

You are making a great choice to attend UNI.

Tips:

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- Looking for a UNI community for sophomores, juniors and seniors, select an [upperclass Living Learning Community](#) in Shull, ROTH or Panther Village?
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- Follow the Department of Residence website for information about move in.
- You can [live on campus this summer](#) if you want to get a head start on a few classes or work in Cedar Falls.
- Attend a [Transfer Orientation](#)

Transfer students tell it like it is

Current students who transferred to UNI have some important advice for you about where to live next fall.

Added April 1

Living on campus is by far one of the best decisions I have made besides the decision to come to UNI in the first place! Immediately beginning move in day that hot August day, I had met so many new people and all of them so friendly and ready to help move me in! The environment was so welcoming by Residence Hall staff, custodial staff, other residents and anyone else you ran into! It made the process much more comfortable knowing that my school could get my full attention. I knew my food, sleeping, water and power were all taken care of! No frantic shopping lists while trying to figure out campus. One of the nicest advantages was being right in the middle of everything as well! My business classes are literally a one-minute walk across the street and I can reach the far ends of campus in about ten minutes. Thus it is very easy to become very familiar with the campus and find your classes while those off campus are lost looking for a parking spot! Living on campus has improved my health, study habits, social life and more! I have many friends just down the hall and a beautiful fitness center a short walk away. Frankly its hard to motivate yourself to come to campus and park and go study in the library or meet with a staff member and on campus its no problem! I have loved being here so much I am actually going to be a Resident Assistant in Shull Hall in the transfer living community next year!

I could list hundreds of reasons to live on campus but if I was to tell a prospective transfer student why they ought to live on campus, I would sum it up as follows:

Living on campus is a hands down, no contest decision. Let's face it, even though UNI is relatively small, this is different than a community college and the classes are structured differently as well. The professional support and resources offered on campus are unbeatable and unmatched to anything anyone off campus could utilize. In fact, you don't even have to leave you residence hall to use most of these resources! And believe me, that is so nice on the cold winter days when you don't have to bundle up, scrape the car and freeze on your way to class or just to meet with a

friend! Let the university take care of you, and let you focus on YOU! No worrying about collecting rent, snow removal, broken things, food, etc. etc. Its all good here! The people you meet here will provide a solid foundation for you to grow quickly at UNI, and how else are you really going to meet this many cool people. I know you don't talk to them all in class time! Live on campus, at least your first year to establish that base of connections. Once you do, you won't want to leave!

Ben N.

Added March 26

Living on campus at UNI has been a worthwhile experience that really helped me transfer from living at home and going to a community college, to the rigor of a university. On campus there's so many opportunities to get involved on your floor or hear about things you may be interested in from people who have already spent a significant amount of time on campus. My favorite part about living on campus is the community I feel with having other students living all around me who are experiencing the same things I am in the classroom and around campus. I know other transfer students who started their UNI career by immediately living off campus and have really regretted it. I would highly suggest living on campus for at least one year to any transfer student because of the benefits it gives you regarding forming a social life and truly making the University of Northern Iowa your home.

Phillip C. transferred from DMACC - Ankeny Campus

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Thanks, Tara S.

Living on campus is great because it takes away the burdens of transportation and food preparation, allowing me more time to focus on networking, studying, and student organization activity. Living on campus has helped my transition to UNI by immersing me in the local culture, making me stay connected with my peers. If you're figuring out where to live on campus, I can tell you that the quads are good if you're looking for community, Campbell is good if you want to be in the honors program, Panther Village is good if you want to be more independent, and the towers are good if you want to party.

Timoteo G. transferred from San Antonio College

Living on campus has helped improve my grades, helped me with my majors and what I should do when I graduate, helped me with finding a job close to my dorm, and met new people because I decided to live on campus.

I would recommend living on campus if you're a transfer student. It's an easier way to meet new people, get more involved and it may provide you with ample amounts of opportunities for improving your grades and becoming more familiar with student resources.

