Welcome to the Panther Residential Community!

Fellow Panthers,

Welcome to the residential community at Plymouth State!

Our mission in Residential Life & Dining Services is to provide a safe and enriching environment where you will live, learn, and grow.

The core of our philosophy is the sense of community that our caring, dedicated, diverse, and well-trained professional and student staff intentionally create throughout the residence halls. The development of meaningful learning opportunities that are uniquely suited to students is central to our work. Residential Life strives to connect students to each other and foster the development of life-skills. Centered on the General Education Habits of Mind (Problem Solving, Purposeful Communication, Integrative Perspective, and Self-Regulated Learning) our program is designed to enhance your experience beyond the classroom.

Living on campus wouldn’t be complete, however, without a place to eat-- but PSU Dining is more than just great food. It is a community experience centered on culinary expertise, fresh ingredients, healthy options, and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility.

Whether you are a new or returning student, a transfer or international student, Residential Life is looking forward to working with you to make your experience on campus a successful and positive one.

Welcome Home!

Amanda Grazioso, Director of Residential Life & Dining Services
Residential Life & Dining Services

26 Buildings

10 Residential Communities

home to approximately 2,100 students

677,880 Thousand square feet of Residential space

Residential Life Mission
Our mission is to provide a safe and enriching environment where our students live, learn, and grow.

Residential Life & Dining Services employs more than 100 students in the roles of Community Advisor and Desk Attendant at Plymouth State University.

6 Defined Communities
Move-In Schedule At A Glance

New Student Move-In
Check-In will be centralized at the ALLWell Center. Here all new students will be checked in to our housing software system and be greeted by several other offices prior to moving on to your assigned Residence Hall.

To help expedite the check-in and move-in process students will be assigned a specific timeslot (see below) by the first letter of the student’s last name:

- 8:00am – 9:30am: O – Z
- 10:00am – 11:30am: A – F
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm: G – N

More detailed Move-In information will be shared in early August to student Plymouth State email address.

*Please note that after 4:00pm students and families will need to check directly in to their assigned community.

Returning/Upper-Division Student Move-In
Check-In will be handled at your assigned Residential Community. To help expedite the check-in and move-in process students will be assigned a specific timeslot (see below) by the first letter of the student’s last name:

- 9:00am – 11:00am: O – Z
- 11:30am – 1:30pm: A – F
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm: G – N

More detailed Move-In information will be shared in early August to student Plymouth State email address.

*Please note that students arriving after 4:00pm might experience a longer check-in period due to modified shift coverage for check-ins.

Early Arrivals
If you are affiliated with a group or campus employment that requires you to return to campus before your respective move in date, you must coordinate with the sponsoring office. Sponsoring offices will coordinate directly with Residential life and Dining Services.
10 Tips Before You Arrive

1. Talk with your Roommate(s) about what shared items to bring.

2. Read the Residential Life & Dining Services Lease Agreement, Policies & Procedures, and the University’s Student Rights and Code of Conduct.

3. Review your family’s insurance policy or obtain renters insurance to protect your belongings.

4. Pack your belongings in reusable crates and storage containers to avoid waste and make life easy during your move.

5. Make sure you have had your picture taken at the ID Center prior to move-in day or be prepared to have it taken when you arrive for Move-In Day.

6. Check out our On-Campus dining facilities and make a plan to eat on campus on move-in day.

7. Be sure to share your campus mailing address with friends and family.

8. Check your PSU email for important updates

9. Know the lingo (see page 10).
   CA = Community Advisor
   CD = Community Director
   DA = Desk Attendant
   BSW = Building Service Worker

10. Share your photos of move-in day using the hashtag #PantherMoveIn
Move-In
New students: Once you have checked in at ALLWell, you will be directed to campus to begin moving in to your assigned Residential Community, where you will be greeted by a Residential Life staff member.

Welcome Team
These handy helpers are Plymouth State students, staff, faculty, and town of Plymouth community members. They are available to help you carry your belongings in to your new space.

