

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### IS ATTENDANCE AT NEW STUDENT WELCOME WEEKEND REQUIRED?

Yes, it is mandatory for you to attend. You will receive a brief schedule in mid-July for the New Student Welcome Weekend. Check-in for residents and commuters will take place Friday August 21st. Welcome Weekend will begin on Friday and the first session of the Foundation 1 course also meets during Welcome Weekend. Students who need to discuss virtual options should contact [mrockafellow@stfrancis.edu](mailto:mrockafellow@stfrancis.edu).

### SHOULD MY PARENTS ATTEND NEW STUDENT WELCOME WEEKEND WEEKEND?

No, we are connecting with Parents virtually to reduce the number of people on campus during this time. For more information visit <https://www.stfrancis.edu/alumni/family-resources/>

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING?

Housing applications are available on the USF website. The application and \$50 housing deposit may be submitted online ([stfrancis.edu/admissions/freshman/residence-halls/online-housing-application](http://stfrancis.edu/admissions/freshman/residence-halls/online-housing-application)). Students are encouraged to submit their application and deposit before June 1.

### HOW ARE ROOMMATES ASSIGNED? IS IT POSSIBLE TO PICK MY ROOMMATE?

Roommates are assigned based on the answers to questions found on the housing application. Those individuals with similar interests and lifestyle habits are placed together to the best of our ability using the information from your application. Students may request a particular roommate by listing that person's name on the housing application. In order to be placed together, both individuals must list the other as their desired roommate. Both students must have their application submitted by June 1.

### WHEN ARE HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Staff members begin making housing assignments for freshman and transfer students in June and continue through August. Letters that include room placement are mailed in June and July. Please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) if you feel housing accommodations are needed due to a disability, including a request for an air conditioner. Questions about housing assignments may be directed to the Assistant Director of Residence Education at [ccarver@stfrancis.edu](mailto:ccarver@stfrancis.edu).

### WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

Friday August 21, 2020. An email with the opportunity to sign up for a move in time was sent to each residents USF email.

### WHAT ARE MY MEAL PLAN OPTIONS?

The cost of your meal plan is included in your room and board charge. You get to choose between three meal options. Students are automatically placed into 175 Meals and \$100 in Dining Dollars. They can request to be switched to 125 Meals and \$200 in Dining Dollars or 19 meals per week in the Terrace Cafe when they arrive on campus and during the first two weeks of the semester.

### WHAT ARE DINING DOLLARS?

Dining Dollars is money that is applied to your ID card, which can be used at the snack shop, Terrace Cafe, Three Oaks Bistro or Bernie's Pub by resident/commuter students, faculty, administrators or staff.

### HOW BIG IS A TYPICAL ROOM IN MARIAN HALL?

The dimensions of a Marian Hall double room are approximately 13' x 15'.

### WHAT IS PROVIDED IN THE ROOMS?

- » Twin bed for each roommate
- » Desk and chair for each roommate
- » Dresser and wardrobe for each roommate
- » Air conditioning unit
- » Cable and internet connections
- » Overhead light fixture
- » Recycling bin
- » Microwave on each floor's social lounge
- » Any specific disability accommodation requests should be sent to the Office of Disability Services

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING IF I AM STAYING IN A RESIDENCE HALL?

- » Bedding: extra-long twin sheets, comforter, pillow, mattress pad
- » Toiletries
- » Towels, hand towels, washcloths
- » Clothes hangers
- » Alarm clock
- » Telephone
- » Cable cord
- » Fan
- » Flip flips for the shower
- » Laundry supplies: laundry basket, detergent, fabric softener etc.
- » Blinds and window treatments: each Marian room has windows that are 2'8" across by 4'2" high - 32" blinds will fit the window frames
- » Mini-refrigerator (optional)



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