Since first year freshmen did not have a traditional in-person residential college experience during the 2020-21 academic year, USC Housing has seen increased demand from these students for the upcoming 2021-22 year. In order to accommodate all rising sophomore applications, USC Housing has secured space at University Gateway Apartments to ensure applicants will be able to receive an assignment through USC Housing and live in a Residential College type cohort with the support of Residential Education and USC Housing.

Other than being assigned to a building not owned by USC, students living in USC Housing spaces in Gateway will be treated like all other USC Housing residents. Residents will sign a USC Housing contract, rather than a lease with the private landlord, and their tenancy will be managed by USC Housing, Residential Education and Student Affairs.

Students assigned to Gateway will have the same academic year contract dates as other Housing residents: August 18, 2021 to May 11, 2022. They will have their rent billed to and payable through their student account. A mandatory partial meal plan, the Apartment Plan, will be required for all residents. It is accepted at the nearby Everybody’s Kitchen and USC Village dining halls, as well as other USC Hospitality dining venues.

USC Residential Education will have staff living in Gateway who will be available to provide the support and programming offered in university-owned housing facilities. Residents will have the services of Gateway’s existing operations, maintenance and security teams. Residents assigned through USC Housing will have the additional assistance of USC Housing Customer Service for assignments, billing, maintenance and other issues.

University Gateway is conveniently located across the street from campus at the intersection of Jefferson Boulevard and Figueroa Street, close to campus and less than two blocks from USC Village. The large building has ground floor retail shops and dining locations.

Community amenities include landscaped courtyards with plenty of seating, a sundeck, a modern fitness center, a business center with free printing and rooftop terraces affording views of USC and downtown LA. Every floor has a laundry facility and individual study rooms.

Most students will be assigned to two-bedroom four-person, double bath units. Apartments are furnished, with twin extra-long beds with under-bed storage, night stands and dual closets in each bedroom. Kitchens have a stove, refrigerator, microwave, garbage disposal and dishwasher, along with a dining area with a table and chairs. The furnishings for the living rooms include a sofa and chair, as well as end and coffee tables. There is a desk and chair for each resident.

Wireless service and cable TV are included in the rent, as are all utilities. Residents interested in parking at Gateway will be able to purchase a Gateway parking pass directly from Gateway. The Shrine Parking Structure operated by USC Transportation is also adjacent to the facility. Parking is not included in the rent and is a separate cost.