Cooling Stations
Need a break? Cool off at one of our designated cooling stations in each area.

Unloading Zones
Most residential communities will have designated unloading zones for the day. Individuals directing traffic will guide you to the unloading zone. After unloading, you will be directed to a parking location for the day.

Parking & Parking Passes
Parking for vehicles that will not be participating in active move-in will be provided at the Ice-Arena Parking Lot. For the vehicle that will be actively unloading for move-in, they will receive a parking pass that will include a direction map. This pass will also have a spot to provide an active cell phone number to contact in case the vehicle obstructs others trying to move-in.

Additional move-in information (campus maps, parking, and driving routes will be sent by email to students’ PSU email prior to Move-In Day.
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The following is a short list of suggested popular items to pack for your new residential space.

Don’t forget to visit the Plymouth State OCM page to find out more about Linen and Care Packages plymouth.ocm.com

Forgot something on Move-In Day? Visit the Plymouth State Bookstore or many of the local vendors in the Plymouth community!
This is the first formal opportunity for you to connect with your Community Advisor (CA) and other Residence Hall staff members who will help you throughout the year. In these required meetings, you will be introduced to community standards, leadership opportunities, and much more useful information.

Community Councils are a great way to get involved in your residential experience. Community Councils are student groups that put on both social and educational events in their halls and loosely grounded in the programming model of the department.

We believe in building inclusive communities in each residence hall. Within the first, few weeks, you will have the opportunity to sit down and discuss how you and your roommate(s) will live together in a fun and engaging environment.
There are lots of people from Residential Life & Dining Services to get to know while living on campus. Here’s a brief look at who they are and how they can support you!

**Community Advisors (CAs)** Students employed by the Department of Residential Life & Dining Services as para-professionals to represent the Department, support the philosophy, and strive to enhance the mission of Plymouth State University and the Department of Residential Life in the daily responsibilities of the position. Community Advisors live in assigned residential communities on the floor with the residents and serve as an immediate resource for students.

**Community Directors (CDs)** Full time, live-in professional staff that are responsible for the direct supervision of Community Advisors and Desk Attendants assigned to work in the community. Community Directors actively engage with residents to support them during their time residing in the residential communities. Community Directors are responsible for the overall daily operation of an assigned residential community.

**Desk Attendants (DAs)** Students hired by Residential Life that receive Federal Work Study. Desk Attendants represent the Department of Residential Life & Dining Services while working at the front desk of campus Residence Halls. Desk attendants report directly to the Community Director and work on a variety of tasks and assignments during assigned shifts.
**Study Rooms and Lounges**
Need a quiet place to study or want to hang out with friends? Check out our study rooms, located in each residential community. Lobby and floor lounges are provided to residents and their visitors for studying, meetings, programs, and community-building activities.

**Laundry Facilities**
Located in each building. Wash prices begin at $1.60 but may vary depending on the cycle options chosen. Dryer cycles may be purchased for $.55 per 20 minutes. Machines are started through use of money on your student ID (FlexCash/Panther Bucks). Machines do not take quarters. All washers are high-efficiency, front-load machines. Please use only detergent designed for this style machine.

**Maintenance Requests**
You can submit a maintenance request within the residence hall with just a click of a button. SchoolDude is available 24/7 and is your go-to online resource for submitting non-emergency work requests.

**Cable TV**
Enjoy our Cable TV package and catch all your favorite entertainment, news, sports, and educational channels. Remember to bring a co-ax cable with you at Move-In.

**Kitchenettes**
Community kitchens located in residence halls must be cleaned by the resident after each use.

**Recreational Equipment**
Most communities come equipped with a billiard table and/or table tennis table (ping-pong table). This equipment needs to be used as the design intends.

**Bicycle Storage**
Bicycle racks and/or bike rooms are provided in close proximity to each living area. To use the bike room in your community connect with your Community Director when you move in. The University suggests a U-bolt style lock to secure a bicycle.

