



Housing and Residence Life

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Welcome To Your New Home At Marywood!

You are here with us today because you will be living on campus, and we are excited to welcome you to the Marywood residential community!

By this point, you should have received your housing assignment and know where you will be living and who your roommates will be. If you have any questions about your assignment, roommate, or the housing process, please don't hesitate to reach out after this presentation.

The majority of you are freshman and will be living in Loughran Hall, but due to the large class size we have some freshman assigned to Madonna Hall as well. Incoming transfer students were assigned to any one of our upper class areas including Madonna Hall, Regina Hall, Immaculata Hall or the Woodlands Apartments.





We are here to support you!

Residence Life Structure:

- **Resident Assistants** - RAs in every building. Students have a specific RA that they can go to for help and assistance
- **Residence Directors** - RDs are assigned to each area and manage the building and support successful student living
- **Central Office Staff** support all housing and residence life operations





Meet Your RA!

Who Are They?

- Student leaders who live in your residence hall
- Available as mentors and resources
- Trained before students arrive

What RAs Do:

- Host programs and events for you in the residence halls and around campus
- Help you navigate community living
- Assist you during urgent or emergent situations
- Assist with roommate concerns
- Provide help, support and resources



Get The Most Out Of Your Experience!

Get out of your room and get involved:

- Go to Residence Life programs hosted by RAs!
- Attend Welcome Week events
- Join campus clubs and organizations
- The experience you have is what you make of it!

The students who get involved early often have the strongest college experience.

Step outside your comfort zone, build connections, get involved, and make the most of every opportunity!







Living With A Roommate

Things to Remember:

- Your roommate does not need to become your best friend
- Different does not mean wrong
- Communication and compromise are key
- Respect goes a long way

Common Sources of Conflict:

- Sleep schedules
- Noise
- Guests
- Cleanliness
- Sharing belongings

Living with a roommate is one of the most valuable learning experiences in college. You learn just as much being a community member as you do in the classroom!





Roommate Agreements

Why We Use Them:

- Set expectations early
- Prevent misunderstandings
- Create a framework for communication

Topics Include:

- Cleaning responsibilities
- Guests
- Quiet hours
- Study habits
- Shared items

Most roommate conflicts can be prevented through early conversations and shared expectations!





What if conflict happens?



Conflict Is Normal

- **Step 1:** Talk with your roommate.
- **Step 2:** Ask your RA for assistance.
- **Step 3:** Meet with Residence Life staff for mediation.

Conflict is inevitable, and learning how to navigate conflict and/or differences is an important life skill.

Before we discuss room changes, we always want students to try and solve issues first.



Move-In Day (August 19)

What to Expect:

- Check your email often for move-in information!
- Move-in process and time slots
- Meeting your roommate
- Assistance from staff and volunteers
- Receiving keys and room access
- Room Condition Form

Tips:

- Arrive on campus during your scheduled time
- Label boxes
- Bring essentials first
- Review suggested items list and prohibited items!
- Expect some nerves, it is normal!





SUGGESTED ITEMS

Suggested Items to Bring

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- » Desk items
- » Desk lamp (no multi-bulb, Himalayan salt lamps permitted)

ELECTRONICS:

- » PC / laptop and charger
- » Printer and paper
- » Category 6 Ethernet Cable
- » Flash drive
- » Television
- » UL approved surge protector, must have all following elements:
 1. ON/OFF switch
 2. Able to be reset (usually a button or part of the ON/OFF switch)
 3. No movable parts (no bending or flexible elements)
 4. Must be UL approved
- » Phone charger
- » USB cords for printers and other electronics
- » Headphones

BEDROOM:

- » Extra sheets (jersey knit or twin XL)
- » Mattress pad / cover
- » Egg crate mattress
- » Pillows
- » Alarm clock

ROOM DECOR:

- » Painters tape, Sticky Tac, Push Pins (acceptable to hang items on wall)
- » Push Pins (limited to 20 per room) (acceptable to hang items on wall)
- » Dry-erase board
- » Extra waste basket

BATHROOM:

- » Cleaning Supplies (disinfectant wipes, etc.)
- » Bath towels
- » Hand towels
- » Washcloths
- » Shower caddy
- » Bathroom organizer
- » Hand sanitizer
- » Hand soap pump
- » Tub mat
- » Shower curtain with rings
- » Hair dryer
- » Sunscreen
- » Tissues

KITCHEN:

- » Plates, cups, etc.
- » Storage containers/bags
- » Hot Pot / Coffee Pot (Keurig / auto shut-off coffee maker)
- » Energy-rated refrigerator (3 amps or less)
- » Water filter

OTHER ITEMS:

- » Clothing items
- » Laundry bag
- » Laundry detergent
- » Hangers
- » Small sewing kit
- » Iron
- » Vacuum
- » Gym bag





Prohibited Items

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- » Free standing microwave ovens
- » Toasters / toaster ovens
- » Crock pots
- » Rice cookers
- » Hot plates
- » Electric skillets / grills
- » Any items with exposed heating coils or heating elements
- » 3D printers
- » Air conditioners
- » Space heaters
- » Wax warmers / melter
- » Extension cords
- » Multi-plug adapters
- » Wireless routers
- » Hoverboards, Segways, or small devices
- » Halogen bulbs / Multi-bulb lamps
- » Candles (NO open flames are permitted in any Marywood University Building)
- » Incense
- » Pets other than fish (tank must be 10 gallons or LESS)
- » Damaging wall hanging devices: Including but not limited to;
(NOTE: any damage resulting in use of these products will be billed to student).
 - » 3M products of any kind (including Scotch brand)
 - » Glue of any kind (Gorilla, masonry, super glue, etc.)
 - » Double sided tape
 - » Adhesive Velcro
 - » All Gorilla products
 - » Nails
- » Clings that block the entire window
- » Items hung from or attached to the ceiling
- » Plug in sting lights, including holiday lights and lit trees
(battery-operated lights are acceptable)
- » LED lights with adhesive backing
- » Alcohol or Alcohol paraphernalia
(includes any containers or glasses associated with alcohol)
- » Due to Marywood's Smoking Policy, smoking, any use of tobacco products, and other smoking related products
(including vape devices and e-cigarettes) are prohibited.





Dining & Meal Plans

- All residential students are required to have a meal plan
- Multiple meal plan options are available
- Dining Dollars can be used at campus locations
- Dining services are within walking distance of all residential areas



Safety & Support

Resources Available:

- Campus Safety
- Residence Life Staff
- Student Health Services
- Academic Support Services
- Counseling Services

24/7 Support:

- Professional staff on call
- Resident Assistants on duty nightly
 - Sunday-Thursday - 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM
 - Friday & Saturday - 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM
- Campus Safety available 24/7
- Counselors on Call 24/7





Advice for Students

- Get to know your roommates and neighbors
- Attend your mandatory floor meeting(s)
- Attend RA events
- Ask for help when you need it
- Use campus resources
- Get involved early
- Be patient with yourself and others, this is a big change for everyone!





Thank you!

Questions?



Before you go...

Take advantage of the rest of today to connect, ask questions, and explore campus resources!

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Students & Families Reconnect

Location: Memorial Gardens

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Optional Residence Hall Tours

Location: Loughran Hall

Options to view:

- Suited Double
- Quad
- Quint