The Residential Student Experience

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2015
Residence Life

- We provide:
  - Inclusive community environment
  - Supportive of academics and personal growth
  - Safe living-learning environment
  - Excellent customer service

- Students will:
  - Live
  - Learn
  - Lead
  - Work collaboratively within a diverse community
4 Resident Directors

- Full-time, live-in Academic Professional staff members
- Provide day-to-day administration, management, & staff supervision in a residence hall of 200 - 225 residents or apartment area of 350 - 380 beds
- On-Call 24/7
26 Resident Assistants

- Community Builders
- First Responders
- Role Models
- Enhance the student experience
- Support multicultural awareness
- Encourage independence
- Facilitate roommate concerns
- Foster safety
- Campus resource
UIS is Residential by Design to Create an Inclusive Community

- More than 1100 students live in our residence halls, townhouses, apartments, and family housing from all over the United States and abroad.

- Residency requirement: All single freshmen and sophomore students under 21, not residing with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and having earned fewer than 60 credit hours in two (2) full years after completing High School are required to live in UIS Housing.

- Contract begins in August and ends in May (halls closed during breaks).
Living Learning and Themed Communities

- Capital Scholars Honors Program (CSHP)
- Leadership for Life (L4L)
- Students Transitioning for Academic Retention and Success (STARS)
- Necessary Steps Mentoring Program (NS)

- Second Year Residential Initiative (SYRI)
- Sporting the Outdoors
- International House (IHOUSE)

- Graduate Housing
- Gender Neutral Housing
- Family Housing
Supportive of Academics and Personal Growth

- Social
- Community
- Opportunity
- Responsibility
- Educational
- Diversity
- Bulletin Boards
- Saturday Night Programming
Safe Living-Learning Environment

- RAs
- Desk Attendants
- I-Card
- Guests must be registered and escorted
- Health Services
- Counseling Center
- Dean of Students
- Diversity Center
- TRAC
- Student Life
- Learning Hub

- UISPD
  - (217) 206-6690
  - (217) 206-7777 EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!
  - Dispatch RAs
  - Weather alerts
  - Text alerts
  - Visible throughout campus
Excellent Customer Service

- Homer Butler Commons
- Phone: (217) 206-6190
- Fax: (217) 206-7821
- housing@uis.edu
- Summer Hours
  - 8:30am-6:00pm Monday-Friday
  - 2:00-6:00pm Saturday
  - Closed Sunday
- Michelle Vinson, Housing Administrator III
- Daniel Schraeder, Assistant Director of Residence Life & Education
- Ryan Hofman, Assistant Director of Residence Life – Facilities & Operations
- John Ringle, Director
- Civil Service Staff
Becoming One of Our Residents

- Completed, signed, and returned application/contract & security deposit by June 30th
- Cancellations must be made in writing (email or mail); not showing up does not constitute cancellation
- Cancelling will incur forfeiture of your deposit in addition to other escalating financial penalties
Live in Founders Hall or Lincoln Hall

- Virtually the same layout/amenities
- Suite-style: 2 double rooms share 1 bathroom
- 2 Twin XL beds, 2 dressers, 2 desks, 2 chairs, 2 closets without doors, 2 data ports, 4 duplex outlets, and 1 cable jack, blinds, controllable heat/AC
- Lounges with TVs & computers on each level
- Pool Tables
- Fireplaces
- Help Desk
- Lincoln 2001- Grab n’ Go, Great Room, CSHP Offices
- Founders 2008 – Grille, Classrooms, Bookstore
- Parking by West Campus Townhouses with purchase of a permit
Founders: 4800 Eliza Farnham Drive, Room XXX, Springfield, IL 62703
Lincoln: 2160 Vachel Lindsay Drive, Room XXX, Springfield, IL 62703
Learn about Yourself & Others

- **Communication**
  - Who do you want to be?
  - How will you meet your first roommate?
  - What do you expect of them?

- **Commonality**
  - Why are you here?
  - Do you need to be best friends?
  - Get to know your suitemates & neighbors?

- **Respect**
  - What will you share?
  - Who cleans what & when?

- **Compromise**
  - How will you work out your differences?
    - Roommate Agreements
    - Your freedom ends where your neighbors' begins
  - What if we can’t?
    - Mediation
    - Room Changes

RAs are here to help!
Roommate Requests

- If you want to live with someone before you move in, you and that person must request living together.

- Both people must agree to living together for a request.
Learn Now: Make Your Bed & Clean Your Space

- LaundryView
- Trash rooms – tie your trash
- Useful cleaning products: Comet, Scrubbing Bubbles, Bristle Brush, Swiffer WetJet, Ziploc
- Emergency Maintenance
- Update your social media pages
Lead

- Community Councils
- Floor Social Chairpersons
- RA Applications
- Desk Attendants
- Student Workers
- Student Organizations
Work Collaboratively within a Diverse Community

- Try not to leave campus until after October 18th
- Keep your door open
- Read your email (especially for packages and important updates)
- Go to anything you can
- Schedule time to study
- Schedule time to talk to friends and family
- If you see something, say something
- Read the Community Handbook
- Talk about your family’s expectations on the way home
  - Alcohol & drugs
  - Guests (esp. of another gender)
  - Mental health, physical health, exercise, & sex
  - Waking up & class attendance
  - Finances & employment
  - Cleanliness
Meal Plans & Campus Cash

- **Silver plan ($1,150 per semester)**
  - $14.56/day x 5 days/week; $10.55/day x 7 days/week

- **Gold plan ($1,675 per semester)**
  - $21.20/day x 5 days/week; $15.36/day x 7 days/week

- **Signature plan ($2,100 per semester)**
  - $26.58/day x 5 days/week; $19.26/day x 7 days/week

- **Campus Cash:**
  - Concessions, bookstore, laundry, vending machines, copies, extra meals, etc.
Move In Day: Wednesday, August 19th

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=To-p6tsZ48U
- Assignments emailed mid-July
  - Hall
  - Room Number
- Meeting Your Roommate:
  - Name
  - Email
What to Bring (coordinate with your roommate)

- Toiletries
- Clothing, bedding, and towels
  - Linen Fundraiser (www.rhl.org/uis)
- Cleaning Products
- Vacuum
- Umbrella
- Microwave (less than 1000 watts)
- Refrigerator (less than 3.5 cubic feet)
- Television
- Video Games
- Headphones
- Plastic totes
- Lock/Safe
- Painters’ Tape (or Command 3M strips)
- Renter’s Insurance
- Medical Insurance Information
What to Leave Behind

- Alcohol (including “empties”) & tobacco
- Illegal drugs
- Candles
- Open heating elements/cooking supplies/space heaters
- Deep freezers
- Landline phones
- Halogen lamps & light bulbs
- Baby wipes (they don’t flush as well as they say)
- Weapons (or anything that resembles a weapon, including Nerf, Airsoft, and water balloon launchers)
- Fireworks
- Dartboards, nails, duct tape, double stick tape, etc.
- Street signs and emergency lights
- Pets (only 10 gallon tanks of fish) or service/therapy animals authorized by ODS
- Bunking equipment
- Large stereo equipment, weight lifting equipment, and musical instruments
- Anything large or designed to replace something we have provided
We look forward to welcoming you home in August!