



## HBKU Student Housing

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Imagine a campus that brings some of the world's leading universities to your doorstep. Imagine the diversity and its possibilities when students from over 60 countries share knowledge, experiences, and learn new and exciting things together. Imagine being part of a community where learning takes place not only in the classroom but lives within the community, engaging everyone.

Welcome to Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Housing and Residence Life (HRL). By living in student housing you have the opportunity to involve yourself in the residential community and learn about leadership development, cultural competence, sustainable living practices and preserving Qatari values and traditions.



Research has shown that college students who live on campus have increased GPA, demonstrate greater personal growth and cognitive development as well as greater satisfaction with their college experience and increased rates of persistence to graduation. With this in mind, the HRL team is dedicated to creating supportive environments and offering resources that support student success both in and out of the classroom.



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## **HBKU Student Housing Villages**

HBKU Student Housing consists of Shamali (Arabic for northern) and Janoubi (Arabic for southern) Villages. Each village comprises physical buildings that house students, which include apartments and traditional residence halls; also the Majlis or Residential Community Center (RCC) and the area immediately surrounding the buildings, such as the sidewalks, parking lot and courtyards. The RCC in each village is open to the public daily from 7am-10pm and includes a coffee house and dining hall.

### Shamali Village

Suduq Hall: reserved for Academic Bridge Program (ABP) and first year students with some upperclass students.

Hekmah Hall: reserved for graduate students.

Iman Hall: reserved for upperclass students.

### Janoubi Village

Karam Hall: reserved for Academic Bridge Program (ABP) and first year students with some upperclass students.

Amanah Hall: reserved for conference guests (also known as the HBKU Guest Residence).

Theqah Hall: reserved for graduate students.

Sabur Hall: reserved for upperclass students.

Shuker Hall: reserved for married students and students with families.

## **About HBKU Student Housing**

Opened in 2013, our male and female housing villages each consist of majlis spaces from which students can gain access to the HBKU Student Housing. Both residential villages are monitored by on-site 24-hour security and have the distinction of being the largest collection of LEED-certified student housing facilities in the world. The Majlises include a reception area, a computer lab, prayer rooms, study spaces, a dining court and a coffee house which allows our residents to interact with fellow students and visitors.

In HBKU Student Housing students live in gender-segregated residential villages and, depending on their student status, can choose from four types of environmentally-friendly shared living units all of which feature single-occupancy bedrooms. The state-of-the-art building principles and design offer students an extraordinary living and learning environment, intended to support their academic careers, and educate them about sustainability.

All first-year students, and some upperclassmen, can avail of fully furnished bedrooms with private bathrooms within one of our HBKU Student Housing. Each residence hall floor has multiple community gathering spaces including a small kitchenette (with refrigerator, ice machine, sink and microwave ovens), lounges for study and social space, and laundry rooms.

Apartments, available for upperclassmen, consist of fully furnished studios, one and two bedroom apartments. Each student will have their own private bedroom and bathroom and kitchen (shared in two bedroom apartments.), with shared lounges for study and social space, plus laundry rooms.

Each complex is technically savvy and offers wired and wireless internet access, on-site IT support, in-complex phone service and electronically controlled temperature and lighting systems. In addition, the complex offers extensive gardens, courtyards, walking paths and outdoor activity space.

Regular shuttle service connects the residential complexes to other HBKU and partner university buildings, QF Recreation Center, EC Mosque and local establishments like malls, souqs, and grocery stores.

## **Why Live in Student Housing**

There are numerous benefits to living on campus in HBKU Student Housing, such as: meeting a diverse group of people in a new social setting, easy access to convenient study groups, developing a sense of independence, learning life skills, engaging with the community through leadership programs, and having the opportunity to participate in a wide-range of activities that will positively impact and enhance your academic experience.

### **Here are just a few reasons why residents choose to live on campus:**

- The ability to maximize the educational experience by having study groups, peer editors and a computer lab right in your home.

- Proximity to classes and activities, maximizing the amount of time spent on campus pursuing academic and leadership opportunities and minimizing the time spent traveling in the Doha traffic.
- A variety of programs and activities to meet diverse student needs and interests. Events sponsored by HBKU Housing and Residence Life include: sport competitions, potluck dinners, BBQs, language programs, gardening events, and city trips. And when you need a break, there are also quiet places available.
- Professional Residential Hall Coordinators and student staff are available for advice or referrals on just about any topic, from personal problems to career decisions.
- Opportunities to get involved in organizations like the Residence Hall Association, an advocacy and programming body for residents to gain experience in leadership positions.
- Private resident apartments, computer labs, and social spaces within the halls are all equipped with high speed internet access included in the rental price.
- Regular scheduled free bus service for shopping malls, religious services, souqs and campus.
- 24-hour safety and security, and secure card-access system.
- State-of-the-art sustainable living facility.
- With lots of student employment positions, the residential complexes provide on-the-job training for many students interested in gaining leadership skills.
- Living in a diverse environment with students from 60+ nations.
- Small community comprised of an average of 50 students and two Community Development Advisors in each residence hall. It won't take you long to make friendships and participate in our activities.

