

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a multi-story brick building. The building's facade is composed of light-colored bricks with dark mortar. Several windows are visible, some with dark shutters. The perspective creates a sense of height and scale. The sky is a clear, solid blue.

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE

**RESIDENTIAL HOUSING
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

Boston Architectural College: Residence Hall Option

The Boston Architectural College (BAC) has partnered with the New England Conservatory of Music, a fellow ProARTS Consortium school, to offer traditional dorm-style housing for students that is a fifteen-minute walk from the BAC campus. This housing opportunity offers a BAC focused learning community, where advanced BAC students serve as resident peer mentors.

Double rooms are available and include access to shared lounge areas and shared bathrooms. A mandatory meal plan is required, with the dining hall conveniently located in the same building. **The room and board price for a double room is Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 is \$21,600 for the year (\$10,800/semester).**

If you'd like to learn more, reach out to the BAC Office of Student Life.



New England Conservatory Campus Housing Building



Message from the Dean of Students

It's unusual for a Dean of Students to be educated as an architect. What has been my passion during my long career at the BAC is designing communities and making an environment where our diverse student body can come together to learn, while also connecting and supporting each other.

For most of the BAC's history, we did not provide housing. Over the past ten years we have experimented with dorm-style housing opportunities, and the results have been astonishing. Student academic performance and perseverance for those who reside in our dorm setting is extremely good, but what I notice is the energetic design community that has emerged. Our living learning community has many different kinds of people -- international students, grad students, transfer students and traditional college-age undergraduates, and they seem to thrive together because of their diversity.

We have arranged a multi-year partnership with the New England Conservatory, conveniently located a few blocks from the BAC. We have leased a full floor of their building at 255 St. Botolph St. The Conservatory provides the space, the dining hall within the same building, and security resources. The Office of Student Life handles day-to-day operations, including the application process, and supervision of two current BAC student leaders, one Resident Advisor, trained in NEC's safety protocols, and a Resident Peer Mentor who can help newcomers get familiar with BAC and residence hall life in Boston.

We are planning our biggest cohort ever for the 2025-2026 academic year, and yet space is finite. All students will live in double-occupancy rooms with shared bathroom facilities on the same floor and a mandatory meal plan. Students will have one roommate, placed by the BAC Student Life Office based on questionnaires that incoming students will fill out.

On behalf of the BAC, I welcome your interest in the residence hall. The document that follows will answer many questions – and will identify people to answer more specific ones you may have. I look forward to meeting you on campus!

Richard Griswold, Associate Vice President, Dean of Students and Faculty Member
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Housing Dates and Information

Fall 2025

Friday, June 6, 2025 is the Priority Deposit Deadline for new and returning students. This payment must be received by Student Services. After this date, we will continue to take \$500 deposits as long as space is available.

After you have deposited, complete the roommate questionnaire.

June through August - Periodic group tours of the residence hall are being arranged. Contact the BAC Office of Student Life for more information, or for a link to a short video tour.

Mid-July - Deposited students will be connected with their roommates, as those matches are made, based on the student questionnaires.

Monday, August 18, 2025 - BAC Move-in Day. Instructions and logistics sent to the email address the BAC has on file for you.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - International Student Orientation.

Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21, 2025 - New Student Orientation

December 18, 2025 - Residence hall closes at 12PM. All residents must vacate their room either within 24 hours of their last final exam, or by December 18 at 12PM, whichever comes first. Please plan travel accordingly.

January 12, 2026 - Resident hall reopens for BAC students at 12PM.

May 17, 2026 - Move out day for the 2025-2026 BAC Academic Year.

NOTE: Below, please find the on campus room and board costs for the 2025 Academic Year based on room type. This costs includes a meal plan for 19 swipes per week.

Double Occupancy Room	\$21,600
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Single Occupancy Room	\$26,500*
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Suite-style Room	\$24,000
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*The residence hall is configured as double occupancy rooms. A waiting list for single rooms gives priority to students who require accommodations for a documented disability. Contact the BAC Disability Services Office at disabilityservices@the-bac.edu for more information about the BAC's process and required documentation.

