It is with great honor that I welcome you to the newest Tier One designated public university in Texas!

The announcement in January 2011 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, elevating the University of Houston to its highest status, has brought added prestige to your college career and your degree.

The University of Houston is a wonderful campus, full of pride, traditions and great people. We look forward to providing you a top-tier living and learning experience, filled with memories, new knowledge and great friends.

As we continue to strive for excellence, it is our goal to keep your academic success and personal development our number one priority. On behalf of our faculty, staff and administration, I wish you great success with your studies and a memorable year of living on campus.

You are the pride!

Richard Walker, Ed. D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Our Mission Statement
A diverse community of students, staff and faculty who foster student success in living-learning environments by building relationships, promoting engagement and leading with an ethic of care.
LIVE ON CAMPUS... for the experience of a lifetime
“Living on campus gives me the opportunity to network easily and gives me easy access to the university’s resources.”
~Bianka Anguiano, Business, Sophomore

ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS.
Research indicates that students who live on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, earn higher grades and are more likely to graduate than their commuting peers.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY.
You don’t have to waste time buying gas, fighting traffic or hunting for a parking space before class.

“I have met so many different kinds of people here, and it really is a great way to make new friends. I love living on campus and hope you will too.”
~Allison Langlinais, English, Junior

IT’S A BLAST!
Don’t just study, join student organizations, attend athletic events, concerts, conferences and special lectures. Experience everything the campus has to offer.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS.
It’s much easier to get acquainted with your peers when you are living down the hall from them and participating in activities that take place right where you live.

“When I can wake up 10 minutes before class and still get there on time, that’s freedom. That’s living on campus!”
~Ryan Johnson, Public Relations, Sophomore

CONVENIENCE.
You are just a short walk from your classes, campus activities, sporting events and student services such as advising, health services and dining areas.

YOU DON’T HAVE TO COOK!
While kitchens are available, the dining halls offer affordable meal plans and exciting menu options. Campus living also provides easy access to national franchises such as Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, Subway, Pizza Hut, Smoothie King and McAlister’s Deli.
Residence Hall Association

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) plays an important part in the residential experience. Every student living in the UH residence halls is a member of RHA and may participate in the programs organized by RHA. RHA meetings are held biweekly and are composed of representatives from each hall or living area. Representatives address current issues, review policies and sponsor programs to enrich the living environment for the residence hall community. RHA consists of an Executive Board elected the preceding year by the residential population, as well as individual hall representatives. RHA is an exceptional opportunity for students to get involved and give back to their community through leadership opportunities and programs.

FYRE Program

The Freshman Year Residential Experience (FYRE) Program is designed to maximize a student’s potential to achieve academic success while adjusting responsibly to interpersonal challenges presented by college life. FYRE focuses on the holistic development of all first-year students living on campus through activities designed to address common transition issues, building peer networks and providing access to University resources.

Residential Theme Housing

Our Theme Housing program offers a wide range of floors and wings where students with similar interests live, study and socialize. Studies indicate that students who are involved in meaningful personal relationships tend to have better grades and are more likely to graduate. Theme floors and wings are communities created and maintained by students with the support and involvement of faculty and staff. In these communities, students work together and in collaboration with their respective resident assistant and theme advisor to assure that the stated mission of the floor or wing is being fulfilled. Theme residences cover a variety of interests and include Arts, Business, Communication, Community Service, Engineering and Technology, First Generation Student, Life Sciences, Sustainability and Wellness.

The Honors College

The Honors College offers students the best of both worlds – the support and advantages of a small private college together with the resources and diversity of a large metropolitan university. Some of the benefits include: small classes, accessible faculty and staff, priority course registration, reserved facilities, student community, study abroad and research opportunities, unique minor programs, personal attention and graduation with special distinction.

The Honors College at the University of Houston
www.thehonorscollege.com/apply • honorsadmissions@uh.edu
713.743.1766
The Faculty-in-Residence (FIR) Program is a collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that strengthens the connection between student residents' academic and residential learning experience.

Dr. Raul Ramos — The Associate Professor of History and his family returned to Cougar Village for their second year as part of the FIR program. "The first year as Faculty-in-Residence was truly a learning experience. My family and I learned new routines and made new friends. By the end of the year, we made the building our new home."