## How to Apply for Housing

Students are eligible to live on campus in HBKU Student Housing once they have been accepted to HBKU, one of its partner universities, or the Academic Bridge Program. All students, including first year students, are eligible to live in the single-gender HBKU Student Housing. HBKU students must contact the HBKU Admissions Office to register for housing. All others must contact the Student Affairs Office of their respective university to register for HBKU Student Housing.

### How do I apply for housing?

1. Once you have been accepted to Hamad Bin Khalifa University, one of its partner universities, or the Academic Bridge Program you must inform your institution that you intend to live on campus. Your university will then provide us with your detailed information, which will be entered into our online system.
2. You will receive an e-mail informing you that you have been entered in the system and the housing application is now available for you to complete.
3. Once you receive the link in your email, please complete the online portal information. You will be sent a link to the housing portal <https://housingportal.hbku.edu.qa>. During the online application process, you will be asked to attach the following supporting documentation: photo, scanned color copy of your passport, proof of payment of deposit (QAR 2000).
4. The assigning of housing will begin in mid-June and we will likely have placements completed by the first week in August. You will receive notification of your placement and details of your roommate/apartment mate via the email provided in your application.

Students are required to check-in to their assigned room within one week of the start of the fall/spring semester, and within 48 hours for the summer semester. Failing to meet this requirement will be considered as a no-show. Any requests to arrive prior to this time must be submitted to for approval and will be charged accordingly. You will receive notification of the decision via email or on the online portal.

To be considered for housing, and/or to continue living in the Student Housing Complex, a student must meet the following requirements:

- For fall and spring semester, the student must be registered as a full time or part time student at HBKU, one of the Qatar Campuses or the ABP.
- For summer semester, the student must be a full time student either in the spring semester prior to the summer session or the fall semester following the summer session, enrolled in at least one course, or have a summer internship or research employment.
- Submit a complete Housing Application through the Housing Portal for the semester they are applying for, including proof of payment of Housing Deposit sent to .
- The information in the application will be verified in coordination with respective university housing liaisons before final approval by HRL.
- Clear all outstanding housing payments from previous semesters and other housing expenses that may occur.

<b>Semester Periods</b>		
<b>Semester</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
Fall 2016	August 12th, 2016	December 16th, 2016
Spring 2017	January 1st, 2017	May 6th, 2017
Summer 2017	May 11th, 2017	August 7th, 2017
<b>HBKU HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE FEES</b>		
<b>Residential Unit Type</b>		<b>Rate Per Semester</b>
Single room		8,840 QAR
2-bedroom apartment (upperclassmen only)		10,240 QAR
Studio apartment (upperclassmen only)		11,140 QAR
1-Bedroom apartment (upperclassmen only)		11,940 QAR
<b>Resident Short Term Housing</b>		<b>Rate Per Week</b>
Single room/residence hall room		563 QAR
2-bedroom apartment (upperclassmen only)		631 QAR
Studio apartment (upperclassmen only)		686 QAR
1-bedroom apartment (upperclassmen only)		734 QAR
<b>Other Fees</b>		<b>Rate</b>
Housing Deposit*		2,000 QAR
Storage fee (one box)		200 QAR per summer period
<p><i>*The Housing Deposit is a one-time deposit paid with fees for the first semester a student lives on campus and carries through consecutive semesters that a student lives on campus. This fee is refunded once a student completes his/her final checkout with no intent to return the subsequent semester and if there is no damage to the room or other additional charges remaining owed to Housing and Residence Life. This deposit is not covered by financial aid or scholarship. This deposit also holds a student's reservation through the housing reapplication process. If a student cancels his/her reservation (once an assignment is offered by Housing and Residence Life) after August 1 (for Fall Semesters) or January 1 (for Spring Semesters), the Housing Deposit will be forfeited.</i></p>		

## How to Reapply for Housing

Students interested in living on campus again need to follow the same requirements of the application process as outlined above in order to secure a space in the HBKU Student Housing. If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to contact the HRL team. We look forward to seeing you on campus again!

## Housing Community and Getting Involved

HBKU Housing and Residence Life believes strongly in fostering an educational experience for all students. This isn't just a place that you sleep, but rather a place where you learn, grow and develop in a supportive environment. As such, our procedures, policies and programs center around helping students become independent members of society and giving them the opportunity to take responsibility for their academic and living obligations.

Housing and Residence Life strives to make every resident feel like their hall is a home away from home. In an effort to make the halls fun and inviting, the professional and student staff work together to make each student's stay a pleasant experience.

Our focus is on hall events that appeal to the needs of each community of residents, while at the same time creating a space where residents have the opportunity to meet other residents from different institutions or backgrounds. When holding hall events we make use of the physical spaces and resources within Education City, but we also take residents off campus so that they may form a connection with the wider community of Doha.

Residents are invited to take an active role in the planning of events that appeal to them and their particular community. The RHCs, CDAs, and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) embrace input by residents that improves the experience enjoyed in the HBKU Student Housing. If you have something that you would like to do as a member of the residential community, come to your local staff member with the idea and they'll work with you to make it happen!

