

ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, & LINGO (AAL)
Residence Life – University of Massachusetts Amherst

Listed below are acronyms, abbreviations, and lingo that are used frequently within our department and in the University community.

Frequently Used within Housing and Residence Life

ACC	<i>Apartment Complex Coordinator</i>	HCO	<i>House Council Officer</i>
AD	<i>Assistant Director (formerly Area Director)</i>	HSCN	<i>Housing Services Cable Network</i>
ALA	<i>Apartment Living Advisor</i>	JA/AA	<i>Judicial Assistant/Administrative Assistant</i>
AM	<i>Apartment Manager</i>	LDC	<i>Leadership Development Committee</i>
AOM	<i>Area Office Manager OR Assistant Operations Manager</i>	LDS	<i>Leadership Development Specialist</i>
AOS	<i>Area Office Staff (Senior Office Manager for Residence Life, Business Manager for Residence Life, Assistant to the Assistant Director of Residence Life, Assistant to the Asst. Dir of RL for Learning Communities; Assistant to the Student Development Specialist, Area Office Managers)</i>	LLCs	<i>Living Learning Communities (sounds like MNO) Maintenance and Operations</i>
		M & O	<i>MinuteMover</i>
		MM	<i>Notice of Charge</i>
ARD	<i>Assistant Residence Director</i>	NOC	<i>Not Ready For Bedtime Players</i>
ARDSC	<i>Assistant Residence Director Search Committee</i>	NRFBP	<i>National Residence Hall Honorary</i>
		NRHH	<i>Operations Manager</i>
BASICS	<i>Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students</i>	OM	<i>Of the Month, sponsored by NRHH</i>
		OTM	<i>Peer Mentor</i>
BE/ER	<i>Business Entertainment – Employee Reimbursement Form</i>	PM	<i>Performance Management Program</i>
		PMP	<i>Purchase Order</i>
CDP	<i>Community Development Plan</i>	PO	<i>Resident Assistant</i>
CL	<i>Community Leader</i>	RA	<i>Resident Assistant Council</i>
CO	<i>Cluster Office</i>	RAC	<i>Residential Academic Programs</i>
COM	<i>Cluster Office Manager</i>	RAPs	<i>Residential Academic Success Center</i>
COS	<i>Cluster Office Staff (Workers and Mail Sorters)</i>	RASC	<i>Residence Director</i>
		RD	<i>Residence Director Search Committee</i>
FW	<i>First Week</i>	RDSC	<i>Residential First Year Experience (formerly known as EPOCH)</i>
F8W	<i>First Eight Weeks</i>	RFYE	<i>Residential Leadership Association</i>
FYE	<i>First Year Experience (Campus wide initiative)</i>	RLA	<i>Residential Learning Graduate</i>
FYES	<i>First Year Experience Specialist</i>	RLG	
GA	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>		
GW	<i>GroupWise</i>		
HAO	<i>Housing Assignment Office</i>		
HC	<i>House Council</i>		

RLL	<i>Residence Life Leadership (composed of the Associate and Assistant Directors.</i>	SSC	<i>Development Course</i>
RLRC	<i>Residence Life Resource Center – formerly known as the CDD (Center for Diversity & Development)</i>	Shaha	<i>Student Staff Committee Swahili for “The Storytellers,” a Peer Diversity Theatre Troupe</i>
RLPO	<i>Residence Life Programs Office</i>	Specialists	<i>Term referring to the FYESs, SDS and LDS</i>
SAJIC	<i>Student Affairs Judicial Issues Committee</i>	SSSWG	<i>Student Staff Selection Work Group</i>
SAW	<i>Skill Advancement Worksheet</i>	TAPs	<i>Talent Advancement Programs</i>
SDS	<i>Student Development Specialist</i>	TDWG	<i>Training & Development Work Group</i>
SLD	<i>Student Leadership</i>	VMV	<i>Vision, Mission, and Values</i>
		VRS	<i>Variable Rate System or “Room Buy Out</i>

Frequently Used to Describe Residence Hall Buildings, Clusters, or Areas:

B/B	<i>Brett/Brooks</i>	North	<i>North Area Apartments</i>
BCG	<i>Baker/Chadbourne/Greenough</i>	OH/C	<i>Orchard Hill/Central</i>
C-Milk or CMLK	<i>Crabtree/Mary Lyon/ Knowlton</i>	O-Hill or The Hill	<i>Orchard Hill</i>
Dwealin or DLH	<i>Dwight/Leach/Hamlin</i>	Patt-Mac	<i>Patterson/MacKimmie</i>
GrayFie or GF	<i>Grayson/Field</i>	PC	<i>Prince/Crampton</i>
GW	<i>Gorman/Wheeler</i>	PP/M or PM	<i>Pierpont/Moore</i>
JA	<i>John Adams</i>	SW	<i>Southwest</i>
JE	<i>James/Emerson</i>	SW/RFYE	<i>Southwest Residential First Year Experience</i>
JQA	<i>John Quincy Adams</i>	SW/MY	<i>Southwest Multi-year</i>
MT	<i>Melville/Thoreau</i>	TLJ or Lejit	<i>Thatcher/Johnson/Lewis</i>
NE/S	<i>Northeast/Sylvan</i>	Web-Dic	<i>Webster/Dickinson</i>
NE/S/N	<i>Northeast/Sylvan/North</i>	VMB	<i>Van Meter/Butterfield</i>