How does the meal plan work?

The Green Room Café, located on the first floor of the Student Life and Performance Center, is the on-campus dining hall. All residents are required to have a meal plan, which is included in the cost of room and board. Details about the plan can be found on the NEC dining page.

The Green Room Café is the on-campus dining hall located on the first floor of the Student Life and Performance Center. It is catered by Rebecca's Cafe. The Green Room Café offers a variety of options, including a salad bar, grill, daily entrees, and Grab-N-Go items. For those with gluten, nut, shellfish or other severe food allergies, accommodations can be made. Please notify Dining Services staff of your allergies in advance.

Off-campus students, faculty, staff, and visitors can pay with cash, credit card, or Penguin Pass by loading their IDs with Café Cash.

Hours of Operation

Academic Year:

Monday–Thursday, 8AM–8PM

Friday, 8AM–7PM

Saturday–Sunday, 10AM–7PM

Phone: (617) 585-1288

Email: dining.services@necmusic.edu

Base Plan

The Base Plan is part of the on-campus room and board fee and includes 19 meals per week. Access to the Green Room Café during all meal periods for three meals per day or 19 per week. 1 swipe per meal period includes one entrée, one side, and one beverage (some restrictions apply). \$100 in Café Cash per semester for premium menu items and Encore Café by Rebecca's.



Packing for your room

our room in the residence hall, pictured below, will probably be smaller than your room at home, and you will most likely be sharing your room with a roommate. It is a good idea to get in contact with your new roommate before you arrive at NEC to talk about what you would like to bring to campus and whether or not you will share some items that you decide to bring, like a TV or Micro-fridge. If you decide to leave something at home but find you need it after living in the residence hall for a little while, you can always have it mailed to you or purchase a new one nearby.

Each student will have:

- Twin extra-long bed with an adjustable bed frame
- Adjustable shelf that can be attached to the bed frame
- Two shelves attached to the desk
- Desk and desk chair without arms
- Dresser with two drawers
- Wardrobe with rod for hanging items and shelf
- Overhead lighting
- Waste basket and recycling bin (one of each in each room)



Bring the items that you use most often, such as:

- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes or spray
- Face masks or face-coverings
- Personal thermometer
- Alarm clock
- Blankets, sheets, comforter, duvet
- Pillow
- Broom hangers for your wardrobe
- Electronics, such as a laptop, desktop or tablet
- First-aid kit including Band-Aids, over-the-counter medicine, etc.
- Prescription medication prescribed to you
- Laundry bag or hamper
- Laundry detergent
- School supplies, such as notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, etc.
- Surge protected multi-plug adapters and surge protected extension cords

For the bathroom:

- Personal toiletries
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes such as flip flops
- Towel, wash cloth, loofa, etc.
- Bathrobe

Micro-fridge:

If students would like a refrigerator or microwave in their room, they are only permitted to purchase or rent a Micro-fridge. Learn more about the Micro-fridge in this video. **Other mini refrigerators and microwaves are not permitted.** Each room can have one Micro-fridge. Students in a double room must share a Micro-fridge. Two communal refrigerators and a communal microwave are available for students to use in the kitchen on the fourth floor.

Other items to consider:

You should discuss all of the following items with your roommate.

- TV: There is a TV with cable in the lounge on each floor. Student rooms do not have access to cable.
- Area rug
- Lightweight vacuum or dustbuster
- Lamps (**no halogen lamps or halogen light bulbs**)
- Damage-free hanging strips for posters, pictures, etc. such as Command strips wall putty, etc.

Residents are only permitted to bring additional furniture into the residence hall that complies with Cal 117 and Cal 133 fire safety regulations, does not impede egress from the room/suite during emergencies, and does not impact the shared space of the other roommate(s) assigned to the room/suite. It is important to communicate with roommates before purchasing and bringing in additional furniture. Further, all assigned NEC-owned room furniture must remain within the room at all times. Moving NEC-owned furniture out of rooms to make space for additional furniture is not permitted. Read more information about Cal 117 and Cal 133 regulations.