Dr. Ramos said he was surprised by all the activities on campus during the evenings and weekends. He and his family attended events such as student dance competitions and Frontier Fiesta and enjoyed getting to know their neighbors. "My kids loved tie-dyeing their clothes with one of the RAs in the building. They still wear the shirts and talk about that afternoon."

Dr. Ramos joined the UH family in 2002 and has witnessed the tremendous growth of the university. "As a campus resident, you are at the forefront of the new UH. Now that the academic programs have achieved a Tier One ranking from the Carnegie Foundation, the student experience has grown to match. That’s where I come in. I’m the Faculty-in-Residence at Cougar Village where I am one part of the mission to transform UH."

Carroll Blue — “I come to UH from Houston’s Third Ward, the community right across Scott Street that is at the edge of the University of Houston. Take it from me, someone who has observed this university’s growth for many years, today is the most exciting time to be here. This university is serious about developing true partnerships with Houston’s communities. I am honored to have been chosen as a Faculty-in-Residence and am happy to share my experience of 27 years as a media professor and documentary filmmaker with our students. My current research focus is on Houston’s Third Ward, a place that is still my community. A campus-community partnership plan is a part of UH’s Tier One strategy to become one of the finest public research universities in this country. Let’s work together to make this noble goal a reality!”

Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes Heredia — The newest addition to the Faculty-in-Residence Program is Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes Heredia, Associate Professor of Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies and the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Hispanic Studies. Dr. de los Reyes Heredia joined residents in the Quadrangle for 2011-12, living in Settegast Hall.

Dr. de los Reyes Heredia plans to host an Open House for students and organize study sessions before midterms and finals that will include faculty guests. He encourages students to get involved in the college atmosphere. "Be prepared to embark in one of the really changing adventures of your life. Learn how to manage your time so you can have a balance between academic and extracurricular activities combined with the typical social events that college life offers you, taking advantage of the diverse groups of people that make UH and Houston different." Along with providing encouragement to our residential students, Dr. de los Reyes Heredia has become a mentor and advisor to the students.
Welcome to Cougar Village! Our newest freshman community is the perfect place to transition from high school into an incredible college experience. *(Purchase of residential meal plan required.)*

### Community Amenities/Room Features

- 13 themed communities
- Laundry facility
- Computer lab
- Multipurpose rooms
- Seminar and classrooms
- 2 kitchens on every floor
- Several study lounges per floor
- 2 large social lounges per floor
- Cougar Xpress Market
- Car sharing vehicles *(with membership)*
- Adjacent to Moody Towers’ Fresh Food Company dining hall
- Fully furnished
- Honors College housing
- Mini fridge
- Living Learning Center
- Bike racks for secure storage
- Vending Services
- Friendly, professional staff on every floor

### Utilities Included

- Electricity
- Internet TV (IPTV)
- Water
- Free laundry
- Ethernet/Wi-Fi

For more information, visit [www.uh.edu/housing](http://www.uh.edu/housing) or call us at 713.743.6000.
Moody Towers offers students a great introduction to convenient on-campus life within a close-knit, high-energy community. *(Purchase of residential meal plan required.)*

### Community Amenities/Room Features

- 24-hour information desks and security
- Fresh Food Company dining hall
- TV lounges
- Exercise room
- Computer lab
- Study-conducive environments
- Fully furnished
- Resident piano room
- Vending services
- Friendly and professional staff on every floor
- Resident kitchen
- Micro-fridge
- First Generation Student Theme Community
- Bike racks for secure storage

### Utilities Included

- Cable
- Electricity
- Water
- Free laundry
- Ethernet/Wi-Fi
The Quadrangle provides a great sense of comfort, history and old-fashioned charm. With suite-style living accommodations, residents become part of a family while maintaining individual independence. (Purchase of residential meal plan required.)

Community Amenities/Room Features

- Secured access to buildings
- Movable furniture
- Walk-in closets
- Kitchen access
- Vending services
- 24-hour quiet floors
- TV lounge in every building
- Computer lab
- Courtyard with grills
- Large multi-purpose rooms
- Real Food on Campus (RFOC) dining hall
- Cougar Xpress Mini Market nearby
- Bike racks for secure storage

Utilities Included

- Cable
- Electricity
- Water
- Free laundry
- Ethernet/Wi-Fi

For more information, visit www.uh.edu/housing or call us at 713.743.6000.
Calhoun Lofts, one of the University of Houston’s newest residential facilities, offers loft-style living with an urban feel that caters to the mature and serious student. (Voluntary meal plans are available.)

