

HOUSING GUIDE

2019 EDITION



THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

ARGONAUT

Housing options 2019 - 2020

Wallace Residence Center

\$2,270 (double), \$3,120 (single)

Gooding Wing

Six co-ed floors open to first-year students of any academic major. The second floor provides a living option for students in the intramural sports community.

Willey Wing

Six co-ed floors open to first-year students of any academic major.

Ballard Wing

Floors one through three are open to sophomore through graduate level students as well as transfer students. The fourth floor is open to students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. All floors are co-ed.

Stevenson Wing

Four co-ed floors open to students of any academic major.

Theophilus Tower

\$2,270 (double), \$3,120 (single)

The Tower offers 11 gender-specific floors with community restrooms. There are floors reserved for students in Engineering and Computer Science, Women in Idaho Science and Engineering and Honors.

Living Learning Communities

\$2,575 (double) \$3,305 (single)

Gem — Open to sophomores and older, any academic major.

Syringa — Open to sophomores and older, any aca-

dem major.

Sage- Open to sophomores and older, any academic major.

Upham — Open to first year students of any academic major.

College of Natural Resources (CNR) – Open to all students in the College of Natural Resources.

Gault — Open to sophomores and beyond of any academic major.

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Greek

Sororities

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Phi
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Zeta
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Pi Beta Phi

Fraternities

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Kappa Lambda
- Beta Theta Phi
- Delta Tau Delta
- FarmHouse
- Kappa Sigma
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Phi Delta Theta
- Fiji
- Pi Kappa Alpha*
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Theta Chi

*Does not provide housing.

COLUMN

Making the decision to go Greek

*Greek life isn't for everyone
but it was for me*



Alex Brizee

Columnist

ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho was founded in 1889 with Greek life following suit.

With 20% of UI's population being Greek and a long line of family tradition through UI graduates, you may assume it is a decision for you.

As a member of a Greek organization, I know Greek life is not for everyone — and that is OK.

Greek legacies were never something I understood or ever thought about being a

part of until I came to UI.

For me, the decision to go Greek was not something that came easily. But after some consideration, I took the leap.

Creating life-long friendships, finding your people and getting involved are all major positives to Greek life.

But Greek life isn't for everyone.

Arriving in Moscow from Miami, Florida, I knew there would be an adjustment period, but having a place to call home allowed me to adapt before starting college.

Delta Zeta Sorority gave me that.

But with close to 200 student organizations on campus, UI has more than just Greek life for students to find a "home."

Working as an editor for two student media organizations and an active student in the College of Art & Architecture, Delta Zeta is just one of the places on campus that has become my home.

While the physical structure of a home — especially for first-year students — is something that can offer stability, it is not completely about where you live.

No matter if you choose Greek housing, the residence halls or off-campus living, make sure you find your people because they will make your college experience.

The positives and negatives of Greek life can be weighed however you would like. But it comes down to who you are, what you need and want from college.

Yes, the stereotypes of dumb, drunk and privileged college students joining Greek life is well projected and these perceptions are just that — stereotypes. It doesn't discredit that a percentage of Greek students drink more than the average college student and that you do pay more to be a Greek student, at least at UI.

But our G.P.A.s do tend to be higher.

Whether you are a first-year student or fourth-year student, try out your options. Go to Greek life events — Panhellenic, fraternal or multicultural. Attend an event in Wallace residence halls or the tower. And explore everything the City of Moscow has to offer.

Just because students are part of one organization doesn't mean they only have to be part of that one.

Some of my closet friends come from the my major, my own sorority, other sorority's and work.

Some of us may be or become Greek — or not. That doesn't have to define your place on this campus.

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RESIDENCE HALL

Independently minded? Consider living in the LLCs

UI student shares her experience in the Engineering LLC

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Fourth-year student Sesily Stewart enjoys the family feel of the Engineering Living Learning Community. Sharing meals and studying together is a common practice among residents.

Stewart, who is studying material sciences and engineering, decided to live in the LLCs this year to stay close to campus. Stewart is taking a lot of classes and holds a job on campus, so she enjoys the quick access to various locations on campus.

"I ended up staying because I really enjoyed the atmosphere there," Stewart said.

Stewart said people with a desire to stay on campus and live around people with similar interests should consider living in the LLCs. Students are still provided with support. For instance, posters advertising study groups and tutor times can be found next to the elevator in the Engineering LLC.

"You don't have to be a specific type of person per say," Stewart said. "But the type of people who are more focused on their classes than everything else (will enjoy the LLCs)."

