The 2018 Housing Guide

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Home is where the heart is.

Although moving in on your first day of college may not have felt very homely, over the time you spent there, that dorm became your home. That is what makes choosing where to live, either for the first time or the fourth, so vital. Your dorm will be where you will make friends, cry over finals and laugh until your abs hurt. It will become your place to run away to — or to get away from — but at the end of the day, it’s home.

With all of this importance of housing in mind, The Duke presents to you our 2018 Housing Guide. In this issue, we have detailed all the information about the Living Learning Centers on campus, as well as real thoughts from students currently living in those buildings. We give you the good, the bad and the ugly in order to better inform your decision on where you will call home next semester.

Not only do we include on campus living, on the last page of our guide we have ads from current landlords looking to rent out apartments in case that is the path you’d rather take. Just remember, all freshmen and sophomores must live on campus.

A quick explanation of our fast facts: The capacities are based on estimations, so depending on how rooms are filled and what the incoming freshman class size is, these may change. While laundry locations are different in each building, the facilities are free throughout campus. Finally, all prices listed, aside from Des Places and Brottier, are for a double with two residents — the standard room. Des Places’s prices are for a two-bedroom suite with four residents total, and Brottier’s price is for a 12 month lease for a furnished one bedroom.

From here on out, it’s strictly the words and opinions of current students. We hope you’ll take this information with you and make the best educated decision to make your stay at Duquesne a little more pleasing.

— The Duke Staff

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Assumption Hall

Year Built: 1954
Price: $3,329
Capacity: about 300 residents
Years Allowed: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors
Room Types: singles, doubles
Laundry Facilities: on ground floor

Bathroom Facilities: communal, one in each wing
What’s New: Windows replaced, new flooring, lighting and thermostats in all rooms. Bathrooms on the Stevenson Street side remodeled, and laundry moved to every floor on that side

What students really think:

“I’d say the thing I like most is being in close proximity to a lot of other Honors students and students in my major. We’re able to work on homework and projects together, as well as hang out. The thing I dislike the most is probably the cockroaches, to be honest.”

— Amy Cook, freshman

“I like that the building is nice and small in size. The room size is good, along with large lounges. I wish there was a ground-floor lounge, but other than that, it’s a good building.”

— Suzzie Gaines, freshman

“I like the size of the building and love the size of my room. Assumption is very spacious, and the lounges are nice, large places to hang out. It’s also cool that there’s a large laundry room on the ground floor. I wish the sub-level lounge was a little bigger.”

— Kaylee White, freshman

St. Martin Hall

Year Built: 1961
Price: $3,329
Capacity: 485 residents
Years Allowed: freshmen, upperclassmen for single rooms only
Room Types: singles, doubles, 1 triple
Laundry Facilities: on each floor

Bathroom Facilities: communal, on each floor
What’s New: LED lighting in all rooms, water fountains with water bottle filling stations

What students really think:

“I like the first-floor lounge. Also, I like that Martin’s has everything you need in one place, like the gyms and the computer lab. The bathrooms are trash. They’re just old.”

— Mike Davignon, freshman

“I like the lounges, because Ann’s doesn’t have that, and that’s where we always hang out ... Study rooms, too. The bathrooms, specifically the showers, could be improved. Ann’s showers have curtains, and ours are basically just stalls with shower heads, and they’re very small.”

— Orion Moses, freshman

“I like that it’s all freshmen; you can meet people that way. I really don’t like the showers. They are pretty small.”

— Robbie Goode, freshman

St. Ann Hall

Year Built: 1963-64
Price: $3,329
Capacity: 520 residents
Years Allowed: freshmen
Room Types: singles, doubles, triples
Laundry Facilities: on first floor of each wing

Bathroom Facilities: communal, in each wing
What’s New: Replaced doors on all rooms, bathrooms renovated over past few summers

What students really think:

“St. Ann’s is pretty quiet on the ground floor at least. Fairly peaceful experience for myself. We had an infestation of sweat flies at the beginning of the year that was never fully taken care of. They like to hide in the showers and wait for you.”

