

# FAQs



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## COVID-19 Response

Will JPiI Newman be open this fall?

We are planning to open this fall, but circumstances are always changing. Feel free to call or email with more direct questions.

Does JPiI Newman have a plan for COVID-19?

Yes! We implemented a Pandemic Policy on April 1, 2020. Please visit [www.JPiIomaha.org/COVID-19-updates](http://www.JPiIomaha.org/COVID-19-updates) for more information.

## Application Process/Lease Terms

How long are leases?

Our leases are typically a 12-month duration from August-July. Many of our students remain in the summer and take classes or work fulltime. There are a limited number of 9 month leases for students who will be graduating and cannot live here through the summer. This lease option requires special approval from the Resident Manager.

When can I apply for housing?

You may apply today! We have a few rooms available for immediate occupancy. If you're transferring to UNO at semester, or are just unhappy with your current living situation, we'd love to talk to you about living with us!

Applications for next academic year always open the November 1.

Do I have to be Catholic to live at Newman Hall?

No! We welcome students from all walks of life. We have a handful of non-Catholics living here and they participate when they want in optional faith events. But not all of our events are faith-related. We encourage students to learn from each other.

Do you have summer leases available?

Yes! We do usually have room for some summer leases. Reach out for more info.

When are my payments due?

This depends on the type of lease payment chosen. Annual payments are due September 21. The semi-annual payments are due September 21 and January 10. Monthly payments are made via ACH (direct debit), and will be charged on the tenth of each month, beginning August 10. The lease agreement will have more specific information, including late fees.

## Units and Roommates

When will I know my unit and roommate assignment?

We will begin assigning units in May. Students are typically notified of their placement in June. We put a lot of thought and effort into roommate placements so we appreciate your patience in this process!

Can I request a room or a roommate?

Yes, you can request a roommate on the housing application and directly to Lauren Hankes, resident manager, up until May 1<sup>st</sup>. We love to accommodate your requests (within reason, of course.)

What size is my bed?

All beds are Twin XL.

What should I bring?

Bring a backpack and school/desk items, laundry detergent and basket, toiletries and towels, bed linens and mattress pad (twin xl), trash bin for your room and kitchen, tie trash bags to dispose of waste, desk lamp, living room lamp, alarm clock, kitchen cookware and dishes, and U-Lock bike lock if you choose to bring a bike.

Discuss with roommates who is bringing: TV, stereo, iron and ironing board, kitchenware and dishes, kitchen towels and cleaning supplies.

We send a checklist with your unit/roommate placement in the summer so don't worry too much about coming up with everything on your own.

What should I NOT bring?

All bedrooms and common areas are furnished with the furniture and major appliances you need to live comfortably in your apartment. You may bring other furniture, but you may not remove any of the furniture provided for you. Please refer to the Residence Life Handbook for additional prohibited items.

## Facilities

What will my mailing address be?

Your Name  
St. John Paul II Newman Center  
1221 S. 71<sup>st</sup> Street Unit# \_\_  
Omaha, NE 68106

Where do I get my mail and packages?

Each resident has 24/7 access to their secure, individual mailbox. Packages will be available for pick up at the front desk during normal business hours. We receive deliveries from Amazon, USPS, UPS and FedEx Monday-Friday.

Is the JPII Newman Center a non-smoking facility?

Yes! Smoking is prohibited inside the building and in all common outdoor spaces. This policy includes, but is not limited to, all tobacco products used in the form of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, Juuls, cigars, pipe, and/or in any smokeless form and other substitute items. There is a designated smoker's pole in the parking lot for those who need it.

Is the building secure?

Very! Your JPII keycard (or MAV Card) will give you access to all exterior doors, residence hall floors, stairwells, the elevator and your apartment door. You will be issued a hard key for your individual bedroom.

UNO Security patrols our hall and property. They are just a call away in the case of an emergency!

How do I access the internet?

The JPII Newman Center offers complimentary, hi-speed wireless internet throughout the building. Each resident is given a unique username and password to log in to the

Wi-Fi, and routers in each apartment unit ensure a strong, fast connection. There is also an Ethernet connection in the living room of each apartment. Further, a public Wi-Fi network is available in all common areas for guest use.

What about laundry?

We value clean clothes as much as you do. Each resident has 24/7 access to a laundry room with multiple units on their floor. And it's FREE! There are no coins, tokens or cards to mess with. Just bring your own detergent.

Is it necessary to have a meal plan?

No. Each apartment has a full kitchen for residents to prepare their own meals. More information about meal plans can be found on UNO's website.

Is the JPII Center "green"?

Yes! We promote recycling and have recycling receptacles all over our building. The cleaner used by the student janitors is green/earth friendly. The lighting in the hallways and common areas is automatic to ensure lights are not left when no one is in the room. Many features of the building were intentionally chosen due to energy conserving.

## Transportation

How can I get to campus?

We contract with UNO to have a JPII Newman/UNO shuttle (Pink Line) that runs Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every 20 minutes and takes residents directly to Dodge Campus. The shuttle drops off in front of H&K. On Fridays and afterhours, students are able to park on campus in the open parking lots.

Do I need to buy a parking permit?

No. We ask that you register your vehicle at [www.jpiumaha.org/connect](http://www.jpiumaha.org/connect) so we can issue each resident a JPII Newman parking pass, free of charge. This permit allows 24/7 parking in our lot.