Stewart said she has enjoyed getting to know her roommates the past two years.

"Currently, I have two (roommates) from China," Stewart said. "Last year I had one from Nigeria and one from Japan. It's a different group of people and they're all very fun to talk to. We all have our classes and we compare and contrast, lend notes occasionally."

There are eight LLCs to choose from, as listed on the UI website. Upham is for first-year students only. Gem, Syringa, Sage and Gault are for sophomores and older. The College of Natural Resources and Engineering LLCs are limited to students within their respective colleges. The Scholars LLC is only open to students in the honors program.

LLCs are configured into suites of rooms that share a living space, kitchenette and bathroom. The kitchenette includes a mi-

crowave, refrigerator, freezer and small sink. The bathroom includes a shower, toilet and sink.

Each LLC shares a lounge space, laundry room, large kitchen, game room and several study rooms. The large kitchens feature two ovens with stove tops, a microwave and a large sink. Game rooms vary by LLC. The Engineering LLC features a TV, pool table and a foosball table.

The UI website said a double room will cost \$2,575 per semester while a single room will cost \$3,305 per semester in the 2019 to 2020 academic school year. Costs vary by academic year, so prices may change in coming years.

"If you're wanting to stay on campus but you're wanting to have a group of people



Lindsay Trombly | Argonaut
LLC residents Amanda Mendoza (left) and Kat Selvage hang out in Syringa's LLC kitchen Tuesday.

with a similar interest to you, (you should consider the LLCs)," Stewart said. "Some of the LLCs have different colleges, so you've got the honors program, engineering and natural resources and you actually tend to get most of the people in there."

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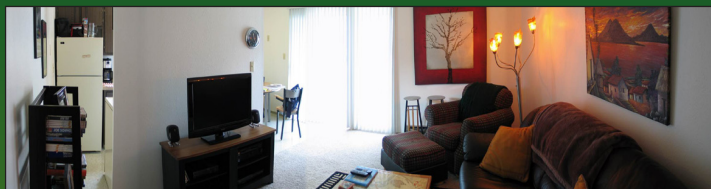
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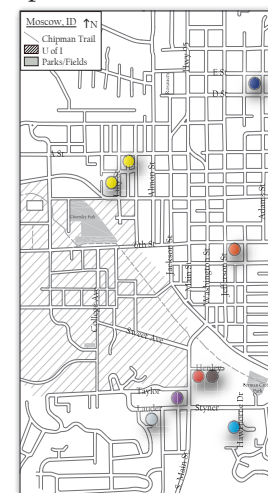
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Gender need not apply

Housing and the LGBTQA Office work together to make an inclusive option

Kali Nelson
ARGONAUT

Gender-Neutral Housing is close to marking its one-year anniversary on the University of Idaho Campus.

Jennifer Skinner, housing customers relations manager, said the gender-neutral housing option has been very successful so far and housing is planning to increase the number of rooms offered in both Wallace and the Living Learning Communities, offering different price points.

“We were about 90% full in our gender-neutral options for the first full year,” Skinner said.

Skinner said to be able to be in a gender-neutral housing, first-year students can opt in on their housing application while upperclassmen can ask the housing office directly.

Skinner said room renewal is already

open and the amount of upper level student space has doubled.

Students will not be forced into gender-neutral housing, Skinner said, it is all voluntary students agreeing to live in this option.

“In our first-year spaces, so Wallace Residence Center for first years that is their option for gender inclusive housing, we were nearly full, but it was double last year’s numbers,” Skinner said.

For the first year, Skinner said there were two rooms for first year students and that they are excited to grow the program.

Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA office, said she had been advocating for several years before the implication of gender-neutral housing on campus.

Keleher said she tries to inform first-

year students who have to live on campus but said that everyone should know about this option.

“Gender neutral housing has been very positively received on our campus,” Keleher said. “Students were happy to see the option available to them and many expressed an interest in staying on campus to live in the gender-neutral housing.”

The LGBTQA office, Keleher said, has been helping housing with both the design and implementation of gender-neutral housing programs.

Skinner said the LGBTQA office has been doing most of the marketing around gender-neutral housing, and while housing is not going out and telling all potential students about this option, it is listed on their website.



Julia Keleher

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Six living options, one former student

For Monzerrath Stark, on-campus housing greatly improved college

Cody Allred
ARGONAUT

Six living options really were better than one for former University of Idaho student Monzerrath Stark.

Stark, who now works as UI Associate director of Admission and Multicultural Recruitment, had the opportunity to experience numerous living options in her time as a student.