**Loft Features**
- 10-foot-high ceilings
- Furnished or unfurnished units
- Refrigerator, stove and microwave
- Dishwasher in 2-bedroom units
- Granite countertops
- Exposed concrete ceiling and floors for a modern, urban look and feel
- Views of downtown in some units
- Web-interfaced room thermostat

**Building Amenities**
- Study lounges
- Theatre room
- Two roof terraces
- Sky lounge
- Exercise rooms
- Laundry rooms
- Cougar Xpress Market
- Special events kitchen
- Computer lab
- Private courtyard
- Pool table
- Vending services
- Car sharing vehicles (*with membership*)

**Utilities Included**
- Electricity
- Ethernet/Wi-Fi
- Water
- Cable
- Free laundry
How to get started

Note: Students can sign up for an academic year or for just the spring semester. Students cannot sign up for just the fall semester.

Housing Questions? You can contact us through our website at www.uh.edu/housing, or by phone at 713-743-6000.

APPLY

1 Apply online at www.uh.edu/housing by clicking “Apply for Housing.” Apply early as space is limited. Applicants must be admitted to the University before applying for housing. Visit www.uh.edu/admissions for more information about the admissions process.

2 Before you begin your application, you will need:
   - Emergency contact information for at least two people
   - Medical information such as your health insurance provider and policy numbers
   - Vehicle registration information (If bringing a car to campus, you will need to obtain a permit from Parking and Transportation Services.)
   - Payment information such as credit card information to pay the deposit and application fee
   - If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must be available to complete the application process.

3 Follow step-by-step instructions to complete personal information, emergency and evacuation information, area and meal plan preferences and roommate preferences.

4 Complete payment for $50 nonrefundable application fee and $300 refundable security deposit using credit card or electronic check.

5 Agree to terms of the Residence Halls Service Agreement and sign using electronic signature.

ROOM SELECTION

1 Once you have completed your application and signed your agreement, you will receive notification via email to reserve your room. Log in through the housing application student portal to choose your community, room type, building, floor and bed space as well as your meal plan.

2 Once you have selected your room, you may log back in through the housing application student portal to see your room assignment information. Move-in instructions will also be available on this same page as it becomes available. You will receive confirmation once your room selection has been completed.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How do I get the process started?**
By completing the application online at [www.uh.edu/housing](http://www.uh.edu/housing) or in person at our Housing Office.

**Housing Office:** University of Houston
Student Housing & Residential Life
4401 Wheeler St Rm 15J
Houston, TX 77204-3018
713.743.6000

**What’s the next step?**
See the housing application and room selection steps on the previous page.

**Do I have to be admitted in order to apply for housing?**
Yes. You will need your myUH ID.

**Do I have to pay a deposit, and if so, when?**
Yes. You will pay a deposit during the online application process.

**How are roommates assigned?**
Once students have electronically signed their housing agreement, they are able to assign themselves to their own room. If students have a roommate preference, we encourage them to work with each other when selecting a room. In some cases housing will make a roommate assignment. In those situations, roommates are selected by gender, major and using information provided on their application in the roommate nexus.

**Does financial aid pay for housing?**
Yes, provided that the amount you are awarded is sufficient. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (713) 743-1010, option 5. You may also view the “How-To” videos at [www.uh.edu/housing](http://www.uh.edu/housing) for information.

**How soon can I move in?**
You will be able to move in Thursday, August 23, prior to the first week of class.

**What do I need to bring?**
Our Resource Guide will include what items to bring and not bring. You can view the Resource Guide on the housing website.

*For additional FAQs, visit our website at [www.uh.edu/housing](http://www.uh.edu/housing).*
Bayou Oaks offers the perfect blend of academics and relaxation with apartment and townhome style housing. Whether you are in a Greek organization or just want to meet new and interesting people, Bayou Oaks is the place for you. (Voluntary meal plans are available.)

