

# A Guide to UCT's Third Tier Accommodation



DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

**STUDENT HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE  
Handbook 2.3**



Dear Student

This brochure explains how our residence system functions and it also aims to familiarise you with the dynamics of residence life in general. More information can be found in General Rules and Policies: Handbook 3, and Student Accommodation General Application Information: Handbook 1.

Should you have any queries or concerns about the specific residence to which you have been allocated, please do not hesitate to contact the Third Tier Warden or Residence Facilities Officer on the telephone numbers provided overleaf.

We look forward to welcoming you to UCT, and trust that your residence life experience will be as rich and rewarding as you have anticipated.

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## About UCT'S residence system

UCT has a three-tier residence system that provides different services, governance and management at each tier. The policy and criteria for admission to UCT student housing assume that a student will initially enter a First Tier (catering) residence and subsequently move to a Second Tier (senior catering or self-catering) residence or into Third Tier (semi-autonomous self-catering) accommodation.

Third Tier residences provide accommodation for senior postgraduate students in individual houses and blocks of flats owned by the University. All bedrooms in Third Tier residences are single.

All residences have strict access control and most are covered by closed circuit television.

Some Third Tier residences provide self-operated laundries, and all residents have easy access to UCT's sports facilities and a swimming pool.

## How Third Tier residences are organised

The Third Tier has a dedicated warden who oversees the academic and social well-being of the students in that sector, ensuring that there is a good community life in Third Tier houses and flats and that the rules of the University are observed. The governance system is currently under review with the intention to involve students more in co-creating a quality residence life experience.

All Third Tier residences are managed by the Third Tier Residence Facilities Officer (RFO) who is responsible for the maintenance of the residence buildings, amenities and furnishings. Each Third Tier residence or cluster of residences has a residence coordinator, who are students appointed by UCT to assist the Third Tier RFO. They ensure that the houses and flats are properly maintained and that keys, furniture, laundries, and other essentials for comfortable living are available and in working order.

Students have access to student health and counselling services provided by the University should the need arise.

## What to bring to residence

All student rooms in residences, houses and flats are equipped with basic furniture – a bed, mattress, cupboard, desk, chair, bookcase, wastepaper bin, curtains and notice board. Kitchens in self-catering residences are equipped with fridges, stoves and cupboards.

Do not bring extra furniture, but do bring your own bedding (duvet, duvet cover, sheet, pillow, pillow case) and towels. You must also bring a strong padlock for your door (a 40 mm Viro or Cisa with at least two keys is recommended). In addition, you may like to bring a desk lamp (essential), rug, coffee mugs, an iron, radio, portable television, heater, plants, cushions, mattress protector, or anything that will make you feel at home. Posters or pictures for your walls also help.

You will need to supply kitchen equipment e.g. pots, plates, kettle, toaster, etc. Other household items such as buckets, brooms, dust pans, dusters, dishcloths, etc. are also not provided. You are also advised to bring a torch in case of a power cut. Candles are not permitted as they pose a serious fire hazard.

On arrival please bring one passport photograph, which is needed for your information card with personal details.

Please note the rules that apply to the use of electrical appliances in residences (see details in the General Application Booklet and also in General Rules & Policies: Handbook 3). You are expected to read the Third Tier residence rule book. Ignorance of these rules is no excuse if they are broken.

### **Important to note the following:**

- Pets are not allowed in any UCT residence, house or flat.
- You may not use an electrical appliance which draws more than 1 kilowatt (1000 watts) of power. All appliances are labeled to indicate their energy usage.
- You may only use a microwave oven in the kitchen.
- You are required to clear your room of all your possessions at the end of the year. Storage facilities in residences are limited, which means that you will only be allowed to store a limited number of boxes.

## **Late arrival in residence**

Late arrival in residence, i.e. after the residence opens for the term, is generally discouraged. If you are in the position of having accepted housing, and you are unable to take up that place within the designated time, you will need to contact Student Housing Admissions and Advocacy Services (SHAAS) (contact details overleaf) as soon as possible to request an extension. There is also no guarantee that your place will be reserved indefinitely.

## **Self-catering in Third Tier accommodation**

Third Tier residences give students the opportunity to manage their own grocery budget. There are a number of supermarkets located in close proximity to the self-catering residences; most of them are open until late evening. All residences are located within walking distance of transport to Cape Town's large shopping malls.

In most cases, residents will be sharing the storage space in the kitchen's cupboards and fridge with 2 – 5 others, and they are expected to take this into consideration when buying their groceries.

Students are expected to equitably share the stove provided by the University, and time management where cooking is concerned is vital.

After cooking, the stove, oven and entire kitchen should be returned to a clean and tidy state. This is important as it enables each resident to utilise a clean and pleasant space.



## Energy conservation & waste management

**Please be mindful that the consumption of all utilities, especially electricity, needs to be extremely carefully managed..** Some recommendations to minimise usage are:

Switch off the lights as you leave your room

Turn off computers when not in use, as well as TVs, radios and other appliances.

In addition, the self-catering residences have implemented a waste management programme where green and yellow bins are used to separate waste for recycling purposes.