Stark said that during her time at UI, she lived in Ballard Hall, Wiley, Forney Hall, the Living Learning Communities, Gooding, was an Resident Assistant for Targhee Hall and lived off campus her last year.

Stark said experiencing all of these different living options helped her grow as a person and allowed her to have a “home away from home”.

“I have so many good memories for each one,” Stark said. “From living with my College Assistant Migrant Program sisters, to getting to know students from all over the world, to giving me the experience I need to be in my current posi-

tion. These memories are so meaningful because they made me the person that I am today.”

Stark said not only did experiencing different living options benefit her, but so did becoming an RA, which provided her with the opportunity for personal growth.

“It made me more responsible,” she said. “It made me feel safe and welcomed. I come from a very close-knit family, and they mean the world to me, which is how I felt when I lived on campus.”

Stark said being an RA was important because it meant she didn’t have to worry about the costs of room and board, which was helpful to her and her family.

Along with living in many different options on campus, Stark also joined a sorority her first semester of college, Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino Americano, an organization for Latino students at UI.

Stark said joining a sorority while remaining in on-campus housing was an

important part of her college experience. She said it made her feel like she belonged, changing her life.

Stark said living on campus meant the world to her.

“Not only did I enjoy living on campus — I craved it,” Stark said. “I wanted to see what my next hall experience was going to be like. I wanted to see who I was going to meet next.”

Stark said one of her favorite memories living on campus was at the LLCs Around the World event.

Stark said during the event, every RA chooses a country. She chose her birthplace Mexico.

“I made mole enchiladas, and as people kept coming in to see the decorations (and) the food,” Stark said. “I had to keep cooking because everyone loved the food.”

Stark said she would recommend that students give on-campus living a try, but that students should choose whatever option makes them feel the most comfortable and happy.



Monzerrath Stark

Keleher said this was a greatly needed option on campus and is very happy to be a partner in developing this program.

“While it is open to all students, this option is particularly important for non-binary and transgender students who may not want to live with someone of their legal sex or be recognized by their legal sex,” Keleher said.

Keleher said gender-neutral housing helps LGBTQA students be comfortable while living on campus and gives them a space that affirms their identity.

“Before the option, many LGBTQA students had to live in single rooms to ensure they had a safe space to live. The new option allows them to live with others, save money, and have a mutual understanding of their identities,” Keleher said.

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Stark said for her, living on campus was the right choice. She said living on campus meant that she was close to the cafeteria, classes and professors offices which was important to her.

“I enjoyed getting knocks on my door from suitemates (and) hall mates that would ask me to go to concerts, movies, and sports events with them,” Stark said. “I enjoyed not paying electricity, cable, garbage and so on. I loved my experience, and I can only hope that everyone is feeling the same.”

Stark said her advice for students is to look at on-campus housing and if funding seems difficult, to visit the UI Financial Aid Office and look for scholarships.

“Give living on-campus a chance,” Stark said. “Living on campus helped me stay in school and helped me understand the value of an education.”

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THEOPHILUS TOWER

An independent first-year on campus

An in-depth look at the Theophilus Tower

Andrew Ward

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First-year students at the University of Idaho have many living options on campus, but nowhere else stands as tall as Theophilus Tower — simply known as “the Tower.”

Standing at 11 stories, the Tower is a residence hall exclusively for first-year students with double-rooms on single-gender floors. According to the university’s website the rate for a double-room (living with a roommate) for the 2019-2020 academic year is priced at \$2,270 per semester, and a single-room at \$3,120 per semester.

Student amenities at the tower include a microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry and mail among others.

Allison Falk, a first-year computer science major, said she chose independent living over Greek life because she really enjoys her own space and wanted to meet other people in her shoes.

“I prefer my alone time,” Falk said. “I think living in a house with like 60 girls would drive me off the wall. I liked how the Tower was all freshmen, and I think it’s a really important thing when you first start college to just integrate yourself. I think that process is a lot easier when it’s a bunch of people who don’t know anyone, or what they’re doing.”

Falk said she preferred the roommate structure of the Tower over the dorms and some aspects of the Tower are misunderstood.

“I took a tour of Wallace — I didn’t really like the whole suite-mate concept of Wallace,” Falk said. “I get there are

community bathrooms here and people go ‘ah gross,’ but it really isn’t bad. I’ve never had to wait for a shower, ever. It’s never happened.”

Falk said she has been grateful for being paired with her roommate and the two have become close friends during their first year.

