



CYPRESS HALL

Frequently Asked Questions

Advanced Planning Considerations for Students with Significant Mobility Impairments

“ I am interested in attending the University of Florida and would like to find out more about the University and services available for students with significant mobility impairments. ”

As part of the decision-making process, prospective students are encouraged to find out more about the University of Florida by taking a campus tour (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/visit.html>)

- Viewing the online virtual campus tour (<http://virtualltour.ufl.edu/>)
- Contacting the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565 or via e-mail at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment (www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/).
- Contacting Housing and Residence Education at 352-392-2171 or via e-mail at assignments@housing.ufl.edu to speak with or schedule an appointment (www.housing.ufl.edu)

“ When should I identify a potential need for on-campus housing accommodations in Cypress Hall? ”

If you are a student with a significant mobility impairment and are interested in residing in Cypress Hall, please contact Carolyn Komanski (carolynnk@housing.ufl.edu) or Vern Rogers (vern@housing.ufl.edu) in Housing and Residence Education. Information about the on-campus housing application process is located at: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/apply/howto/>.

“ If I need housing accommodations, do I need to reside in Cypress Hall? ”

If you need housing accommodations, you do not need to reside in Cypress Hall. Housing accommodations for student with disabilities can be coordinated in residence halls across campus (<http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/contracts/disabilities/>). The amenities of Cypress Hall were designed to support students with significant mobility impairments.

“ What are some of the amenities that will be offered in Cypress Hall to support students with significant mobility impairments? ”

Each of the rooms on the first floor of Cypress Hall can be outfitted to accommodate students with significant mobility impairments. Some potential amenities include:

- A lift system to transport a student throughout his/her residence hall room
- Flexible restroom configurations (e.g. adjustable commode, sink)
- Adequate floor space to accommodate a student who requires personal care assistance
- A state of the art system for controlling access to the residence hall room, lift system, window blinds, etc.

Additional information about the Cypress Hall Residence Hall project can be found at: <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/project.php?prj=9385>.

“ What types of rooms will be available on the first floor of Cypress Hall? ”

There will be both single occupancy rooms with a restroom and double occupancy rooms with a shared restroom available on the first floor of Cypress Hall.

“ Will the University of Florida provide personal care attendants? ”

In encouraging students to foster independent living skills, a student will be responsible for identifying, hiring, training, supervising, and funding his/her personal care attendant(s), as needed. While the University of Florida is not responsible for the provision of personal care assistance, the following support will be offered by the Disability Resource Center:

- Assisting students in navigating the process of establishing a funding source
- Training students in the management of personal care assistance needs

“ What are some examples of personal care assistance? ”

Some examples of personal care assistance include:

- Assistance with bathing, dressing, personal hygiene
- Assistance with positioning, transferring
- Assistance with laundry, room cleaning

“ What resources are available to coordinate and/or fund personal care assistance? ”

There are several ways in which personal care assistance can be coordinated and funded:

- The Vocational Rehabilitation's School to Work Transition program: <http://www.rehabworks.org/stw.shtml>
- Personal healthcare insurance benefits
- Self-pay

If you have questions about coordinating and/or funding personal care assistance, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565 or via e-mail at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment (www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/).

“ How far in advance of starting college should I begin planning for personal care assistance? ”

If you require personal care assistance, it is important to begin planning at least one year in advance of beginning college, even if you should choose not to attend the University of Florida or reside in Cypress Hall. If you are currently receiving disability-related services in high school, it will be important to begin discussing personal care assistance during transition planning at or before your annual IEP/504 Plan review. If you are not already aware of or connected to a local Vocational Rehabilitation office, you can locate your local office here: http://www.rehabworks.org/office_directory.shtml.

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