

HOUSING OPTIONS

Where you live can have an enormous impact on your overall experience in Spain. The Department of Housing is dedicated to helping you choose the option that best suits you. Please read the following information carefully before making your final decision.

Host families

Staying with a family is the recommended option for students who would like to immerse themselves in the Spanish lifestyle and make the most of their time in Spain. Students who choose this option have extremely positive experiences, and benefit from supportive family environments while enjoying great independence. Our families are handpicked to ensure a quality interaction with our students, many of whom develop lasting friendships with their hosts.

This option includes a “media pensión” meal plan (14 meals per week – daily breakfast and either lunch or dinner); a double (may be shared with another Suffolk student) or single room; laundry and cleaning services; internet access.

While meals usually feature Spanish cuisine, students are free to indicate personal food preferences. Eating schedules should be arranged between students and their families by mutual consent.

If you would like to connect with Spanish culture firsthand, this is the option for you.

Student Residences

A residence is comparable to a small hostel, located on a designated floor of an apartment building. Many residences are found in the heart of the city and are close to bus and subway stations.

Students who want to live in a small community, but not in a family environment, usually choose this option. SUMC generally uses small residences with around 8-15 students. Students share the residence with Spanish university students, and receive a great deal of personalized attention.

Laundry and cleaning services are provided. Rooms are double.

Residence owners serve Spanish cuisine on a “media pensión” meal plan (14 meals per week – daily breakfast and either lunch or dinner).

If a blend of community spirit and personal space appeal to you, choose this option.

Student dorms

Dorms are, in many ways, similar to residences. They are located in the city centre and are well connected by metro and bus. Students are provided with laundry and cleaning services and Spanish cuisine on a “media pensión” meal plan (14 meals per week – daily breakfast and either lunch or dinner).

Dorms are bigger than residences, often housing around 50-100 students. You can opt to share a double room with a Spanish student.

If you enjoy dorm life and want to mix with Spanish students, this option could be a perfect match.

Shared Apartments *(not available for freshmen)*

The University offers and maintains a limited number of rooms in shared apartments, in neighborhoods that are easily accessible from campus. While these apartments vary in size and appearance, all have been inspected and approved by Suffolk.

Single and double rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Apartments have a TV, dining room, and fully equipped kitchen. Sheets, towels, blankets, and pillows are provided, as is a weekly cleaning service for common areas. Please keep in mind that, students who use utilities to excess, may be charged an additional fee. **SUMC does not provide cleaning products or personal toiletries in the apartments.**

Students receive a combination of restaurant vouchers and a supermarket gift card for use toward the cost of “media pensión”. These vouchers are accepted in most restaurants around the country.

If you would like to follow your own routine, an apartment could be the right choice for you.

Regardless of their housing choice, all students are subject to the same set of SUMC housing rules.

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY MADRID CAMPUS HOUSING REQUEST FORM

NAME _____ Male / Female (Please circle)

TEMPORARY ADDRESS (until what date?) _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ HOME UNIVERSITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Indicate semester(s) you plan to attend S.U.M.C.: Fall '10 '11 / Spring '10 '11 / Summer '10 '11

I have read the Housing Regulations as well as the descriptions of the various housing options and would like to rank these options according to my first, second and third choice (by marking a 1 or 2 or 3 next to each option).* *Please note that it is not always possible to provide students with their first choice option. Apartments, residences and dorms are limited.*

_____ **Host Family (“media pensión” or half-board, 7 days a week, double or single room)**

Rate in importance from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important):

Traditional nuclear family	
Another student living in the home with you	
Family members who speak only Spanish	
Families with college-aged children	
Historic home	
Quality of food	
Location	
Honoring specific food request	
Non-smoking household	
Internet facilities in home	

_____ **Off-campus Residence (“media pensión” or half-board, 7 days a week, double room)**

_____ **Off- campus Student Dorm (“media pensión” or half-board, 7 days a week, double room)**

_____ **Shared Apartment - with other Suffolk students (no meals included, food allowance provided).**

Not available for freshmen applicants.

Please briefly explain the reasons for your preferences:

PLEASE RETURN VIA EMAIL OR REGULAR MAIL THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. Housing Request form
2. Student Personal Profile for University Housing
3. Signed Housing Contract

TO: Ms. Marina Loscertales Beca, Housing Department, Suffolk University Madrid Campus, Calle de la Viña, 3, 28003 Madrid, Spain. E-mail: housing@suffolk.es. If you have any specific questions, please contact us directly at the above email address.

Though you may make your housing request, please keep in mind that you will not receive your final placement until your tuition payment has been received by our Financial Department.