

## **BGU International Housing Information**

### **Reservation of a Room**

When you apply to OSP programs as an international student (by the application deadline), you are eligible to a dorm room.

In order to request a room in the dorms:

- Choose "On Campus Housing" in your application form, or notify the OSP office via e-mail.
- Once accepted to the program, along with an admission letter you will receive an invoice with a non-refundable down payment in order to reserve the room.
- This invoice should be paid within 14 days from the invoice date, otherwise a room will not be guaranteed.
- The remaining amount should be paid at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the program.

Requests submitted after the deadline cannot be guaranteed housing.

### **Length of Stay**

Your length of stay at the dorms is pre-defined according to the length of your program of study, e.g. Ulpan Only, Ulpan and Semester, OSP Semester, BGU Semester, Internship, etc.

Please note: If your academic program changes your length of stay will change accordingly.

### **Cost**

Dorm fees are charged for the complete period of your program of study.

### **Payment**

You will be required to pay for the full period of your stay at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the program.

### **Housing Contract**

The dorms are run by the Dean of Students Office at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and you will be required to sign a housing contract with them.

Once you have signed, the contract is binding for the period of your stay and CANNOT be adjusted or terminated in advance.

## Check-In

You are required to contact the dorms counselor at least 10 days prior to your arrival in order to make an appointment to check-in to the dorms. Check-in times for the dorms are:

Sunday-Thursday, 8am until 3pm

OSP, Exchange and Internship students: Appointments can be made by e-mailing Bar Dabun at [bardab@bgu.ac.il](mailto:bardab@bgu.ac.il) or by calling +972-50-2029746 or +972-8-6461144.

Guests and independent research students: Appointments can be made by e-mailing [hadadere@bgu.ac.il](mailto:hadadere@bgu.ac.il) or in Israel by calling 08-6479442.

Please Note: It is not possible to check-in to the dorms outside of the designated check-in times specified above.

## Room Assignment

Room assignments are done in advance by the Housing Department and International Students are generally placed with Israeli students. If there is a problem with the room assigned to you upon arrival, our office will be happy to help.

## Description of the Dorms

The dorms assigned to international students are located in the Me'onot Dalet dormitory complex, which is across the street from the campus.

The dormitories are apartments of four private bedrooms with a bathroom, kitchen and shared common area. Each bedroom has a bed, desk, closet, chair and lamp and can be locked for privacy. The apartments have central air-conditioning system.

Please Note: Aside from furniture, the dorms are **unequipped**. This means that students have to bring their own linens, pillows, blankets, kitchenware, cooking equipment and eating utensils. These can easily be purchased locally at a reasonable price and often the Israeli roommates have already bought many of these items.

Pictures of the rooms can be viewed at:

[http://in.bgu.ac.il/Dekanat/Pages/Ddorms\\_pics.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/Dekanat/Pages/Ddorms_pics.aspx) (second page) (These pictures are for illustration purposes only, actual dorm rooms may differ).

*Pets are not allowed in the dormitory*

## Cleaning the Dorms

Students are responsible for cleaning the shared space in their apartments, as well as, their individual bedrooms. No cleaning service is provided.

Please Note: When you check out of the dorms, the housing unit staff will do a visual inspection and you will have to ensure that both the shared space and your individual bedroom are clean.

## Internet in the dorms

### Wi-Fi

**There is free Wi-Fi all over the main campus, your apartment in the international dorms and the computer lab at the dorms.**

If you wish to have cable (network) internet connection in your room, you must first purchase internet service as explained below:

### Network

**In order to connect your computer to the network you need to purchase Internet services.**

If you wish to arrange the Network connection prior to your arrival, you can pay online \$28, and receive a Network cable upon your arrival from Erez, the dorms supervisor. The payment is for a stay of up to 3 months and you can extend it upon arrival.

If you wish to arrange the Network connection during your stay, you have 2 options:

1. Pay online \$28 and receive a Network cable from Erez, the dorms supervisor.
2. Come to the office and receive a voucher. Go to the Post office to pay in cash 105 NIS. After the payment, you need to go to Building 58, room 1 and show the receipt. Next stop is Erez, the dorms supervisor to receive the Network cable (The service will only be available 24 hours minimum after the payment).

If you wish to pay online, please see the following link:

<http://shopeng.bgu.ac.il/Product/dorms-internet>

## Cancelation policy

If you decide to leave the dorms before the end of your contract, you are not eligible for a refund **unless** you find a BGU student that will replace you in the dorms for the remaining period. Every substitution must be pre-approved by the OSP office.

In that case, you will pay a fine of one month starting from the date on which you received the approval to leave the dormitories from the OSP office.

Any student dismissed from the university is required to leave the university dorms immediately. In such a case, the University shall not make any refund to the student. Any costs incurred by Ben-Gurion University in the course of, or as a result of, the dismissal will be charged to the student.