

# First-Year Students Housing Information

## Move-In Days / Fall 2011

All First-Year Students: Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM – 4:00PM

All First-Year Student Orientation: Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

### Housing Application and Contracts:

To receive priority consideration, your Housing application should be completed, signed, and returned with your security deposit to the Housing Office, preferably by no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. Two copies of your housing contract will be sent to you in late-June/early July. You must sign and return one copy; the second copy is for your records. If you are not yet 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the contract with you. *Please begin checking your UIS student email account regularly over the summer for information and updates!*

### What Housing Provides:

In LRH & FRH: All rooms are furnished with a loft-able bed, 36"x80" extra-long twin mattress, window blinds, desk, desk shelf, desk chair, and dresser for each resident in the room. Each bedroom is carpeted.

### What Housing Suggests You CAN & SHOULD Bring:

Welcome to College Life! Remember that you cannot bring everything you own from your bedroom at home. When packing, keep in mind that you and your roommate will be sharing limited space that is approximately 12'x15' (180 square feet). You should collaborate with your new roommate & suitemates before bringing larger items. It is also recommended not purchase too many major items together to lessen potential disagreements in the future.

- Personal clothing, toiletries & hygiene products; reference books; pictures of family & friends
- Computer or laptop, calculator, assorted academic supplies & calendar, address book, UL-surge protector, UL-extension cord, flashlight
- Small furniture pieces such as nightstand, bookshelf, study lamp, desk-top fan, iron/board etc.
- Bed linens (1-2 sets), pillow(s), blanket, bedspread, mattress pad or topper, towels
- Laundry soap, laundry basket or hamper, clothes hangers - & the knowledge of how to use them
- Light cleaning supplies (vinegar, 409 or all-purpose cleaner, cloths, liquid dish soap), trashcan and trash bags
- Bathroom cleaning supplies (toilet bowl cleaner/brush, plunger, mop), toilet paper, bath mat/ rug
- Alarm clock, radio or stereo, small television (27" or less), VCR/DVD player
- Wall decorations which are not obscene or offensive, non-flammable, painter's tape to hang them
- Compact refrigerators 3 cubic feet or smaller
- Microwaves that use 750 watts or less
- First-Aid kit with Band-aids, thermometer, & other minor medical supplies; glasses or sunglasses
- Checkbook, ATM card, pad lock for the desk drawer hasp
- Vacuum Cleaner!
- Your well-developed sense of humor
- Your innate ability to communicate, be flexible, & to compromise on occasion

### What Housing Stipulates You CANNOT Bring:

Due to safety, security, or policy provisions; fire safety regulations; other related concerns; or all of the above, the following items are strictly prohibited in the on-campus residential environment:

- Halogen lamps and light bulbs
- Personal space heaters or other portable heating units
- All candles (even decorative ones or gifts), incense burners, hookahs, etc.
- Grills, hot plates, toaster ovens, and similar coiled-burner items
- Highly combustible items, flammable liquids, or toxic chemicals
- Firearms, ammunition, or dangerous weapons of any kind
- Fireworks, explosives, or projectile devices of any kind
- 2.4 GHz cordless telephones (due to potential conflicts with the campus' wireless data network)
- No alcohol (including empty alcohol beverage containers, can or bottle collections, kegs, etc.)

- Illicit drugs & other controlled substances
- Waterbeds and water-filled furniture
- Oversized items, such as couches, game tables, drum sets, large entertainment systems, etc.
- Dartboards, etc.
- Nails, duct tape, double stick tape (cause damage to the paint on the walls)
- Pets are not permitted in any campus residence (except fish in a maximum 10-gallon tank)

**Additional Housing Restrictions of Note:**

- The University retains the right to restrict or prohibit a resident’s use of weight-lifting equipment, musical instruments, radios, stereos, and other items on University premises.
- Room re-painting or other alterations are not allowed (even if Mom & Dad are professional painters, contractors, interior decorators, etc.)
- Road signs and emergency lights or signage are subject to confiscation as stolen property, unless you have a bill of sale or ownership can be otherwise proven.
- Residents are individually responsible for sharing general cleaning within their room or apartment, all furniture & other contents, and other common areas contiguous to their living units. *This includes the bathroom that you share with your suitemates.*
- Charges can be assessed for vandalism, malicious destruction, avoidable damages, extra cleaning, full-value replacements, labor &/or materials costs associated with repairs, or other appropriate costs or additional assessments above definitions of “normal wear-and-tear.”

**A Note on Renter’s Insurance:**

The University assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage of residents’ possessions within University Housing. You are strongly encouraged to consider purchasing renter’s insurance, particularly if you will be bringing expensive items such as a computer, printer, TV, or stereo. Students may be covered under a parent’s homeowner’s insurance, so check with your insurance agent to determine if you are covered under an existing policy or rider.

**A Note Concerning Health-Related Information:**

It’s advisable to consider equipping your son or daughter with a complete mini-medical history card, with such personal identifying info concerning blood type, allergies, medicines prescribed, & emergency contact information. Check out a sample wallet-size mini-chart at “Med Info To Go:” [www.otherwisehealthy.com](http://www.otherwisehealthy.com)

**Additional Information:**

You will be mailed more specific information in mid-to-late June/early July regarding:

- ✓ Specific arrival instructions and times
- ✓ Actual address, room assignment and roommate/suitemates, with UIS email addresses
- ✓ Other “what to expect” guidelines

In the meantime, feel free to check the Housing website or contact us regarding other questions at:

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