Community Amenities

- Roommate matching available
- After hours on-call staff
- On-site maintenance
- Individual leases
- Campus shuttle available
- On-site parking available
- On-site laundry facilities
- Computer center
- Fitness center
- Recreation center
- Vending services
- Optional campus meal plans for residents

Apartment Features

- Private bedrooms available
- Furnished apartments
- Full-sized beds
- Accent walls
- Kitchenette

Utilities Included

- Electricity (electricity to a monthly cap)
- Internet
- Phone line
- Water

Floor plans
At Cullen Oaks, you can have the privacy and lifestyle you deserve in a student community that is conducive to achieving academic success. With a great location adjacent to campus, private room accommodations, fully furnished units, individual leases and extensive community amenities, there is no reason to look anywhere else. (*Voluntary meal plans are available.*)

**Community Amenities/Room Features**

- Campus shuttle available
- On-site parking available
- On-site laundry facilities
- Computer center
- Study lounge
- Fitness center
- Basketball court
- Recreation center
- Billiards table
- Foosball
- Shuffle board
- Poker table
- Video game console
- Barbecue grills
- Wi-Fi hotspots
- Vending services
- Optional campus meal plans for residents

**Utilities Included**

- Cable
- Electricity (electricity to a monthly cap)
- Internet
- Phone line
- Water
- Free laundry
Living at Cambridge Oaks means choosing an apartment environment that supports your academic, social and professional needs. (Voluntary meal plans available.)

**Community Amenities**
- Roommate matching available
- Built-in dining/study area
- Swimming pool
- Laundry facility
- On-site parking
- Limited access gate
- Barbecue area
- Clubhouse with big-screen television
- Optional campus meal plans for residents

**Apartment Features**
- Full-size kitchen with stove, dishwasher and refrigerator
- Full-size bathrooms
- Private porch
- Spacious living room

**Utilities Included**
- Cable
- Internet
- Wi-Fi available
I CARSHARE!

It’s the luxury of having a car, without the hassles of owning one. And with zero membership fees, you only pay for the car when you use it. Rent by the hour, 24/7, 365 days a year. (Rentals start at $8 per hour or $62 per day.) Gas and insurance is covered.

UH students must be age 18+ with a valid driver’s license to qualify. For more information about our services, visit www.hertzondemand.com.

I CARSHARE!

~ Domonique Champion * Quadrangle * Sophomore ~

Ride METRO

METRO provides direct or connecting service from the University of Houston campus to a variety of locations across Houston.

Students can board any of the 8 local METRO routes at various locations throughout campus. Planning a trip on METRO is easy using the convenient “Trip Planner” available on METRO’s website at www.ridemetro.org.

Check out the popular destinations map on the back of this booklet. Full-time students can even save 50% on fares with a METRO Q Card.

METRO

Parking Options

We recommend you ride METRO or utilize the Hertz on Demand car sharing program when living on campus. But if you do bring a car on campus here are your options:

* Residential Housing Exclusive (RHE) permit in the Welcome Center Parking Garage
* Student Commuter
* Economy

To register for parking, visit www.uh.edu/parking.

Note: Parking permits are mailed to the address selected by the student during registration.
Meal Plans
A meal plan is a must have for all students. Not only does every plan offer discounts at the residential facilities, it also makes eating on campus much more convenient with the use of Cougar Cash. Don’t worry about carrying cash around. Your meal plan will be loaded onto your Cougar Card, getting you through the checkout line quickly. For help on deciding which meal plan best fits your lifestyle, visit www.uh.edu/dining or call 832.842.9053.

All-Access Plans are eaten in the all-you-care to eat dining facility located at Moody Towers and the new dining facility. Access to the dining facilities is limited to one meal swipe every 30 minutes.

**All-Access 5**
- Runs Monday through Friday
- $200 Cougar Cash
- $1800 per semester plus tax
- 10 guest swipes

**All-Access 7**
- Runs Monday through Sunday
- $100 Cougar Cash
- $1800 per semester plus tax
- 15 guest swipes

**Lifestyle 21**
- 21 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week
- $100 Cougar Cash
- $1700 per semester plus tax

**Lifestyle 15**
- 15 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week
- $200 Cougar Cash
- $1700 per semester plus tax

**Lifestyle 160**
- 160 all-you-care-to-eat meals per semester
- $400 Cougar Cash
- $1700 per semester plus tax

**All Cougar Cash***
- $1,350 Cougar Cash
- 10% discount at any dining hall

*All Cougar Cash is available to juniors, seniors and graduate students only.
### Residential Housing

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*Requires meal plan; see previous page for meal plan options

*Price per person

Cambridge Oaks: does not include furniture or electricity

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**Pricing for 2012-13**
NEW RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES COMING IN FALL 2013

COUGAR PLACE

COUGAR VILLAGE II

The University of Houston is an EO/AA institution.