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Residential Life & Dining Services

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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.

Your experience on campus this year may look a little different, but please know that all changes we have implemented are to provide you the safest opportunity to remain on campus.

The core of our philosophy is the sense of community that our caring, dedicated, diverse, and well-trained professional and student staff intentionally creates 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
Unpacking
Residential Life & Dining Services

26 Buildings
10 Residential Communities
Home to approximately 2,100 students

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

677,880 Thousand square feet of Residential space

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

6 Defined Communities
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 creates and storage containers to avoid waste and make life easy during your move.

5. Take a look at the Career Development Services website through the PSU website for a list of potential on-campus job opportunities.

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 on-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
What to Bring

**CLASS**
- Laptop
- Calculator
- Desk Lamp
- Thumb Drive
- Textbooks
- Notebooks
- Pens/Pencils
- Book Bag
- Sticky Notes
- Highlighters

**PLAY**
- DVD/Blu-ray Player
- Cell Phone
- Headphone
- Game Console
- Television
- Batteries
- Surge Protectors
- Coaxial Cable (10ft+)
- HDMI Cable
- Ethernet Cable

**CLEAN**
- Sponges/wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Vacuum
- Paper Towels
- Waste Basket
- Trash Bags

**BEDDING**
- XL Twin Sheets
- XL Twin Blankets
- Pillows
- Pillow Cases
- Mattress Pad

**FOOD**
- Mini-Fridge
- Microwave
- Dishes
- Cups/Mugs
- Utensils
- Snacks

**BATHROOM**
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Bathrobe
- Shower Caddy
- Shower Shoes
- Personal Products
- Laundry Basket

**YOUR ROOM**
- Area Rug
- Posters
- Plants
- Photo Albums
- Memo Boards
- Full Length Mirror
- Hangers
- Fan
- Lamp
- Doormat

**DON’T FORGET**
- Driver’s License
- Medical Insurance Card
- Bank Cards
- Financial Aid Information
- Prescribed Medication
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Umbrella

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

Be sure to checkout the next page where we share our recommended packing list and things to bring to support COVID-19 Precautions
What to Bring – COVID-19

Things to Consider

☐ Minimum belongings for the semester
☐ Suitcases, flattened boxes or storage bins adequate to pack all possessions quickly
☐ A minimum of 7 cloth facemasks
☐ A thermometer
☐ Hand sanitizer
☐ Hand soap
☐ Cleaning wipes
☐ Snacks
☐ Go Bag

Go Bags

All Students should have a “go bag” that remains packed and ready in case they are instructed to move for quarantine purposes.

This bag should include:

☐ 2 changes of comfortable clothes (others should be brought but have 2 ready to go at all times)
☐ Toiletries
☐ A plate, cup, bowl, and set of silverware
☐ An extra set of sheets
☐ A towel
☐ Activities (book, coloring book, origami paper, something that will bring you joy)
☐ Preferred snacks (meals will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks if you have favorites)
☐ A list of other last-minute things to grab specific to you pinned to the top of the bag

Some suggestions:

- Needed electronics
- Medications
- Pillow
- Chargers
- Phone
- Extra clean clothes

Prohibited Items

In order to ensure the safety and security of all Residential Students, Residential Life has a comprehensive list of prohibited items that we encourage all students review in detail prior to move-in day.

We also encourage students to email us directly if you have questions about prohibited items.

Don’t forget to visit the Residential Life website: https://www.plymouth.edu/student-life/housing-dining/
Connecting With Your Community

Introductory Floor Meetings

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.

Getting Involved

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.

Connecting With Your Roommate/Peers

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.
People to Know

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.
Amenities and Services

Listed below are some of the amenities and services we offer. Please note that some of these may be limited due to the need for physical distancing and cleaning.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.
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.

WHERE TO DINE FALL 2020

The Woods Café
Union Grille
Prospect Dining Hall
NEW! To Go Window
NEW! Pizza & Pasta Express
Commons Café
WHERE TO DINE
AT PROSPECT

STATION LOCATIONS

New!
Pizza & Pasta Express

New!
To-Go Window

Entrance

Exit

WHERE TO EAT

1. FYUL
2. Chef's Table
3. Breakfast All Day
4. Homestyle
5. Flame
6. Homemade Pizza & Pasta
7. Drink Stations
8. Salad Bar & Deli
9. New! Pizza & Pasta Express
10. New! To-Go Window
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 through 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.
Defined Communities

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.
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/

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). Click here for the Parking Map

To purchase a parking permit: Click Here

The University does run a campus shuttle throughout the week. For specifics on Shuttle Routes, Times and Locations Click Here

Click Here for Information about Parking on Campus
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.

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

About Your Assignment

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 checkout of your space.

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

A comprehensive list of COVID-19 policies/procedures/expectations will be available closer to move-in and will be included in the Policies/Procedures

Residential Life & Dining Services has a comprehensive list of expectations in our Policies & Procedures Document – Click Here to Review

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

Want to see what our spaces look like?
We recommend checking out of social media for pictures and videos of all the Residential Communities. Additionally we have a comprehensive Frequently Asked Question section on our Residential Life website to help answer all of those pre-move-in questions.

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.
Share your photos of move-in day using the hashtag #PantherMoveIn