Residence Life Session

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What is the most flexible dining plan?

Either of the All-Access plans.

With All-Access plans you can go in and out of Liberty Fresh Food and City Bistro as many times as you’d like and it was the most popular last year.
What are dining dollars?

Dining Dollars

Dining dollars are reloadable monies on your cougar card that allows you to purchase food or other items that are bought through any of the following dining services locations.

- Chick-fil-A
- City Bistro
- Einstein Bros. Bagels
- Liberty St. Fresh Food Company
- Market 159
- Marty’s Place
- P.O.D. Express at the Education Ctr.
- P.O.D. Express at Harbor Walk
- P.O.D. Express at Maybank Hall
- Starbucks
- Stern Center Food Court

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What are options for students with food allergies?

Simple Selections

Liberty Fresh Food Company also has a “Allergen-Friendly” station, called “Simple Selections” which is open for lunch and dinner each day and serves a menu that is free from 7 of the top 8 allergies (dairy, soy, gluten, tree nuts, peanuts, shellfish and eggs).

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Can you take your food to-go?

Key Tag Exchange

Yes, at City Bistro and Liberty Fresh Food Co. we have a reusable to-go program that comes with your meal plan. Students can pick up a free to-go box before Sept. 1 at either dining hall. Be sure to return your box so Dining Services can sanitize it and you avoid the $3 replacement fee. When you turn in your box you will receive a key tag that you can always show for a new box.

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How can my student get involved?

RHA

The Residence Housing association is a way for residents to get involved in the cultivation of their communities. If you did student government in high school, you’ll thrive at this.

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What is RHA?

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is a group of volunteer students who serve to try and improve the overall atmosphere of the Residence Halls. Residents can either serve on Hall Governments where they will work directly in their specific Residence Hall, or could serve as a member of the Executive Board, which monitor all of the Hall Governments.

Over the past few years, RHA has been able to provide the students living in our Residence Halls with new T.V’s, new furniture, outdoor grills, and water bottle refill stations.

One of the main goals of this organization is to enhance the community within the halls and try to provide a comfortable and fun environment for residents to enjoy. We thrive on seeing students enjoy their time in the Residence Halls, and hope that we can also help you, our resident, to enjoy your time at this school, and to make this your Home Sweet CofC.

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How can I become an RA?

Residence Assistant

After a semester of living on campus for one semester you are allowed to apply to become an RA. Look for more information on the ResLife website at reslife.cofc.edu!

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What is move in like?

Moving In

You will be emailed information that goes through all of the instructions that are necessary for move in. The dates will be posted on the website and there will be some assistance to help move belongings.

Presenters will discuss this in depth during the session!

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When do I move in?

If you’re not in an early summer program (ex: pan-hellenic recruitment, cougar excursion, summer preview).

Exact time will be announced soon by floor:

**Aug 18:** Buist, Craig, George, Kelly House, McConnell, Rutledge, and Historic Houses

**Aug 19:** Berry, Liberty, and Warren Place

**9am-1pm**

College Lodge and McAlister

**2pm-6pm**
Move In Tips

Here are some simple tips to make this process less stressful:

• When it rains here it pours…bring trash bags to cover your stuff
• Label all of your boxes with your name and building and room number
  • Bring your own dolly…your back will thank you
  • Only bring the essentials
• Contact your new roommate(s) using information provided on MyCharleston and your assignment letter to decide who will bring what
More Move in Tips

• Only the student can go through the check-in line to fill out forms and receive your room and mailbox key. Make sure you have your College of Charleston ID (for session 1-9 students) or Driver’s License.

• Make sure to double check your move in time…You cannot check in before your assigned time.

• When in doubt ask someone…we are here to help you.
Can I ship items to my mailbox at mail services ahead of time?

Yes and No

If you are moving from far away you are able to ship essential items the student will need in August to the student’s on campus mailing address. This is good for rugs or lamps, not winter coats or shelving. You can start shipping these things on August 1st. If you can purchase it in Charleston, wait.

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How do I get my mailbox number and key?

**Email and Mail Services**

CofC Mail Services will send out addresses in the next month. You will receive your key at move in check in or Campus Housing (40 Coming St.) when you arrive on campus in August.

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What is the alcohol policy in the Residence Halls?

Alcohol

All students under 21 are not permitted to have alcohol of any kind in the residence halls.

