



SIGMA BETA

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Questions and Answers for students considering living at Sigma Beta House

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Why hold an Open House when the construction is not complete?

The Sigma Beta Alumni Association (“SBAA”) owns the property and began construction in June, 2009, completely renovating all facets of the house. At this point, the project is on-schedule to be completed in April, 2010. Most year-by-year housing contracts in the Durham area are signed during the months of February and March. We are starting early because we expect to have significant interest from students looking for quality living facilities and we want to insure that interested students have ample opportunity to inspect the property and register their interest. This will give the SBAA sufficient time to select those who are appropriate for the new Sigma Beta House.

Who is eligible to live at Sigma Beta House?

The SBAA will consider full-time UNH undergraduate and graduate students. Currently, we are looking to re-colonize our long-standing fraternity after being closed during the renovation period. As such, we are primarily looking for mature and responsible male students that will be sophomores and juniors in fall 2010, interested in possibly joining the Sigma Beta Fraternity at some point during their stay. The House can accommodate 40 students plus House Parents. In the event we are not able to fill the House as desired (with Σ B-interested male students), we will open our selection to all students. At this point, everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the Open House events to learn about our offerings.

What types of rooms are available?

Sigma Beta House will hold 40 students. Rooms consist of 2 singles, 15 doubles and 2 quads. There are 7 doubles and 2 singles on the third floor, 8 doubles on the second floor and 2 quads in the basement. There are full bathroom facilities on all floors. All rooms are available for selection on a first-come first-served basis for the first year. Sigma Beta House is handicapped accessible from the parking lot for the first floor only (includes common areas and the bathroom). There are no resident’s rooms on the first floor.

Are renters required to also sign on to the Sigma Beta meal plan?

Yes. We offer a full-time cook and modern kitchen to provide 17 meals per week (three meals each weekday and one each weekend day) during the spring and fall semesters matching UNH’s calendar. This count may change each semester to meet the needs of the current residents. In addition, meal plans are available to students living outside of Sigma Beta House.

What does it cost to live at Sigma Beta House?

Residents sign a one-year lease (following UNH’s academic “year” consisting of a fall and a spring semester) with payments due before the start of each semester per the R&B contract. A non-refundable security deposit is required at the time of room application. The Room and Board cost



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will be \$9,700 for the academic year (\$4,850/semester). (The two single rooms will also have an added premium charge). Network, cable-TV and parking charges are extra.

How do I apply for residency and what is the selection process?

Students formally apply for residency through an on-line registration form. Sigma Beta Alumni will review information received at the Open House events and on the registration forms. Based upon the eligibility criteria described in the "*Questions and Answers for students considering living at Sigma Beta House*" document, we will invite certain candidates back to Sigma Beta House for individual interviews during the week of February 15th. Candidates selected to be residents will be extended Room and Board contracts during the following week. Signed contracts (by both students and parents, including a security deposit) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the rooms are filled.

What living amenities does Sigma Beta House afford?

The entire house has been completely re-constructed using durable, long-lasting materials (both inside and out) to be aesthetically-pleasing yet tolerant of this high-use environment. Each room will be spacious, complete with beds, desks, chairs, bureaus and closets.

We designed the renovation to adhere to many important green initiatives and all walls (inside and out) are super-insulated for climate control and noise mitigation.

There will be luxury bathrooms on all four levels of The House, with individual shower facilities on each residential floor. Each residential bathroom will also contain flat-screen TVs.

Hard-wired Cat-6 high-speed network ports will be available for each student as well as secure wireless internet access throughout. A central printing station is being considered (to significantly reduce the printing costs for our students).

Basic Comcast cable TV will be available to each room (at an additional bulk-rate contract cost). Individuals will be able to personally contract with Comcast to increase the service to their room, if desired.

A House-wide sound system will be available, with each floor having its own separate iPod docking station.

Coin-operated clothes washers and dryers will be available in the basement.

The basement will be improved to hold a common (large) flat-screen TV with seating for many. This basement area will double as the social gathering area when such functions are planned. The seating and equipment in this area will be removable for security during these times.

The first floor living room will hold a flat screen TV and comfortable furniture for sitting and quiet events.



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The dining room will double as a "quiet/study room" during identified hours.

A high-efficiency natural gas heating system will hold down the cost of heating. Each floor has an individual thermostat (controlled by the House Parent).

There will be no individual wired telephone service (as most students have mobile/cell phones) but there will be a common phone for general use (not a public pay phone).

The first floor will be ADA compliant (handicapped accessible) with a ramp from the parking lot entering into the living room. The first-floor (visitors') bathroom will have wide doors and the necessary handles, rails and fixtures.

The kitchen will be completely rebuilt with new, efficient appliances and a full-time cook.

While steel doors (nicely trimmed and painted) will secure individual rooms, the first floor will be trimmed with creative woodworking, lighting and such to restore its grand ambiance. In the same vein, the staircase is being restored to enhance this grand effect.

All outside doors will be locked with card access. The House will be equipped with state-of-the-art fire and life safety systems directly connected to the Durham Fire Department. Security cameras will monitor and record the activities in the public areas (inside and out). Alumni oversight can occur 24/7 via secure internet access from anywhere in the world.

Is parking available?

Parking is available for 30 cars for an additional fee of \$350/year. Parking will be offered to residents on a first-come, first-served basis and then to non-resident students and faculty.

Is Sigma Beta House open during UNH's vacation periods?

Yes. The House remains open to its residents during all recognized vacation periods of UNH except the summer. Meal service is not provided during any vacation period and the kitchen will be closed.

Can I use my own room furniture?

No. Similar to a dorm, all rooms will be completely furnished (beds, desks, chairs, bureaus, closets). There may be some allowances made for certain chairs, lamps and other small items. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the SBAA.

Can I use my own appliances?

The dining room is equipped with everything necessary for individual snack food preparation. Microwaves will not be allowed, however small refrigerators (less than 4.5 cf) will be allowed.

Can I hang pictures/posters on the walls?



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Yes, but you **MUST** use the proper hardware and adhesives approved by the SBAA. These will be available at move-in time.

Is smoking allowed?

Smoking is not allowed inside Sigma Beta House. It is permitted on the outside grounds but not on the front or rear porches.

Are pets allowed?

No.

Is there a drug and alcohol use policy?

Yes. Sigma Beta House will conform to all relevant NH State laws and UNH rules and guidelines. Residents will be required to sign a code of conduct policy form that will clearly state expectations and consequences for violations.

Are there jobs available at Sigma Beta House?

Yes. Many of the tasks required to effectively operate a residence and fraternity are handled by the members as a condition of their Brotherhood. However, there are a few jobs that demand more involvement and/or expertise and therefore are compensated in some form. These positions include House Manager (chief maintenance supervisor), Board Manager (kitchen supervisor) and Dish & Pot Washer. During the period of time before Sigma Beta is a fully-functioning fraternity once again there may be paid opportunities for Kitchen Attendant, Bathroom Janitors, Common-area Janitors and other support and maintenance positions.