need to sign an on-campus housing contract from January to May.

On-campus residence halls: Each hall has single or double occupancy rooms, a kitchenette to cook food, laundry facilities, and a common area for relaxing. The room is furnished (bed, desk and dresser) and you will share a bathroom with at least one other person. Some residence halls close during American holidays like Thanksgiving and during the winter break, international students that need to stay during school breaks can choose Bond Hall, which does not close during breaks.

On-campus East Campus Suites: The suites have either a 2 or 4-person options. Each suite is fully furnished including a kitchen, a living room, as well as a bedroom for each person. The laundry facilities as well as an activity lounge are in the building. East Campus Suites stay open during school breaks.

On-campus apartments: The apartments at Ferris have single occupancy, which means you can rent one bedroom. Each apartment has up to 3-person occupancy. *These apartments are not furnished*, but do include basic kitchenettes. Depending on the apartment, you may have laundry in your apartment or in the building.

Students 19 years of age or older as of September 1, 2020 have the option to also live off-campus.

Off-campus rentals: Big Rapids offers many private rental options. The contracts for off-campus apartments are usually valid for 12 months and require various amounts for a deposit in order to begin renting. Contact local rental agencies for more information on the application process. You can search for rental agencies and properties online. Please read contracts/rental agreements carefully before you sign them. *When apartment searching, please remember that Big Rapids does not have extensive public transportation available.*

Apply for Ferris Housing through MyFSU

1. Log into your **MyFSU** account.
2. Under the **University Life** tab you will find the **MyHousing** link.
3. Sign a Housing Contract and pay the \$200 deposit. *The deposit will be returned when you move out if no damages have been done to the property.* For on-campus apartments, students must request an application from Ferris Housing: housing@ferris.edu
4. A meal plan is also required for all students under the age of 19. You may choose any of the *Anytime Dining Plans* available.
5. Select your housing preference online. To request a specific roommate or change your preference, you can email Laura McKiness, who coordinates Residence Hall Assignments in the Housing Office: LauraMcKiness@ferris.edu

Please let us know if you have further questions by emailing us at international@ferris.edu. Also, like us on [Facebook at Ferris State University International](#) and check your email to keep informed of upcoming informational webinars. Join our [Facebook group](#) for incoming students to meet the international staff, other students, and get useful information about visas and arrival.