A BAC student in design classes may consider:

Students often find it convenient to do their assignments using the BAC's facilities at 320 Newbury Street. But if students find themselves building models in their room at NEC, a self-healing cutting mat available at arts or crafts stores can be used to build architectural models. BAC faculty can provide a supplies list for specific classes.

Work Orders for Residence Hall Facilities

Resident students can submit work orders to have a member of the building operations staff review, fix, or replace any broken or missing items within their assigned room, hallways, lounges, restrooms, and other areas within the residence hall. Simply submit your request to facilitiesworkorder@necmusic.edu. **Please allow at least 24 hours for a building operations staff member to respond to your request.**

What to leave at home:

The following items are prohibited. Please refer to the Housing Contract for further details and the full listing of prohibited items.

- Mini refrigerators: Students can purchase or rent a Micro-fridge or use the shared items on the fourth floor
- Microwaves: Students can use the shared items on the fourth floor
- Any items that require a power source to heat, including coffee makers, Keurigs, rice cookers, crock pots, electric tea kettles, cooking grills (e.g. George Foreman grills), irons, steamers, heating pads, electric blankets, etc. are prohibited. The only items that are an exception to this fire safety policy are hair dryers, curling irons, and hair straighteners
- Extension cords that do not have an on/off switch
- Halogen lamps or bulbs
- Candles and incense
- Unapproved upholstered furniture: Upholstered items must meet Boston Fire Safety codes for the residence hall and must be approved by Residence Life. Please send detailed information about the item and photos of the item (tags when possible) to the resident director. Unapproved items will not be allowed in the residence hall
- Mattresses and water beds
- Pets
- Air conditioners and space heaters: Each room has an individual thermostat that residents are able to control within a specified range
- Bed risers
- Satellite dish
- Weapons, including mace and pepper spray

If you are uncertain whether or not you should bring a particular item to campus with you, please do not hesitate to contact the resident director.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is my mailing address at the residence hall?

Mail and packages should be addressed as follows:

Student Name (First and Last) – Room #New England Conservatory
255 St. Botolph St
Boston, MA 02115-5018

How do I get my belongings to the residence hall?

Many students ship their belongings to the residence hall before move-in day. The mail and copy center at New England Conservatory, Collegiate Press, can start to accept student packages beginning in mid-August. The NEC mail and copy center will be open for new students to pick up their packages move-in weekend. **Please refer to your *Housing Welcome* email in July for specific information regarding Fall semester move-in.**

Where can I pick up my mail and packages?

All resident student mailings (letters and packages) will be received and held within the mail and copy center, located on the first floor of the 33 Gainsborough Street building, which is adjacent to the residence hall. The mail and copy center is open for pick-ups Monday–Friday, 9AM to 5PM.

How do I check into my room?

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by BAC student leaders and personnel who will assist you with the check-in process, give you a moving bin, and help you find your room.

If you are driving to campus, you will be directed to a temporary unloading area where student volunteers will help you unload your belongings into moving bins. There are metered parking spots on St. Botolph St. and Gainsborough St. The Gainsborough Garage is located a 2-minute walk from the Student Life and Performance Center on the corner of St. Botolph St. and Gainsborough St. Parking is limited.

How many students live the residence hall building?

The residence hall has 247 bed spaces for residents. About thirty-five will be BAC students, on one designated floor.

Please refer to email correspondences from the BAC regarding Fall opening updates throughout the summer.

What amenities does the resident hall provide?

The residence hall is made up of seven residential floors with a lounge on each floor. Each lounge contains a couch, chairs, coffee table, cable-ready television, and a trash/recycling closet. The laundry room on the fourth floor is equipped with eight energy efficient washers and dryers that charge \$3 per load and accept quarters or Cold Cash. Residents must provide their own detergent.

