

RESIDENTIAL LIFE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I required to live on campus?

- Out-of-state students, students who reside 50 or more miles outside of New Orleans, and international students are required to live on campus during their first year at Dillard.

Can I be exempted from living on campus?

- Under certain circumstances, students who meet the eligibility criteria may be exempted from the residency requirement. Please contact the Office of Residential Life for more information.

Do you offer family housing?

- No. Students with dependents or married students must make their own off-campus housing arrangements.

Do I have to have a roommate?

- Yes. An important college experience is living with and learning from others.

Can I select my own roommate?

- Yes. Roommates must be the same classification, request each other on their respective housing applications, and have submitted their housing deposit. The Office of Residential Life honors all requests when possible.

When will I receive my housing assignment?

- We anticipate completing the majority of assignments by July 1 for Fall semester and December 1 for Spring semester.

Can I move on campus early?

- No. The residence halls open on the first day of SOAR.

Do I have to purchase a meal plan if I live on-campus?

- Yes. Students residing on campus are required to purchase the meal plan.

What is the length of the housing contract?

- The room contract is an annual contract from August to May (if enrolling in the Fall semester) or from January to May (if enrolling in the Spring semester). Under certain circumstances, students may request a 12 month contract.

After moving in, can I change rooms and/or roommates?

- Pending room availability and consent of all roommates, students may apply for reassignment. Students must attend the mandatory meeting during the room change period and submit all required documents to be eligible.

What policies should I know when I live on campus?

- Each student will receive a copy of the *Student Handbook* and *Residential Life Handbook* that contain rules and regulations of Dillard University. Each student is responsible for reading these documents and the *University Catalog*. Students will be educated on these important documents during SOAR and mandatory Residential Life meetings. Our policies exist to ensure your success at Dillard by promoting a safe, structured, and healthy living-learning environment.

How are the residence hall governed?

- The Office of Residential Life consists of full-time professional staff who are Resident Managers overseeing a residential complex. Each hall also employs professional staff as Desk Assistants who work nights and weekends to assist students and ensure an orderly environment. In addition, we have trained undergraduate Resident Assistants (RA) who reside in the halls and are in charge of a floor/apartment area. RA's have many roles: community builder, resource person, peer counselor, activity organizer, disciplinarian, and friend.