— Nate Zema, freshman

“My favorite thing is that St. Ann’s is an all-freshmen building, so you get to know people. It’s inconvenient that we only have one lounge and one laundry room.”

— Lydia Henninger, freshman

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Des Places Hall

Year Built: 2012
Price: $3,730
Capacity: 425 residents
Years Allowed: sophomores, juniors, seniors, grad and law
Room Types: one-, two- and three-room suite-style

Laundry Facilities: on each floor
Bathroom Facilities: one per suite

What’s New: The whole building, really, since Des Place is the newest LLC on campus

What students really think:

“I honestly like that it’s super bright and a green building. Also, I like that the shower is separate from the toilet.”
— Chris Buchleitner, sophomore

“If there were a workout place that would be nice.”
— Tom Greco, sophomore

“I wish we had a computer lab with printers.”
— Emily Jurczyk, sophomore

Vickroy Hall

Year Built: 1997
Price: $3,494
Capacity: 283 residents
Years Allowed: sophomores, juniors, seniors, grad and law
Room Types: two-room suite-style

Laundry Facilities: on each floor
Bathroom Facilities: one per suite

What’s New: All furniture and carpeting replaced in 2015 and new kitchen on first floor

What students really think:

“I like the rooms are a decent size. We have our own bathrooms which is nice. It’s funny how all the rooms are different sizes. They’re all awkward shapes.”
— Katie

“I like the kitchen. Vickroy is convenient, it’s close to classes. A little update could do [the bathrooms] some good.”
— Joe Kelley

 “[The rooms] are really big and spacious. It’s quiet too. It would be convenient to use different entrances, even if only 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Especially out the sides.”
— Jeremy Landau, sophomore

Duquesne Towers

Year Built: 1971
Price: $3,329
Capacity: 1,113 residents
Years Allowed: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, grad and law
Room Types: doubles, triples, wings
Laundry Facilities: in each wing

What students really think:

“The free laundry is a major key. People downplay how lucky we are to be able to have fresh-smelling linens for absolutely no cost. I get that they’re trying to be sustainable, but not being provided with paper towels in the bathrooms really sucks.”
— Darius Short, sophomore

“It’s really nice to have so many amenities attached to the building, like Hogan Dining Center, the Campus Market and a computer lab. It’s great to not have to go outside. I also feel like the majority of people live in Towers, so it’s nice socially. The bathrooms are really small for the amount of people that we share them with, and the elevator situation is awful.”
— Brianne Reinhart, sophomore

Bathroom Facilities: communal, in each wing

What’s New: Renovations completed in 2016 of all rooms, bathrooms and furniture

“I really love being able to go downstairs and be right at Hogan Dining Center and the Market. I hate not having paper towels in the bathroom, and the bathroom’s get really stuffy too, since there’s a major lack of airflow.”
— Miguel Borja, sophomore
Brottier Hall

Year Built: 1969
Price: $19,970 (12 month lease)
Capacity: 660 residents
Years Allowed: juniors, seniors, grad and law
Room Types: studio, one- and two- room apartments

Laundry Facilities: on G-level
Bathroom Facilities: private in each unit
What’s New: In 2015: some lighting, paint and carpet replacement, as well as all furniture

What students really think:

“I like the location of it. You’re somewhat in the city, and everything is nearby. The T is right there, the bus is right down the hill, the South Side is in walking distance. It’s a perfect location because it’s all there. The building is limiting sometimes. Brottier is supposed to be like an apartment. There’s RA’s here, and I’m fine with that. I feel like this building should be treated as if [the residents] were becoming adults; we’re graduating soon. I was confused because I asked a question because I remember there are rules where you can’t sign in glass bottles but you can sign in a bottle of fifth, and these are just silly rules. And they’re worried about people getting hurt from the glass dropping down the trash chute, but we’re mature and being smart about our actions.”
— Peter Ciesielski, Class of 2019

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— Sebastion Narvas-Medinas, senior

For Rent

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Beginning May & August;
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