**Defined Communities**
Special Interest Communities within certain Residence Halls that have an additional focus while you live with us on campus. For additional information see page 14.
Dining
First-Year students are assigned the unlimited meal plan. In addition, all students residing in a residence hall are required to purchase a meal plan - those not required to live on campus are eligible for the restricted meal plan. Those students who fail to make a self-selection will be placed on one and billed accordingly. Students living in University Apartments are not required to be on a meal plan.

FlexCash & Panther Bucks
FlexCash is a debit account that can be accessed at a variety of locations around campus with a PSU ID card. FlexCash can be used at all food service areas, campus vending machines, and laundry machines. Panther Bucks can be used as above as well at the Bookstore and several local businesses in the downtown area.

FlexCash and Panther Bucks
- FlexCash - comes with all meal plans and expires at the end of each semester.
- Panther Bucks - can be purchased on-line or at any campus-value machine and does not expire.

For more information, visit Dineoncampus.com/Plymouth.

On-Campus Dining Locations

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Union Grille
located inside the Hartman Union Building

Prospect Dining Hall

Daily Paws
located inside the Hartman Union Building

Commons Café
located in the library
We Proudly Brew Starbucks Coffee

The Woods Café
located in Langdon Woods Resident Hall

Panther Café
located in Alt-Val North

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Affinity Housing is an opportunity for members of recognized student organizations to live together in campus housing. These groups are formed around a shared interest or common goal to elevate the residential experience and further promote a sense of belonging. Members of the affinity communities live the campus mission of Ut Prosim by giving back to the area where they live though service and educational and social events. A separate application process occurs in February for this special housing option.

Understanding the unique needs of our nursing students, Residential Life has partnered with the nursing Program to offer Nursing-Specific Housing. This community will provide a space for like-minded students to work together towards their common goal. Nursing Housing is offered for both new and returning students.

Since 2011, “The Q” has been a residential space for members and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community at PSU. Students of all gender(s)/identity (ies), sexes, romantic, and sexual orientations are invited to apply to live in the community. The goal of The Q is to foster an active, inclusive, and accepting community for all residents. Many social and diversity focused programs are offered. The Q is currently located on the 1st floor of Mary Lyon with gender-neutral single-user and communal restrooms and is available for both new and returning students.

The Study Intensive/Extended Quiet housing option was developed to allow residents the opportunity to establish a quiet, more academically focused living environment. A strong emphasis is placed on the right to sleep, study, and pursue normal daily activities free from the noise interference of residents or guests. Respect for neighbor’s rights is a key aspect of living on this floor. Students requesting to reside in Quiet Study agree to abide by these community standards. Study Intensive/Extended Quiet Housing is offered for both new and returning students.
The Scholars Community is for students invited to participate in the University Honors Program. We have designed these communities to provide our high-achieving students an intellectually engaged and academically focused space in some of our most sought after residential locations. The Scholars Community is offered for both new and returning students.

The Substance Free Community is shared by residential students who are committed to healthy habits and abstaining from substances such as alcohol, marijuana, nicotine/tobacco products, illicit drugs, and misuse of prescription drugs. The community is one that provides respect, appreciation, and support for students that choose this specific lifestyle and connects like-minded individuals for continued support. All guests and visitors are also required to abide by the substance-free lifestyle while visiting the area. Each student signs a contract pledging to remain substance free while living in this area. If you are not committed to the restrictions, this lifestyle is not for you. Substance-Free communities is offered for both new and returning students.

First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE)

What is it?

“It’s simple: the needs of first-year students are different than those of returning students, so we’re meeting these needs in an innovative way that brings the services to them.” – Amanda Grazioso, Director of Residential Life

Students will be housed with their first-year classmates, which will foster many opportunities for shared exploration, group project work, and developing ties with peers who are both like-minded and “other-minded.”