There is a kitchen on the fourth floor with a refrigerator, microwave, sink, stove, and vending machines. Residents must provide their own kitchen equipment, which must be stored in their own residence rooms. Residents are responsible for thoroughly cleaning up after themselves.

Is there storage available for residents?

The residence hall does not have additional space to store students' items. Students can keep their belongings in their rooms over the winter and spring breaks but must move out completely at the end of the academic year.

Is insurance for my room available?

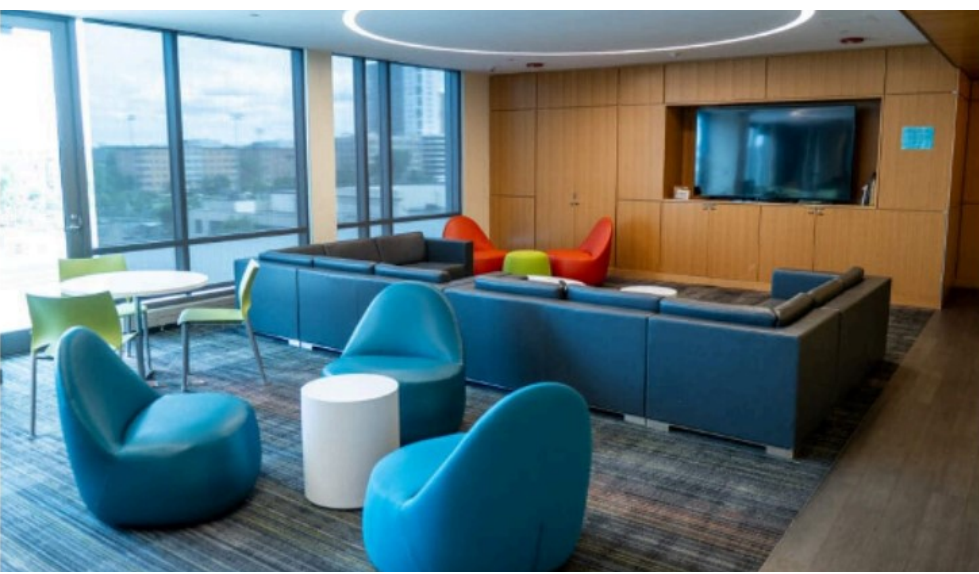
NEC does not offer renter's insurance to students, but NEC Residence Life strongly recommends that students consider purchasing renter's insurance while living in the residence hall. Neither NEC nor the BAC is responsible for students' personal items in the residence hall.

Is it possible to keep a car or bike at NEC?

There is no on-campus parking at NEC or at the BAC. Long-term parking in nearby garages is extremely expensive; therefore, Students are strongly discouraged students from bringing a car to campus.

The residence hall is located about a 14-minute walk to the BAC, a 2-minute walk from the Massachusetts Avenue station on the MBTA orange line, a 3-minute walk from the Symphony stop on the MBTA Green E line, and a 1-minute walk from bus stops for the CT1 and 1 buses. The BAC Office of Student Life has information about student discounts for the MBTA.

Open-air bicycle racks are located outside the residence hall building , and also just outside the main BAC building. Students must register their bicycles through NEC Public Safety, and bicycle racks on both campuses are used at students' own risk. Bicycle thefts have occurred and students are encouraged to purchase a high quality lock, and some students use two locks for extra protection. Bicycles are not allowed in the Residence Hall or inside BAC buildings.



Is smoking allowed?

NEC is a smoke-free campus. Students, faculty, staff and guests cannot smoke, including electronic cigarettes, on NEC property or within 25-feet of NEC property.

How is the Residence Hall staffed?

The Residence Life staff consists of one full-time professional Resident Director who works for NEC, and seven resident assistants (RAs), who all live in the building. Our RA will live in a room adjacent to the students. The Resident Hall Office is located on the first floor of the SLPC behind the Security Desk. This office is staffed by a Resident Assistant for one hour every night while they are working on-duty.

What is an RA?

