



# DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

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## Frequently Asked Questions about Living in University Housing

### Bed Size and Sheets

The beds in residence hall rooms are 80 inches long and require extra long sheets. The beds are of standard height. Twin XL sheets will work well on these beds. Students must furnish bedding as this is not provided by the University or Campus Living and Community Development.

### Bike Storage

Bike racks located outside most of the residence halls. Bikes can be parked or stored only in the owner's room. Bicycles are not permitted to be stored in common public areas (hallways, stairwells, etc).

### Fridges and Microwaves

Bringing a fridge or a microwave is entirely up to your preference. Most students do have a small refrigerator and microwave in their room. If you are interested in renting a microfridge unit instead of bringing your own, that option is available.

### Items to Bring

<i>Definitely Bring</i>	<i>Optional to Bring</i>	<i>Do Not Bring</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheets, towels, pillow</li> <li>• Shower caddy</li> <li>• Wastebasket</li> <li>• Utensils, plates, cups</li> <li>• General cleaning supplies</li> <li>• Hangers</li> <li>• First aid items</li> <li>• Laundry basket/bag</li> <li>• Laptop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Refrigerator</i> *</li> <li>• <i>Microwave</i> *</li> <li>• <i>Stereo</i></li> <li>• <i>Fan</i></li> <li>• <i>Television</i></li> <li>• <i>Storage bins</i></li> <li>• <i>Desk lamp</i></li> <li>• <i>Memo board</i></li> <li>• <i>Bicycle with lock</i></li> <li>• <i>Iron</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candles, incense</li> <li>• Space heaters</li> <li>• Air conditioners</li> <li>• Open coil appliances</li> <li>• Halogen lamps</li> <li>• Alcohol</li> <li>• Drugs or drug paraphernalia</li> <li>• Fireworks</li> <li>• Weapons</li> <li>• Extension cords</li> </ul> <p><i>The above items are prohibited by residential living policies</i></p>

### Lofting

In most of our buildings, you can loft your bed. The furniture in Longden and Bishop Roberts is "loftable" - meaning you can stack your bed on top of your desk, dresser, shelves, etc, in any combination (there are many different ways to set up the furniture).

The beds in College Street, Hogate, Humbert, and the Lucy and Mason double rooms are also loftable. You'll need to request a loft kit to loft your bed if you live in one of these halls. Loft kits are \$75 and requests for loft kits must be received by August 1, 2011. Requests after that time cannot be guaranteed for your arrival. Ladders for beds in Longden and Bishop Roberts Halls are also available by request.

To request a loft kit or ladder, email [facilitiesmanagement@depauw.edu](mailto:facilitiesmanagement@depauw.edu) from your DePauw email account. They will send you a form to complete the process.



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### **Phone Service**

A phone (campus or local calls are free) for use by residents is located in the common area of each floor. There is no phone service in individual student bedrooms.

### **Room Amenities**

All rooms have a closet (or wardrobe), a bed, a desk, a chair, and a bookshelf for each resident. Rooms also have blinds, cable, and internet.

### **Roommate Concerns**

Professional Staff Members in Campus Living and Community Development value the learning that happens when you live with another person who may be different than yourself. Our First-Year Resident Assistants (FYRAs) will work with every first-year student roommate pair or group at the beginning of the year to set standards and expectations that will help roommates succeed in sharing a space. Community Resource Assistants (CRAs) who work with our sophomores, juniors and seniors are also available to assist their residents. If you are having difficulty communicating with your roommate about your concerns, your FYRA/CRA and our Area/Hall Coordinator are trained to help you negotiate the issues. If the situation is irresolvable, a room change may be considered.

### **Shipping Items to Campus**

Students can send everything to themselves using their UB box address. Standard office hours for the mailroom (located in the Memorial Student Union Building) are Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

### **Substance Free**

Substance free living is a unique environment in which all residents, upperclass and first-year alike, agree to lead a substance-free lifestyle in their hall, suite or apartment. Students in these communities agree to the same lifestyle. This means that residents refrain from using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs in their living unit. However, “substance free living” means different things to different people. For some residents, this entails completely abstaining from the use of these substances, and for others, it means not using them in the living unit. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each resident to determine what exactly this means to them (with the minimum expectation that they will be substance free in their hall, suite or apartment), and to communicate their beliefs and standards to other residents while respecting the choices that other residents may make about the use of such substances outside of the living unit. FYRAs and CRAs will work with students in substance-free communities to define community expectations at the beginning of the year.

### **Window Size**

Windows in most of the residence hall rooms are approximately 2' x 3'. You can bring curtains if you wish, but you will need a tension rod to hang the curtains as we do not allow students to put holes in the wall to hang curtain rods.