Benefits/Outcomes

- Living together in traditional-style halls to support social and community development
- Introduction to campus resources and instilling Habits of Mind that help them achieve academically
- Foster new and different perspectives that support skill development required for future success
- Connections with alumni and community members who share career advice and wisdom
- Provides a great start to college for all students including transfer and commuting students, who are invited to group activities.
Panther Days

Panther Days are your opportunity to:

- Build – your community by meeting your classmates, faculty, and staff
- Learn – more about Plymouth State resources, policies and expectations
- Adjust – to living on-campus and being a student at Plymouth State prior to the start of classes

Panther Days are August 22 through August 25

During Move-In you will be assigned to an Orientation Group. An Orientation Leader, a Plymouth State upper-class student who has been your shoes as a new Plymouth State student, leads the Group. Together you will move through the Panther Days experience.

Your Orientation Group will do things like

- Attend informational & developmental sessions
- Attending social events & activities
- Explore campus and discover ways to get involved

We look forward to seeing you!
Your Student ID

For all New Incoming Students your Plymouth State student ID will be provided to you on move-in day.

For more information on Student IDs visit the ID Website: https://campus.plymouth.edu/ids/

Be sure to get your ID Photo taken on campus prior to move-in day or at move-in day.

Summary of services available with a PSU ID card

- Borrow materials from the Lamson Library
- Gain admission to PSU athletic contests
- Use PSU Physical Education Center facilities
- Use Hartman Union/Recreation facilities
- Access to residence halls
- Use of meal plan
- Use of vending and other cash-to-card devices
- Ski Package

Please note that you will need your PSU student ID to collect packages at Mail Center

Parking & Transportation

First Year Students will only be allowed to purchase a parking permit for the Restricted Ice Arena Parking area (Lot 603).
https://campus.plymouth.edu/police/parking-department/parking-map/

To purchase a parking permit:
https://psu.thepermitstore.com/

The University does run a campus shuttle throughout the week. For specifics on Shuttle Routes, Times and Locations:
https://campus.plymouth.edu/police/shuttle-service/

Click Here for Information about Parking on Campus
https://campus.plymouth.edu/police/parking-department/
Finding Your Assignment
To find your specific assignment simply navigate to https://my.plymouth.edu/ and on the services tab locate the Housing Application. Once in the Housing Application go to the Status page to locate your assignment and who your roommate(s) will be. You may need to click on Profile to view your roommate(s) information.

Room Condition Forms
Prior to unpacking all of your belongings on Move-In Day, the Residential Life Staff of your community will walk you through the Room Condition Form and note any pre-existing damages. These forms will be used to check for damages at the time you officially check out of your space.

Bed Size Information
The size of the mattress that will be on your bed is 36” wide by 80” long (Twin XL). The height of your bed is adjustable and at its highest can be 33.25” and at its lowest can be 12” from the floor to metal box spring. Most can be adjusted to fit the dresser underneath.

Desk Dimensions
Each student is provided a desk and desk chair. The typical dimensions for desk is 42” Wide x 24” Deep x 30” High.

The typical dimensions for the desk chairs are 20” Wide x 24” Deep x 33” High

Dressers and Wardrobe
Spaces will be assigned a dresser and wardrobe/closet space. Typical sizes for the dressers are 30” Wide x 24” Deep x 30” High.

Wardrobes are typically 30” Wide x 24” Deep x 73” High.

On-Campus Expectations
Living On-Campus is a truly amazing experience. Please note that this does come with some expectations of all students.

All PSU students should actively check their PSU email throughout the duration of their time as a PSU student (during the semester and on break)


The Residential Life & Dining Services Policies & Procedures also outlines what not to bring and a list of prohibited items.

Interested in lofting your bed? The only way to do this is to rent a loft kit for your space from Plymouth State. Residential Life, in collaboration with PSU Physical Plant, is pleased to offer this for $175 a semester. Please complete this form prior to August 1, 2019 to rent a loft kit for the 2019-2020 academic year: https://plymouthstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZMTocfGMnvbujb
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