Residence Hall Association (RHA):

RHA is a student organization that serves as the liaison between the students living on campus and HBKU HRL administration. RHA provides information, advocacy and social activities for all residence hall students and is an award-winning group for its contributions to the HBKU community. If you are interested in being involved with this organization, watch for advertisements in Al Majlis for meeting dates and times, or ask your CDA.

Student Employment:

HBKU Housing and Residence Life is a supportive and training-focused atmosphere where professional staff spend time with each student to help them develop their workplace skills. Some positions are available in HBKU HRL. Please consider applying for these outstanding leadership roles by inquiring about open positions at the Al Majlis Front Desk, or visit [www.tech4work.com](http://www.tech4work.com) to browse available student employee positions.

Programs and Events:

Housing and Residence Life offers a wide range of educational and social programs to engage students in the community, including programs at the floor, building and village level as well as programs that take students off campus to explore Doha and Qatar.

The primary focus of these efforts is on four main areas: Leadership, Sustainability, Cultural Competence and Preserving Qatari Values and Traditions. Residents can find out more information by speaking with their CDA or RHC.

## **HRL Staff**

Housing and Residence Life seeks to provide a student centered residential experience in which student thrive academically, foster independence and personal growth, and develop into a supportive community. To accomplish this directive, the department employs professional staff with extensive training and experience of working with college students in order to maximize the learning, development and educational focus in a

residential environment. There are over twenty full-time professional staff and over thirty five part-time student employees that work together seamlessly in our four divisions: Residence Life, Housing Services, Facilities Management and Dining Services. Below are but a few highlighted HRL positions in which residents will have regular interactions throughout their stay in our halls.

### **Residence Hall Coordinators**

Residence Hall Coordinators (RHCs) are professional live-in staff members who oversee hall operations, supervise student staff, help residents address hall-related issues and facilitate educational programming. They are a valuable resource who can answer your questions about Hamad Bin Khalifa University and life on campus. Throughout the year they plan a variety of educational initiatives and events in HBKU Student Housing. Each RHC manages several communities and supervises student leaders of those buildings.

### **Community Development Advisors**

Community Development Advisors (CDAs) are live-in student leaders who work to build community among students living in HBKU Student Housing. They do so by addressing students' educational and social needs, mediating conflicts and floor issues, and by facilitating events that enhance the living environment of the halls. These student leaders are a great resource when it comes to getting involved on campus. There is at least one CDA on each floor in every hall.

### **Front Desk Assistants**

Front Desk Assistants (FDAs) are student staff leaders responsible for facilitating a high-quality and academically supportive living-learning environment in HBKU Student Housing. FDAs are the first line of contact for all students and guests visiting the residential complex. They are trained student staff who help register visitors, answer questions, confront students and assist with emergency protocol.

## **Community Living Standards**

The Community Living Standards is established to complement the academic mission of Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and to foster the development of its students as well as students of Qatar campuses in a safe, secure, and respectful learning environment in alignment with local values and laws of the State of Qatar. As with all large residential communities, there are behavioral expectations that come with the privilege of living in the HBKU Student Housing Complex. Individuals who violate HBKU Housing and Residence Life (HRL) Community Living Standards and/or State of Qatar laws will be held accountable for their actions and may also be subject to Qatari laws. More details on the Community Living Standards are available by speaking with a Housing and Residence Life Staff member or sending an email to [housing@hbku.edu.qa](mailto:housing@hbku.edu.qa)

## **Sustainable Living**

Qatar Foundation and HBKU believe strongly in sustainability in residential living. HBKU Student Housing was designed to reach Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the US Green Building Council and were built with the highest level of sustainability measures.

During construction period of these buildings, we achieved zero construction waste. All construction waste, wood, plastic, metal and etc. was recycled or reused for other purposes. No construction waste was taken to landfills in Qatar.



The vision for HBKU Student Housing is to seamlessly blend the out-of-classroom learning experience with the in-class academic experience. Students will be able to monitor energy use with a focus on how behavior impacts the natural environment. In addition, Housing and Residence Life facilitates new and innovative programming and living-learning communities to help students combine their academic focus with the residential environment. To learn more about our green campus, our green kiosk helps students track their energy, water and waste use in addition to learning more about the building's unique green features.

## Parents

Enrolling your son or daughter at university is a big step. It is natural to worry about the safety and well-being of your child. HBKU Student Housing has the following security features in place to ensure the safety of all students:

- Visitors must present identification to enter campus and our HBKU Student Housing.
- HBKU apartments and HBKU Student Housing have 24 hour professional staff and security staff that patrol the villages to ensure the safety of residents.
- An optional curfew report is available.
- Living on campus helps supplement a student's educational experience.
- Getting involved in leadership activities, clubs and organizations allows students to build their resume and learn about management and organizations before entering the workplace.
- Study rooms, computer labs and other educationally focused resources are available in the living community, therefore bringing learning to each student's home for easier access, better role modeling and instant study groups when they have a project or homework question.

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## Housing and Residence Life Mission

HBKU Housing and Residence Life strives to create a learning community and a supportive living environment where individuals can engage in global leadership, sustainability, and diversity.