“My roommate’s name is Ashley, she’s so nice,” Falk said. “I got really, really lucky honestly. You know, you’re always afraid you’re going to get a really terrible roommate, but you can always switch your room or even maybe a single room, but I am very fortunate.”

Kyle Almeida, a first-year biochemistry major, said his roommate experience was a little bit different at first, but he has since found a great solution.

“When I first got here, I was rooming with a guy from California who I’d never

met before,” Almeida said. “We really had opposite schedules in our day. So, he would always stay up super late at night, and I would wake up early in the morning. It kind of made it difficult, but I was able to move out of that room to a kid I went to high school with.”

Almeida said one of the best resources for a first-year student is Resident Assistants on each floor.

“My RA experience has been great, especially moving from one floor to another,” Almeida said. “I first lived on the third floor, and then I moved to the fifth floor. Both RAs, really all the RA’s are very helpful in general. If you need any study tips or need to find places or activities on campus they’re a great resource.”

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WALLACE

A place for everyone in Moscow

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Wallace Residence Center, located on campus, is a living option for first-year, transfer and upper-level students at the University of Idaho.

Sarah McNeil, a second-year student studying chemistry and secondary education, chose to live in Wallace her first two years at UI. McNeil said the living option is convenient for her as a more private person, allowing her to keep to herself when she wants to.

Wallace is a suite-style dorm, meaning two bedrooms share a bathroom, located between the two rooms. According to the UI website, each room has two twin XL beds (bunk style), one large vanity with a sink, two closets, two desks, a mini-fridge and microwave.

Though each room is typically shared by two people, students can pay more to have the room to themselves, which McNeil has done. Having a single room gives her extra storage and more alone time, she said.

Although McNeil said the bathroom is quite small, she said it is convenient to not have to leave her room to use it.

“If you have a couple friends that you

want to live with, not that it is equitable to an apartment, but it’s more similar to that,” said Renee Skau, assistant director for leadership development and community standards within UI Housing and Residence Life.

Suites are gender-specific, located on co-ed floors, but there is also a gender-inclusive housing option, Skau said. Both Wallace and the Living Learning Communities, another on-campus living option, have multiple designated gender-inclusive rooms.

When a person selects the gender-inclusive housing option on their online housing application, housing and residence life does not consider a person’s gender when allowing them a room option, Skau said.

“For folks, it’s a way for them to feel like their true authentic self and be their most comfortable self at home,” Skau said. “We’re excited to be able to offer that for our students because it’s been something that they’ve been asking for a while.”

While there is no roommate matching, the housing application includes a list of questions about personal preferences, such as if a student is a morning or night person or if a student enjoys playing video games, participating in sports or being

outdoors. A student can then see how others have answered those questions when choosing a room, but they will not see the residents’ names until after they have chosen, Skau said.

Wallace has four separate wings: Gooding, Willey, Ballard and Stevenson. According to the UI website, three of the four floors of the Ballard wing are reserved for housing upper-level students, while all other floors are reserved for first-year students.

In the Ballard wing, where McNeil lives, there are laundry rooms on the second and fourth floors, with multiple washers and dryers. The laundry fee is included in the price of a room, so students do not have to pay each time they do laundry.

McNeil said each floor of each wing has a lounge, which she goes to when she wants to get away. She said the lounge is also used for floor events, like game nights, which the floor community representative works with the Resident Assistant to plan.

In Wallace, residents also can spend time in the basement lounge where they have access to pool, ping pong, air hockey, video gaming and TVs. The basement also houses the Student Success Program, a computer lab and a kitchen.

While the main reason McNeil is

Wallace is a convenient place to live for first-year and upper-level students at UI

moving out of Wallace for the next school year is so she can live with a group of friends, she said another big factor in her decision is having access to a kitchen. McNeil said having only one kitchen in all of Wallace is inconvenient because it can get crowded, and if a person has a food allergy, they may prefer cooking their own food instead of eating at The Hub — which is located in the Wallace facility.

“The kitchen is a big deal to me because I’m not utilizing The Hub, so I don’t want to pay for a meal plan I’m not using,” McNeil said.

Skau said the Student Success Program is a valuable resource located in Wallace. The designated study space is staffed by trained tutors from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

“Everybody has access to that, but for folks who are living in Wallace, all they have to do is come downstairs.”

The location of Wallace — near the recreation center, volleyball and basketball courts and The Hub — is convenient, Skau said.

“I think it’s pretty accessible for a lot of the things that are around campus,” she said.

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