Guests are never allowed to bring alcohol into buildings, regardless of age.

Students under 21 cannot be in the presence of alcohol in the residence halls.
What should I bring to the Residence Halls?

Housing List

http://housing.cofc.edu/student-housing/move-in.php

A hand truck can be very helpful and we suggest you bring one along. We will have some volunteers but you should plan to move your items in yourself.
Items you might be surprised you are not allowed to bring

(Disclaimer: this is not the complete list)

- Candles/incense-nothing with a flame
- Darts and dart boards
- Electrically amplified instruments, Drum sets
- Electric blankets
- Extension chords
- Grills (including G. Foreman grills, unless your room has a kitchen)
- Hot plates (unless your room has a kitchen)
- Knives (other than flatware)
- Multi Plug outlet (without surge protector)
- Open Coil cooking or kitchen appliances (Unless your room has a kitchen)
- Pets (except fish in no larger than a 10 gallon tank)
- Space heaters
- Toaster/Toaster Oven (unless your room has a kitchen)
Can students bring a single-cup Keurig coffee maker into their residence hall?

Yes!

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Do you need a bike?

Maybe, but not right away

You don’t really need a bike to get to classes. Students use bikes to get to jobs, community service sites and the grocery store. You may want to wait a week or two into the semester to see if you would really need one.
What is the visitation policy for the Residence Halls?

Visitation

24/7 Visitation in the Residence Halls. You are required to sign in your guest at the front desk with a valid state issued id, other college IDs are not acceptable. More details will be given by the student’s Resident Assistant when they move in.
What does it mean to be assigned to a suite?

A suite in a residence hall means you have been assigned to a living unit with two, three, or four bedrooms in the unit and a shared bathroom(s)
How do I have things fixed?

Work Orders

If you want to fix anything in your residence hall, you fill out a work order through the housing/dining portal (where you completed your housing application) in your MyCharleston account.
What items are free in the residence halls?

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Laundry, IPTV, Wi-Fi, Trashbags and Toilet Paper!

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What kind of TV services will I have?
IPTV – Internet Streaming television

What equipment do I need for IPTV?
For the best experience, you can use either an Apple TV or Amazon Firestick

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In 2010 the College of Charleston Fire and EMS became the first volunteer campus EMS organization to be licensed by SC DHEC as an EMT First Response organization.

At present, the unit is comprised of approximately 24 volunteers, certified as South Carolina EMT-Basics, EMT-Intermediates, or Paramedics. The College of Charleston EMS is in service from 5pm to 8am during the regular academic year. First responder coverage is provided by College of Charleston fire inspectors at all other times. ALS and back-up are provided by Charleston County EMS.

You can join the crew. Check out the website at http://fireandems.cofc.edu/about/index.php
When do I complete the required emergency evacuation plan?

You will be able to complete it under the student services tab of your MyCharleston account in the next few weeks.
Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the event that an evacuation of the College of Charleston is ordered, the College must be able to identify where resident students are going, with whom, and which students need the College to provide assistance to evacuate in a timely manner.

The College requests that you complete this form now and assure that it is accurate and kept current when your situation or plans change. Your commitment now does not indicate that you will not have a chance at the time of evacuation to change what is written here and allow the College to assist you as required for your safety. It is also an excellent idea to make a copy and share with your family or discuss with your family your intentions prior to the need for an evacuation.

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⚠ The College currently has no record of your evacuation plans. Please fill out the information below and select ‘Submit Plan’.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT:** Completing this form is voluntary. The information provided is confidential and will be used only for emergency purposes in compliance with FERPA. I hereby consent that this information may be used and shared with my family members, next of kin, legal guardians, university officials, public safety personnel and emergency medical workers in the event of an emergency.

**THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT AND INCLUDES A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING.**

By entering my CWID number below, I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand this ‘Emergency Evacuation Plan consent agreement’ and, by entering my CWID, I am voluntarily digitally signing this document.

Please enter your CWID, indicating your consent:

If an evacuation is ordered by the College of Charleston, I plan to:

- [ ] I have not made any arrangements. Please assist me at evacuation time.
- [ ] I will evacuate on my own / make my own arrangements (details below...)

I’ll be evacuating to:

Area Code Phone Number

The phone number at this location is:

I’ll be evacuating with (list names if applicable):

Submit Plan

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