

DTAV/Patch Housing Frequently Asked Questions

What is DTAV/Patch? Doris Twitchell Allen Village (DTAV) and Patch are upper class apartments shared by 4-6 students. Located near Oxford Hall and across the street from the Ornamental Gardens and University Credit Union, these two facilities house up to 400 students. ***DTAV/Patch is a quiet community.*** Many of the residents are heavily involved in senior capstone, research, student teaching, internships, work, etc. Staff assists students in community standards that keep the community a quieter environment respectful of those with early morning obligations.

What kind of apartments are they? Patch Hall houses four students in three combinations – four singles; two doubles; and **two** of the apartments in the building have one double and two single bedrooms. DTAV is either five- or six-person apartments. In a five-person apartment, there are two doubles and one single. In six-person apartments, there are two doubles and two singles.

What does each apartment include? All apartments are fully furnished. Each bedroom has a bed, dresser, desk, and wardrobe for each resident assigned to the bedroom. The living room has a combination of couch or chair seating and a dining room table with chairs. The kitchen has a full-sized refrigerator, a microwave, cooktop in DTAV apartments (convection ovens in some suites), and a full oven/cooktop in Patch apartments. Each apartment has a full bathroom.

Students must provide their own cooking supplies (ie, dishes, utensils, cookware, etc). There is no dishwasher.

Small appliances, such as a coffee maker or toaster over are approved for the DTAV/Patch apartments. Please ensure they have an automatic shut off.

Can I have a pet? No, except fish in 10-gallon or smaller fish tanks or a service/support animal that has been approved by Student Accessibility Services.

Are policies different in DTAV/Patch? Most policies are identical to traditional residence halls. The notable exceptions are that students can have countertop appliances in the kitchen and cannot have stand-alone mini-fridges or microwaves in the bedrooms since a full-size refrigerator and a microwave is provided in the suite.

Are coed suites allowed? While permissible, we do not encourage coed suites. Bedrooms must be single gender, but suites may be coed. **If a vacancy occurs in a coed suite, it is the responsibility of the remaining residents to fill the space or pay an additional room fee.** Housing Services does not randomly assign coed suites. **Coed group applications will not be accepted if they do not include a minimum of four for Patch, five or six for DTAV.**

Do I have to have a meal plan? A meal plan is not required for residents of DTAV/Patch; however, it is recommended that you consider one of the plans available to DTAV/Patch residents. Having at least a minimal meal plan ensures you have a backup and one that can be budgeted into your financial aid.

Are there Bike Rooms in DTAV/Patch? No. You must keep your bikes in your apartment or outside in a bike rack.

Where are the laundry and mailboxes? In the Community Center - Laundry is in the basement. All residents have \$25 per semester on their MaineCard to use in the laundry machines. Mailboxes are on the main floor.

Are the rooms carpeted? No.

Are there RA's in the apartments? Yes, 7 CAs and a Community Coordinator work within the complex.

Can over 21 year olds live with under 21 year olds? Yes, there are no restrictions based on the legal drinking age in the State of Maine. If one occupant of any one double bedroom (or a single occupant in a single) is under 21, no alcohol can be in that specific bedroom.

Is DTAV/Patch continuous housing? Yes. DTAV/Patch is open for all University breaks during the academic year.

Can I keep my stuff in my apartment over the summer? No. Apartments are used to house conferences over the summer.

Can I move in early in the fall? If you are required by a University Department to be on campus prior to move-in day (the day before the semester begins), your name must be on a list maintained in the Housing Office.

Do the custodians clean the apartment? No, you do. You provide your own cleaning supplies. We DO provide toilet paper - available in the community center.

Is there wireless? Yes, all suites have WIFI.

Can we decorate our apartments/paint our apartments? Decorate-yes, as long as your decorations meet standards listed in the Guide to Campus Living available at umaine.edu/reslife. Basically, you cannot alter or damage any surface, however. You may not paint apartments.

I have a medical need that requires accommodation in DTAV/Patch. Who do I contact?

Student Accessibility Services, East Annex, Phone- 581-2319, Fax-581-9420.

What are the room rates? Rates are posted on the Housing Services website at umaine.edu/housing. Just click at the right where it says "Room and Board Rates." The DTAV/Patch rates are listed at the bottom.