Resident Assistants (RAs) are full-time students and paraprofessional staff who work to create a community environment in the Residence Hall through personal interaction with their peers and by sponsoring creative programs to support the philosophy and objectives of Residence Life and NEC. There is an RA on-duty daily from 8PM–8AM who is available to assist students with after-hours crises or emergencies. RAs participate in extensive training every year. A BAC student will serve as the RA in the BAC part of the residence hall.

What is a BAC Resident Peer Mentor?

In addition to the RA, a BAC student leader will live in the residence hall to work with incoming students. They are on hand to run occasional events for the BAC residence hall community, answer questions about life in Boston, and making the most of the BAC experience.

What is the best way to introduce myself to my roommate?

All resident students will receive their housing assignment via email by Mid-July. When students receive their room assignment, it will include their roommate's email address. Students are encouraged to contact their roommate prior to arriving on campus and start to get to know each other. Roommates are also encouraged to discuss what they will bring to campus before fall move-in days.

Sometimes students are traveling during the summer and have limited access to email so they aren't able to be in touch with their roommate before move-in days. That is normal, and roommates will have lots of opportunities to get to know one another once they are on campus. We also encourage roommates to check out our collection of Roommate Dynamics Resources for supplemental guidance on getting to know one another better over time.

What is the guest visitation policy?

Guests must be signed in at the SLPC security desk.

What kind of security exists in the building?

All BAC students at the residence hall will receive their own NEC "Penguin Pass" ID with their residence hall sticker. The building has a professional 24-hour security guard posted at the entrance. To enter the residence hall, residents must show this ID. All guests and visitors must show valid, government-issued photo identification upon entering the building. The building is equipped with smoke detectors, heat detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and a fire alarm system.

Is it possible to study in the residence hall?

Students can study in their rooms, as well as in lounges on each floor of the residence hall. Quiet hours begin at 10PM during the week and 11PM p.m. on weekends. Residence Life staff enforce quiet hours to create an environment conducive to studying in the Residence Hall. Many BAC students work in the classrooms and computer labs at 320 Newbury Street, and during the semester the building has extended hours for late night work, as well as a student "Community Fellow" working nightly in the BAC Office of Student Life.

Do I need to leave during breaks or can I stay in my room?

The residence hall is open during the fall and spring semester. During Winter Break, the residence hall is closed and residents must leave the building but can leave their belongings in their rooms. The residence hall remains open for Thanksgiving Break, Presidents' Day Break, and Spring Break. At the end of spring semester, all residents must move out. Rooms should be left in the condition they were in at the beginning of the academic year.

Can I have a pet in my room?

Pets are not allowed in the residence hall.

What if I have more questions?

If you have questions before you arrive at the BAC, you can contact the BAC Office of Student Life at studentlife@the-bac.edu, or (617) 585-0269.

Cancellation Policy and Deadlines

Cancellation Policy

Housing assignments are for one academic year, both Fall and Spring. Students will submit a housing application and \$500 deposit by the priority deadline and as availability and a wait-list exists. When room assignments are made the housing contract will be signed.

After depositing the cancellation schedule is as follows:

Fall 2025:

Deposit Returned No Charge - June 15, 2025

Deposit Forfeited, no housing charge - July 15, 2025

Housing Charge of 15% - August 4, 2025

Housing Charge of 30% - August 11, 2025

Housing Charge of 60% - August 18, 2025

Housing Charge of 80% - August 24, 2025

Housing Charge of 100% - after August 25, 2025 (start of classes)

Spring 2026:*

Deposit Returned No Charge - November 1, 2025

Deposited forfeited, no housing charge - December 1, 2025

Housing Charge of 15% - December 15, 2025

Housing Charge of 30% - January 5, 2025

Housing Charge of 60% - January 12, 2025

Housing Charge of 80% - January 20, 2025

Housing Charge of 100% - after January 20, 2025 (start of classes)

****Schedule for new Spring students. For students in housing in the Fall who wish to cancel their housing assignment for spring must notify Student Life via the Cancellation form.***

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