The Residential Experience

Presented by Housing & Residential Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
#myOrientation

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Top 5 Takeaways for this Session

1. Many ways to contact housing for assistance (web, email, facebook, etc.)
2. Plan ahead, know your important dates ahead of time
3. Billing is all on OASIS, not in the mail
4. Communicate with students via USF email
5. Complete the application/exemption requirements
Benefits of Living on Campus

• Greater opportunity to meet people
• Greater access to campus resources
• Tend to graduate more often
• Tend to graduate in less time
• Develop greater affinity to the University
Live on Campus or Not?

Housing Application
  • www.usf.edu/usfhousing

Housing Requirement Exemption Information
  • www.housing.usf.edu/apply/first
Room Change Requests

• Will resume the 2\textsuperscript{nd} week of the term
• Room changes are not guaranteed
Housing Billing

- Online on OASIS
- Can pay all at once or in installments
- Payment schedule
  - Summer 2015 – Due before check-in
  - Fall 2015 – August 1, September 1, October 1, November 1
  - Spring 2016 – December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1
- Failure to pay in full by the final date each term may result in a 5% late fee added to the student account
Housing Payments

• Make housing payments on the housing website to ensure the payment is applied to your housing fees
• Housing accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and e-checks
• Housing does not charge an additional fee for using a credit card
• Any payment received via the housing payment gateway WILL ONLY be applied to housing charges
• Any charges received on Oasis and intended for housing will be applied to tuition charges prior to housing
Moving In

All Move In information, including maps and packing lists may be found on the web at usf.edu/housing

Fall 2015 Move In

• Sunday, August 16 @ 12 PM – Monday, August 24 @ Noon
  • Arriving before August 20 will require the student to complete an early arrival request form available on the housing portal.
• Your student selected a dining plan when they applied for housing - check to make sure this was completed
• Dining plans are billed and paid through the student OASIS account
• Any changes to a dining plan must be requested in person at the Dining Services Office located on the 1st floor of the Marshall Student Center, 1502
• There is a limited time to make changes to a dining plan at the beginning of each semester
• Speak with a Dining representative to make sure everything is set for your student prior to leaving Orientation
Residential Support Staff

- Residence Life Coordinators (RLC) & Assistant Residence Life Coordinators (ARLC)
- Resident Assistants (RA)
- Maintenance & Custodial Staff
- Faculty in Residence/Faculty Fellows
- 24-hour Desk Staff
Safety in the Residence Halls

- Card Swipes
  - Upgrading to become more secure
- 24 Hour Desk
- USF Police
- US Securities
- S.A.F.E. Team
- Emergency Management & Response plans in place
- 200+ new cameras added throughout the residential community
- Life Safety
  - Generators
  - Emergency lights
  - Internet
Breaks and Closings

• Halls remain open for Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks
• Your student may leave their belongings in their room during the winter break if they are returning to the room
• Dates available in the Family Booklet
• Save time and money, Plan Ahead
Communication Methods

• Primarily via the student’s USF Email account
• Text messaging will be used beginning this summer to notify students of changes to their assignment. Due to the texting charges, students must opt in to receive texts (see housing application)
• University and department Facebook pages
• Postings on digital message boards and bulletin boards
Housing Contacts

• Website – usf.edu/housing
• Facebook – facebook.com/usfhousing
• Twitter – twitter.com/usfhousing
• Pinterest – pinterest.com/usfhousing
• YouTube – youtube.com/usfhousing
• Instagram – instagram.com/usfhousing
• Email – housing@usf.edu
• Phone – 813-974-0001
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