PSU Residential Life

Important Dates

- Mid-July—Room & roommate information is made available online
- August 30th —Opening Day! Residence Halls Open 8:30am
- August 31st —New Student Orientation, Registration and Fall Convocation
- August 31st— Classes Begin 5:00pm
- September 7th— Last day to drop or add a meal plan
- January 22nd—New student Orientation and Registration– Spring 2016
- January 25th—Spring classes begin 8:00am
- March 11th 3:20pm—Spring Break!
- May 13th— Move Out Day— Enjoy your summer!

Welcome to On-Campus Living!

The Office of Residential Life welcomes you to PSU! Whether you are a new or readmitted student, a transfer or international student, Residential Life is looking forward to working with you to make this year a successful and positive experience!

All full-time, matriculated students are expected to live on campus if space is available. Therefore our campus is active with students from various areas around the globe and from all walks of life! Our campus size allows for more interpersonal connections, increased participation in campus life and easier and greater access to support systems whether academic, social or personal.

PSU offers a variety of housing and meal plan options to meet the needs and interests of our students. If you are an incoming student who is of sophomore status or above, you are eligible to request housing in Langdon Woods or the University Apartments.

Most newly admitted students will reside in one of our six traditional residence halls: Blair, Belknap, Geneva Smith, Grafton, Mary Lyon, or Pemigewasset.

Staffing and Programming

All campus housing options offer recreational and social opportunities as well as knowledgeable and caring staff members to assist you with your endeavors. You are encouraged to take full advantage of the programs, skills, and support offered.

Each residential area is overseen by a professional full-time Residence Director as well as Community Advisors who provide support and assistance within individual sections in each of the residential areas. The mission of Residential Life is to provide a safe and enriching environment where students Live, Learn, and Grow!

Professional and supportive staff coupled with programming that provides opportunities for students to become involved in a variety of social, cultural, educational, environmental, and athletic activities makes for an exciting component of Residential Life and campus life in general. Residential Life also offers the following themed communities for students with specific interests:

- Geneva Smith
  Service Community
- Grafton
  Wellness Community
- Mary Lyon
  Global Community
- Pemigewasset (Pemi)
  “The Q” a gender-inclusive wing for the LGBTQ community and their allies.
Personal Furniture

Personal furniture (couches, chairs, lofts, etc.) is not recommended in residential buildings on campus due to space, and health and safety concerns. In our ongoing effort to provide a safe living environment for all students, we ask that any personal furniture brought to campus is clean, sanitary and in good repair. Upholstered furniture should meet the fire safety standard set forth in either CAL TB 117 or 16 CFR part 1633 federal flammability (open flame).

Bed & Loft Information

All housing areas provide extra-long twin size beds for students. Bed styles may consist of individual units, bunk beds (which can typically be used bunked or un-bunked), or loft units (which are single beds with an area below for other furniture).

Although homemade lofts are not permitted in residential facilities, students wishing to have a loft should consider renting components from Vermont Loft and Futon (www.vermontloftandfuton.com). Students should be aware that not all bed types are compatible with this product.

Campus Move-In Information

Residential facilities will open on Sunday, August 30th, 2015 at 8:30am. We ask that students coordinate their move-in plans well in advance by arranging transportation and, if needed, having family members available to assist. Early arrival will not be permitted except for specifically invited groups and individuals who are assisting with campus opening.

Fall semester athletes and students attending the early Community Service Orientation already have specific arrangements in place for their arrival. The specific arrival details will be shared with you in advance by your coach or the program coordinator. More details regarding move-in will be posted on our website in early August.

Parking

Campus parking is coordinated and managed by the University Police Department. All vehicles parked in campus lots require a permit appropriate to the assigned lot. Students requesting a parking permit or with questions about parking should visit the University Police web site at go.plymouth.edu/parking or call 603-535-2330.

You've Got Mail!

Mail is delivered to the student / campus mail center located in the Hartman Union Building (HUB). Students will receive their mailbox assignments at Orientation or when they arrive on campus in the fall.

Some Helpful Hints for Living on Campus

• Information about specific residential areas is available on the residential life web page.

• Storage space (for personal belongings) is not available in the residence halls. Students should plan and pack accordingly.

• The University is not liable, directly or indirectly, for theft, destruction of property, or loss of money, valuables, or other personal property belonging to a student. All students are strongly encouraged to carry personal property insurance or to review their current family homeowner’s insurance. Students needing coverage may wish to visit http://www.nssi.com to purchase a plan.

You and Your Roommates...