Frequently Used On Campus and with Student Groups:

AASA	<i>Asian American Student Association</i>	BDIC	<i>Bachelor’s Degree with Individual Concentration program</i>
AG	<i>Area Government</i>	CAG	<i>Central Area Government</i>
AGO	<i>Area Government Officer</i>	CC	<i>Campus Center</i>
ALANA	<i>Asian, Latino(a), African, Native American Affairs (Office of)</i>	CCEBMS	<i>Committee for the Collegiate Education of Black and other Minority Students</i>
ASA	<i>African Students Association</i>	CEF	<i>Cultural Enrichment Funds</i>
BASIC	<i>Born Again Students In Christ</i>	CSD	<i>Center for Student Development</i>
BCP	<i>Bilingual Collegiate Program</i>		

CVSA	<i>Cape Verdean Student Association</i>	OIT	<i>Office of Information Technologies</i>
DC	<i>Dining Commons</i>	PSU	<i>Professional Staff Union</i>
DiMES	<i>Diversity in Management Education Services</i>	PVTA	<i>Pioneer Valley Transit Authority</i>
DOS(O)	<i>Dean of Students (Office)</i>	RSO	<i>Registered Student Organization</i>
EH&S	<i>Environmental Health and Safety</i>	SAG	<i>Sylvan Area Government</i>
EWC	<i>Everywoman's Center</i>	SCERA	<i>Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy</i>
FAC	<i>Fine Arts Center</i>	SGA	<i>Student Government Association (campus-wide)</i>
FAFSA	<i>Free Application for Federal Students Aid</i>	SOM	<i>School of Management</i>
FERPA	<i>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</i>	SPIRE	<i>Web Information System (check grades, schedules, and other important information on the web)</i>
GEO	<i>Graduate Employee Organization</i>	STARS	<i>Student Alumni Relations Society</i>
GLBTQQA	<i>Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, & Ally</i>	SUB	<i>Student Union Ballroom</i>
HASA	<i>Haitian American Student Association</i>	SWAG	<i>Southwest Area Government</i>
MASSPIRG	<i>Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group</i>	TA	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
MTA	<i>Massachusetts Teachers Association</i>	UAW	<i>United Automobile Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers (RA Union)</i>
NAH	<i>New Africa House</i>	UHS	<i>University Health Services</i>
NEAG	<i>Northeast Area Government</i>	UMPD	<i>University of Massachusetts Police Department</i>
NSO	<i>New Students Orientation</i>	UVC	<i>UMass Amherst Student Television Station (TV19)</i>
OHAG	<i>Orchard Hill Area Government</i>	WMUA	<i>UMass Amherst Student Radio Station (91.1FM)</i>

Lingo You Might Find Helpful:

Blue Wall	<i>Eatery in the Campus Center; famed for ice cream and cookies</i>
The Bowl	<i>Center of Orchard Hill residential area</i>
The Cage	<i>Curry Hicks Cage</i>
The FAC	<i>The Fine Arts Center</i>
Haigis Mall	<i>Grass area surrounded by the Fine Arts Center, SOM, and Whitmore</i>
The Hatch	<i>Another eatery in the Campus Center</i>
The Hill	<i>Grassy hill between Field and Van Meter</i>
Hippie Beach	<i>Grass area outside of the Student Union, near the Campus Pond</i>
The Horseshoe or The Shoe	<i>U-shaped area near Hampden D.C. with a basketball court in the middle</i>

Munchies or The Munchie Store *UMass Amherst Convenience Stores, also known as C-Stores, three locations for quick snacks/light lunches: one at Hampden DC (in Southwest), Franklin DC (in Central), and Worcester DC (in Northeast)*

NoHo *Chic name for Northampton*

The Pit *Small parking lot surrounded by JA, JQA, and Patterson/MacKimmie*

The Quad *Center of Northeast residential area*

SW Beach *The grassy area located within "The Horseshoe"*

The Trod *Center of Sylvan residential area*

The Tunnel *Underpass leaving Southwest/North in route to Berkshire House*

The U *U-shaped road which encloses the 3 buildings of Sylvan*

UCard *Student ID Card, which gives students swipe access to residence halls*

UStore *Store in the Campus Center where you can purchase office supplies and anything UMass Amherst you could want*

The X *Malcolm X Cultural Center*

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