The Office of Residential Life welcomes you to PSU! Our mission is to provide a safe and enriching environment where students Live, Learn, and Grow!

Our diverse residential community is active with students from around the globe, providing ample opportunities for learning and growth. On-campus living provides convenient access to academic buildings, libraries, athletic facilities, campus activities, support staff, and services. In addition, the engagement opportunities and ability to connect within your fellow residents can’t be matched!

Whether you are a new or returning student, a transfer or international student, Residential Life is looking forward to working with you to make this year a successful and positive experience!

**Dining**- Your dining experience is more than great food. It is a community experience centered on culinary expertise, fresh ingredients, healthy options and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility. For more information and pricing, visit the Dining Services web page at campus.plymouth.edu/dining/.

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**Important Dates**

- **August 30th**—Residence Halls Open to students who did not attend a June Orientation
- **August 31st**—Residence Halls Open to students who attended a June Orientation
- **September 1st—4th** —Panther Days!
- **September 4th**— Opening Day for returning students
- **September 5th**— Classes Begin 8:00am
- **September 12th**— Deadline to cancel or reduce meal plan
Staff & Community Engagement
Each residential area is managed by a professional, full-time, Community Director and student Community Advisors. This staff works to create an environment in the living area that promotes self-discovery, collaborative learning, and engagement with the greater PSU Community.

Room Furnishings
Each student room is furnished with a bed, closet/wardrobe, desk, desk chair, and dresser 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.

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 and 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, 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. Contact your Community Director for compatibility.

Additional Facilities of Interest
All residential areas offer a separate quiet study area as well as 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!

Most residence halls are equipped with TV lounges, pool tables, and Ping-Pong tables. Some residence halls may have additional recreational equipment (exercise equipment, foosball tables, games, etc.)

Campus Live-On Policy
Residential Life reviews the live-on policy annually to make adjustments based on what is in the best interest of the students and community at large. Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year there will be a two-year residency requirement. Please visit our web page for the complete policy. Students intending to commute must obtain approval from the Office of Residential Life. It is important for students to confirm off campus eligibility with residential life prior to signing any off-campus leases.

Housing and Dining
All students residing in campus housing are bound to an academic year contract (September through May). First and second year students residing on campus are required to purchase a meal plan. Those students who fail to make a self-selection will be placed on one and billed accordingly. Students living in University Apartments, or who are 21+, or Jr. or Sr. status are not required to be on a meal plan.

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 (New for 2017-2018!)
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.

Your Student ID
Don’t forget to upload your photo through the GET app so your ID is ready at check-in. You will need this to access your residence hall and use your meal plan beginning the day you move in.
https://go.plymouth.edu/get

Parking
Campus parking is coordinated 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 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.

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 & Internet Access
All 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 at 603-535-2929 once they arrive on campus for assistance with their needs.
Helpful Hints for Living on Campus

- Information about specific residential areas is available on the residential life web page.
- Storage space is not available in the residence halls. Students should plan and pack accordingly.
- The University is not liable, directly or indirectly, for 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.

Room Assignments
Assignments are generally made based on date of deposit. The earlier your deposit is received by Student Account Services, the better your chance of being assigned to one of your top housing preferences.

*Note: Assignments are not based on when you submit your housing application.

Room and roommate information is made available beginning mid-July to students who have paid the $100 room deposit and completed the online housing application.

Students may check the status of their room assignment by returning to the confirmation page of their housing application. A link to the Housing application can be found on the Residential Life web page.

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.

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 room assignments are published, students are encouraged to contact their roommate directly 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”?

Setting up your new home
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!


**NOTE:** Assignments are not based on when you submit your housing application.

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:** Assignable appliances and devices must be UL listed.

### Should Have...
- Cell Phone
- Storage containers
- Alarm clock
- Waste basket & recycling container
- Laundry basket/detergent
- Shower shoes
- Shower caddy
- Hangers
- Towels
- Sheets (Twin XL)
- Blanket(s) & comforter
- Pillow(s)
- Cleaning supplies (Langdon Woods & Apartments)

### Can Have...
- Microwave (small)
- Refrigerator (up to 5 cu ft)
- Iron / ironing board
- TV / DVD
- Small stereo / radio
- Fan
- Rug
- Mattress toppers
- Bed risers
- Dry erase board
- Printer / laptop computer
- Power strips (UL listed)
- Small fish (in small tanks)

### Not Permitted
- Extension cords
- Halogen lights / lamps
- Candles
- Incense
- Pets (other than small fish)
- Open coil appliances (toasters/ovens, hot plates, etc.)
- Propane-based grills and appliances
- George-Foreman type grills
- Electric blankets
- Air conditioners– window/stand alone
- Hover boards

Campus Move-In

Information
Residential facilities will open for new to PSU students on Thursday, August 31 for students who attended a June orientation—August 30th for those who didn’t. Opening for returning students is Monday, September 4. 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 in preapproved groups 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.

Important Campus Links
- **Admissions**
- **Counseling Center**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Disability Services**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Panther Days**
- **Student Account Services**
- **Student Engagement**
- **Student Rights & Code of Conduct**
- **Student Success Center**
- **Student Support Foundation**
- **Title IX**
- **Trio/PASS**

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