## PC and internet/intranet access

As coursework and research have increasingly required students to have access to computers and the intranet/internet, we have endeavoured to accommodate this requirement where practically possible, providing a combination of network points in individual rooms in residences and residence-based computer labs in the more remote sites.

## Shuttle service

The Jammie Shuttle service is available free to all UCT students. A fleet of buses operates between all residences, campuses and some public bus, train and parking facilities in the local vicinity. A scheduled service is available on weekdays, weekends and holidays, both during term times and vacation, as well as a late night service. Please see the UCT website for more details.

## Parking facilities for students in Third Tier residences

All students must register their cars with the University Traffic Office. Please note: some houses have limited parking space.

## Advisory on immunisations

Vaccinations are an important preventative measure to reduce the risk of disease to individuals and to prevent the spread of infections in communities such as students in residence. Should you become ill with a preventable infectious disease this may have an impact on your academic performance, especially if it occurs just prior to or during examinations or during other peak periods in the academic calendar.

For these reasons we encourage all students to reduce the risk of infection and recommend they have the following immunisations before coming to residence:

- Tetanus booster
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis A and B
- Influenza vaccine, given annually before the end of May.

Many students have received their basic childhood vaccinations (BCG, Polio, DPT and Measles), but booster doses may well be required. Please consult your healthcare professional for additional advice or contraindications to vaccinations. You may also contact the clinical staff of the Student Wellness Service for advice during office hours on 021 650-1020. Please note that in terms of current University policy such immunisations are entirely voluntary.

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## **Third Tier Self-Catering Accommodation**

**Third Tier Warden: Tel 021 686-3751**

**Third Tier Residence Facilities Officer: Tel 021 685-0550**

An appointed co-ordinator in each residence handles all maintenance and operational matters.



### **Rondeberg**

Situated just off the Main Road in Rondebosch and opposite the Baxter Theatre, Rondeberg houses 30 students. A laundry is shared with TB Davie Court next door.



### **TB Davie Court**

Adjacent to Rondeberg on Main Road, Rondebosch, this block accommodates 27 students. Facilities are the same as for Rondeberg.

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### **JP Duminy Court**

Situated on Main Road, Rosebank, these 42 flats provide accommodation for students with families. There are 2 flats with 3 rooms, 12 with 2 rooms, 25 large bachelor flats and 3 small bachelor flats. There are laundry facilities, garages and a playground for children.



### **North Grange**

Adjacent to Forest Hill F Block in Broad Road, Mowbray, 49 students are accommodated in 2- and 3-bedroomed flats. Laundry facilities are available.



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### **F Block (Forest Hill)**

Situated in Broad Road, Mowbray, next to the N2 Freeway. 42 students are accommodated in 14 three-bedroomed flats. Laundry facilities are available.



### **Edwin Hart Annex**

Situated on the corner of Rhodes Avenue and Avenue Road, Mowbray. 33 students are accommodated in 12 two-bedroomed flats and 9 bachelor flats. There are laundry facilities but no TV facility provided.

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### Harold Cressy Hall

This recently renovated three-story building is located in the hub of Mowbray off Main Road and accommodates 59 students in single rooms. The secure, access-controlled residence is self-contained with a laundry, storage space and common room, which is available for meetings as well as academic and social activities. Each floor has two or three fully-equipped communal kitchens. Modern, shared ablution facilities are found on each floor with a limited number of en-suite rooms. Residents can access the Jammie Shuttle either at Forest Hill or Mowbray Terminus pick-up points.

Warden: Tel 021 686 3751 (h); 404 1414 (O)  
Residence Facilities Officer: Tel 021 650 4992



### Obz Square

Obz Square is situated on the Main Road, Observatory, close to St Peter's Square shopping mall. This large, modern residence accommodates 880 senior and postgraduate students in en-suite single rooms. Eight to ten students share a kitchen. Some of the features of the complex include a variety of shops, a computer lab, a laundry and underground parking. Three large common rooms lead into a central courtyard garden.

Residence Manager: 021 404-7794  
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 404-7648

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### **Amalinda**

Situated on the corner of Cecil and Chapel Roads, Rosebank, Amalinda accommodates 5 students who share a fully fitted kitchen and a communal lounge. The residence has two bathrooms. There are no laundry or TV facilities.



### **8 Avenue Road, Mowbray**

Accommodates 6 students who share the kitchen and bathroom. No laundry or TV facilities are provided.



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### Inglewood

5 Matopo Road, Mowbray, opposite Varietas. Accommodates 5 students who share a kitchen and a bathroom. There are no laundry or TV facilities.



### Linkoping

Situated in Lovers Walk opposite the Bremner Building, Rondebosch, Linkoping accommodates 4 students who share a common kitchen and ablutions. There are no laundry or TV facilities.

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### **Woodbine Road, Rondebosch**

This house accommodates 6 students. No TV or laundry facilities are provided. The house is close to to the subway linking the Middle and Upper campuses. Shops and public transport are within ten minutes' walk.



## Further information

For more information about all aspects of residence life at UCT, please contact:

Student Housing Admissions and Advocacy Services

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