Cable TV service is provided for every room in student housing and various academic spaces throughout the campus. Listed below are the channels provided by the Department of Telecommunications through Charter Communications. Effective March 13, 2014, all channels are provided in a ‘QAM’ digital format.

All televisions on campus must contain a QAM digital tuner to receive the channels. Older analog televisions are no longer compatible with the University’s cable TV system. Most televisions today are digital/QAM compliant, however less expensive or budget televisions may not be. To find out if your television has a QAM tuner, check the specifications in your owner’s manual, or visit the manufacturer’s website.

What is a QAM tuner and how do I know if my TV has one?

A QAM tuner allows your TV to tune to digital or HD channels. Most, but not all, TV’s that were made after 2006 have a QAM tuner built in.

- You can search online by make/model of your TV or reference your TV’s owner’s manual for specific model information related to what type of tuner is present in your TV.
- An example of what the manual may say if the TV has a QAM tuner:
  - “Built in digital tuner (ATSC/Clear QAM)”, or “NTSC/QAM”
- Additionally, if your TV remote has the (.) or (–) symbol button for easy tuning or is able to display channels such as 5.2 or 5–2, your TV likely has a QAM tuner.
- An example of what the manual may say if the TV does NOT have a QAM tuner:
  - “ATSC / NTSC Tuner” (there will be no mention of QAM)

Television brands that, depending on model, may be missing the QAM tuner:

- Apex
- Dynex
- Element
- Haier
- Seiki
- Sylvania

If you are choosing one of these brands, please verify that the model has a QAM tuner. Please be advised that less expensive TVs sometimes come with a lower quality QAM tuner that may be unable to tune all of the channels. We have found this to be true on certain models of bargain brands such as Apex, Dynex, and Sylvania.

(current channel lineup insert will go here – the current channel lineup can be found on the Telecomm website currently)

NOTE: The actual channel numbers are in ‘tiers’, i.e., there are three different channel 50s. The three channels will show up as 50–2, 50–4, 50–6 as an example. The actual channel number may be different on your TV depending on the brand and type of tuner that your TV has.

Example: in the Towers Lounge the Science Channel may be 50–4, but on your TV in your room it may be channel 50–5. The Science Channel will be 50–(?!) ever where on campus.

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