Students are encouraged to communicate, cooperate and negotiate in order to live together amicably. When students discuss issues before misunderstandings occur, the roommate relationship develops more productively. Once they receive their room assignment, students are encouraged to contact their roommate and begin discussing their living arrangements. Here are some suggested questions to ask:

♦ Can friends spend the night?
♦ Will we share appliances (refrigerator, microwave, etc.)?
♦ Will we share other things? iPod? Computer? TV? Snacks/Food?
♦ How will we delegate chores like trash removal and cleaning up?
♦ How can we respect each other’s sleeping needs?
♦ How will we handle disagreements and misunderstandings?
♦ How should we make sure our room stays clean and “picked up”?
Room Furnishings: Each student room is furnished with a bed, closet/wardrobe space, desk, desk chair, and dresser space per student assigned to the room. Any other items must be provided by the students. The condition and types of furnishings vary widely across campus and all students will be asked to review and sign off on the condition of the items upon move-in. This agreement will be used as part of the check-out process.

Telephone Service: Since most students come to campus with a cell phone, telephone service in the residence hall rooms is not provided. Most cellular carriers have coverage in the Plymouth area. Consult your carrier for specific information. Should a student require a landline, ITS will assist the student in obtaining a landline with the local phone company—Fairpoint.

Cable TV, Computers, and Internet Access:
All individual residential living areas have cable television and wireless network access available at no extra charge. Wired physical data jacks do exist in all residential areas but, due to full availability of wireless network access, these jacks are no longer activated by default. Wireless network access is also available in most residential and campus common areas and outdoor ‘green’ locations.

Students having devices that do not have integrated wireless connectivity (such as traditional desktop PCs) should consider purchasing an inexpensive USB wireless adaptor from a retailer of their choice. Students having devices that still require wired connectivity, and cannot be retrofitted with a wireless adaptor can contact the ITS Help Desk / Learning Commons at 603-535-2929 once they arrive on campus for assistance with their needs.

Housing and Dining
All students residing in campus housing are bound to an academic year contract (September through May).

All first- and second-year students residing on campus are required to purchase a meal plan. Students required to be on a meal plan who fail to make a self-selection will be placed on one and billed accordingly. Students living in University Apartments, the EcoHouse or who are 21 or older are not required to be on a meal plan.

On-Campus Living Policy
Residential Life reviews the on-campus living policy annually to make adjustments based on what is in the best interest of the students and community at large. For the 2015-16 academic year there is an age and credit criteria student must meet in order to be eligible to live off campus. Please visit our web page for the complete policy. Students intending to commute must obtain approval from the Office of Residential Life. Students who will be 20 years of age by Sept 1, 2015 are automatically eligible to live off-campus unless a campus lease has already been signed. It is important for students to confirm off campus eligibility with residential life prior to signing any off-campus leases.

FlexCash
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, laundry machines, select copiers and the Bookstore as well as several local businesses in the downtown area.

Board vs Campus FlexCash
Board FlexCash- comes with some meal plans and expires at the end of each semester. Campus FlexCash– can be purchased on line or at any campus-value machine and does not expire.

For more information visit the Dining Services webpage.

Additional Facilities of Interest:
All residential areas offer a separate quiet study area. Many of the study rooms are ideal for individual or group-study sessions. All buildings have kitchenettes available for student use. All residential areas also include on-site laundry facilities. The laundry machines, as well as vending machines, utilize the campus FlexCash system – so hunting down quarters never becomes an issue!
Let’s go Shopping...

The following lists may assist new students in planning what to bring to campus. We recommend that students work out some of the details in advance with their roommate(s) to avoid duplication of some of the larger items! Did you know that linens, TVs and mini-refrigerators are available for purchase/rent through res life partnerships with non-campus vendors? Please visit the FAQs on our web page for more information.

Students should consider leaving larger winter items (such as skis, snowboards, winter jackets, etc.) at home until later in the semester to save space in their closets and rooms.

**NOTE**: Permissible appliances and devices must be UL listed.

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* allowed in university apartments

What About Room Assignments?

Room and roommate information is made available beginning mid-July to students who have paid the $90 room deposit and completed the online housing application. Students may check the status of their room assignment by visiting our website at go.plymouth.edu/reslife and clicking on the 'Housing Assignment Info' link. The link requires students to log in using their PSU username and password and will display room & meal plan assignments, roommate information, a link to details regarding the residential area the student is assigned to, as well as other important information relevant to living on campus.

While many incoming students will have their assignment in place by this time, some may not be available until mid-August. It should also be noted that assignments are subject to change and students should recheck their assignments periodically to be sure they have the most updated information. We ask that students be patient and wait for assignment information to be posted as this will always be the most updated information.

All newly admitted students are initially charged a double room rate in order to reserve a space on campus. This will show as a "PEND" status until an official assignment has been made. An appropriate adjustment will be made to the student account once the final assignment is in place. If the student is ultimately assigned to a double-capacity room no adjustment will be made; however, if the student is ultimately assigned to a room having a different capacity or rate, the charge will be adjusted.