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# Information on Housing and Dining

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Please read the following information before completing the **Housing, Dining and Residential College Interest/Activity** form. The completed form *must* be filled out and submitted by June 19.

## Housing

All freshmen and sophomores at Princeton are required to live on campus in residential colleges and to hold a University dining contract. Each entering freshman will be randomly assigned to one of the six residential colleges (Butler, Forbes, Mathey, Rockefeller, Whitman, or Wilson) in which he or she will live at least for the next two years. Requests to be housed in a particular residential college will not be considered. After reading the following description of Princeton's housing, dining and college facilities, please complete and submit the **Housing, Dining and Residential College Interest/Activity** form by June 19. Information on room and roommate assignments, as well as dates and times for checking in, will be sent to your Princeton email account in mid July.

Students should understand that due to the complexity of the process of housing the large number of individuals in the freshman class, we *cannot* commit to honoring specific requests for each individual option listed (e.g. number of roommates, single-sex area, etc.). Roommate requests will not be considered.

**Single-sex area** refers to a section of a building that houses men or women only. The location of these areas will vary from year to year. Single-sex areas are very limited in size, and are not guaranteed to any student (as noted above). **Coed areas** are men and women's rooms assigned randomly along a corridor or within an entry. In all cases, separate bathroom facilities for men and for women are provided.

**Substance-free housing** refers to a section of a building that houses those students who wish to live in a substance-free area. These areas are very limited in size, and are not guaranteed to any student (as noted above). While the University has policies regarding the use of alcohol and illegal drugs, these designated areas are ones where students actively choose not to use the prohibited substances under any circumstances. When making the decision to sign up for substance-free housing, it should be remembered that this is not simply the choice of a special living space, but a conscious decision to adopt a substance-

free lifestyle while occupying that room. This means that no alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, or incense may be in the room at any time; it also means that even if you go outside your residence hall or off-campus and consume these substances, you are still responsible for the effects of these substances on your behavior when you return, and the results of any disruptive effects your behavior has on other residents of your residence hall.

Each residence hall room or suite is equipped with a bureau, bed, mattress, desk and desk chair for each occupant. Students must provide their own lamps, bedding, rugs, curtains, and other accoutrements.

Except for long-distance calls (billed separately by the telephone company), telephone service is provided with the cost included in the residence hall rental fee. The student must provide his/her own telephone.

Students who wish to have their campus address and telephone number withheld from the campus directory must notify the Office of the Registrar *in writing* prior to June 30 each year.

Students are not allowed to bring air conditioners, candles, halogen lamps, or pets. Smoking is prohibited in all residence halls. Students are responsible for their own personal belongings and for any damage to the residence hall buildings or furnishings.

Additional detailed information about housing will be sent to you with your housing assignment in mid July.

## Dining

All freshmen and sophomores are required to purchase one of the University meal contracts. The block meal plans enable students to take meals flexibly throughout the semester. The meal totals reset at the beginning of each semester.

Please choose one of the meal plan options on the Housing, Dining and Residential College Interest/Activity form. Any student who does not choose a meal plan on this form will automatically be placed in the Unlimited meal plan.

Students are permitted to change the meal agreement one time each semester. Changes may only be made during the third full week of classes for the fall semester and the first week of classes for the spring semester. Changes that increase the number of meals may be made anytime during the year beginning the third week of classes fall semester.

Meal contract prices are the same for all University dining facilities. For interested students, a kosher lunch and dinner option, with fully authorized supervision, is available at the Center for Jewish Life at no additional charge. Students may eat in the CJL or retain the option of eating in their college dining hall.

## College Fee

All members of residential colleges are required to pay a college fee. This fee helps to defray the cost of recreational, cultural, and educational programs.

## Billing

Housing, dining and college fees will be billed to the student August 1. The prices listed below are for the full academic year. One half will be billed each semester.

Housing	\$ 6,340.00
College Fee	\$ 640.00
Dining	
Unlimited	\$ 5,340.00
Block 235	\$ 5,127.00
Block 190	\$ 4,913.00

## The Residential Colleges

A college consists of a cluster of residence halls, with a nearby dining and social center. Each college provides a range of special facilities, including social lounges, seminar and study rooms, a library, computer facilities, game and television rooms, and in some cases theaters and other spaces for the creative and performing arts.

The residential college community includes a senior faculty member as master, a residential college dean,

a director of studies, a director of student life, a college administrator, secretarial staff, resident graduate students, faculty fellows and advisers, and upperclass residential college advisers. Each two year college (Forbes, Rockefeller, and Wilson) houses approximately 450 freshmen and sophomores; each four year college (Mathey, Whitman, and Butler) houses mostly freshmen and sophomores but includes a significant number of juniors and seniors among its residents. The college dean, the director of studies, and the academic advisers are responsible for the academic advising of all freshmen and sophomores who live in the college and for juniors and seniors, both resident and non-resident, who are affiliated with the college.

The students in each college come from many parts of the country and the world and bring with them a remarkable variety of talents and interests. To encourage development of these talents and interests, and to enrich the community as a whole, each college sponsors academic, social, cultural, and other activities, ranging from intramural athletics to trips, dances, lectures, and film series. The students plan and organize many of these activities.

College activities vary somewhat from college to college and from one year to the next. In recent years, typical activities have included concerts by college members and invited guests; folk dancing; creative writing programs; film series; colloquiums with faculty members and nationally known speakers; dance and exercise classes; poetry readings; theatrical productions; noncredit courses on topics such as bicycle repair, bread baking, yoga, and chess; excursions to places and events of interest, including plays, opera performances, and museums in New York City and Philadelphia; dances and other social events; study breaks; and special dinners for special occasions.

The Residential College Interest/Activity Information included at the bottom of the **Housing, Dining and Residential College Interest/Activity** form will give your residential college staff a preliminary indication of your interests.