What I liked the best is how close of a walk I am to my classes and meetings. Since I don't have to get up too early nor have to drive in order to get to my classes, so I find it useful for saving time.

For those who are thinking about living on campus, I would do so. Living on campus had provided me with new friends and organizations I could never get involved in if I didn't live here.

Jacob B. transferred from Hawkeye Community College

I would love to answer the questions! Living on campus definitely helped me transition to UNI. Living in the Shull Hall Transfer Learning Community was a big help. I was surrounded with peers going through the same experiences as

me and we relate to each other really well. I would recommend living in the Transfer Learning Community or on campus in general, because it gives transfers the opportunity to build positive relationships, get involved, and stay accountable for your education by utilizing UNI's resources and multiple study areas. If I had to give advice to an incoming transfer, I would highly recommend that you live on campus. If you are worried about having a young roommate, just get a single room. I have a single and I have had no problems meeting new people or staying involved around the hall. Please let me know if you need anything else! Have a great day.

Dylan W.

Living on campus is definitely a great way to get involved! There are always things going on from hall senate to movie nights to house dinners. By living on campus, it helped my transition easier because right away people talked to me when my door was open and really tried to get to know who I was. I would absolutely recommend living on campus as a transfer student because you meet double the people and get the opportunity to get involved with lots of the little things going on around campus. The best part about being on campus is that I never have an excuse to miss class. I haven't missed a class for 2 years of college, I don't plan on breaking that streak anytime soon! I live in Shull hall (part of the quads) and it is great. The rooms have nice drawers and closets and a very nice vanity sink. It is out of the rush of traffic to class too. It's always quiet and the RA's really make sure to do their job. It's so great! I would definitely recommend it!

Maddie W. transferred from Southwestern Community College.

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Timoteo Garcia, Transferred from San Antonio College

Added March 13

"I am very glad that I chose to live on campus for my first year. It is a great way to meet new people and get interacted with UNI better. If I would have lived off campus I feel like I would have met a lot less people. I would definitely recommend living on campus for at least one year."

Evan C.

"Living on campus has made a huge impact for me. When I transferred up here I didn't have any friends and was quite anti-social. Since living on campus I have made many new lifelong friends. Plus with living on campus I have come out of my shell a lot and being more social.

I would recommend living campus. Because, when you live on campus you get to participate on campus. Also living on campus will help you make new friends and to get involved. With living on campus you can even get a job that will work around your school schedule so you have some extra cash just in case.

What I like the best about living on campus is meeting many new people and making some great friends. I also like that fact that I don't have to go too far to go get something to eat. Along with living on campus you get free WiFi access and are allowed access to print and do your laundry in the residence hall you are living at.

To a transfer student that is transferring to UNI I would tell them to live in Shull Hall. The reason being that when I was deciding my residency I chose Shull because it was a hall for incoming transferring students. I knew that was the best way to make friends since we all had one thing in common which was transferring to the same school."

Alyssa H., transferred from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA

"Living on campus was the best way to meet new people, especially as a transfer student! I already knew a lot of people (including my roommate) when I came here, but if I hadn't, I still would have wanted to live on campus because the RAs and hall/building events make it so easy to get to know people and get involved.

I would definitely recommend transfer students live on campus when they transfer because otherwise you will feel isolated from the campus. I live on campus and I felt like part of the school the first day I moved in. It makes transitioning so much easier, and everything you need is so convenient!

The thing I like best about living on campus is the convenience of everything. I don't have to drive to class, my friends are all down the hall or just a short walk away, and there's always something fun going on!

Any of the dorms on campus are great places to live. If you want a more quiet place to study (and you are a girl) then Lawther is the place for you! If you like excitement and lots of noise then the towers are a great choice. If you're looking for somewhere in between, Campbell and anywhere in the Quads is a great place to be!"

Bridgette F. transferred from Central College, Pella, Iowa.

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