

University of Alabama at Birmingham — Blazer Hall



Project Details

Beds	753
Stories	8
Gross Size	206,500 square feet
Developer	Education Realty Trust in partnership with Academic Privatization, LLC
Completion	May 2006
Cost	\$19.5 million
Room Styles	1-, 2- and 4-person suites
Amenities	Controlled access to building, video cameras throughout, exercise room, study lounges, computer lab, classroom, community kitchens, TV lounge on each floor and a central laundry area.
Architect	Garrison/Barrett Architects Cooper Cary Architects
Contractor	Hoar Construction
Financing	Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc.
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Overview

A student center that serves all freshmen on campus is a unique feature in Blazer Hall, a freshman residence hall, developed by Education Realty Trust, Inc. (EDR), which worked in a privatized partnership in cooperation with Academic Privatization, LLC, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Blazer Hall was designed to link with the university dining hall and dining plaza next door. Construction was completed in May 2006 so the building would be in service to handle summer conferences. Financing was accomplished through tax-exempt bonds.

The “suite-style” units have two bedrooms sharing a living area and bathroom. Four students typically occupy this unit. Each fully furnished bedroom includes a small refrigerator and microwave. Each bedroom is wired directly to the university computer network and furnished with telephone and cable TV connections. Amenities include extensive programming and study areas throughout the building.

