

**OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIVING
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Over the past several years, these questions have been asked consistently by new students. We hope the answers are helpful to you. Of course, if you need additional assistance, please feel free to contact us or check us out on the web at <http://www.lclark.edu/dept/reslife>. You may reach us by telephone at 503-768-7123 or email living@lclark.edu.

What amenities are available in the residence halls?

Each residence hall has common study space, kitchen and/or kitchenettes, card access laundry facilities, recreational equipment and coin operated snack machines. Each room is equipped with voice mail and all residence halls have direct access to the internet. The residence halls feature a convenience store, coffee shop, recreation/exercise room, and a Student Art Center that includes a dark room, ceramics studio, areas for painting/drawing and adequate practice or performance space for dance and music.

How much "stuff" can I bring to campus?

Keep in mind the living space of a typical residence hall room is only about 10 x 12 which you'll share with another student, so you should limit your packing to the most important personal belongings. All furniture and fixtures are provided so you should leave your favorite easy chair at home. You and your roommate/s will be able to decide on the particular décor of your room, if you're into that sort of thing, and which one of you should bring the stereo, (please include headphones)! If you plan to bring a bicycle to campus please purchase a good quality U-lock for increased security. There are bike racks in each residence hall for storage. Please remember that bikes cannot be stored on campus during the summer.

Is storage available in the residence halls?

Storage is available in each hall on an extremely limited basis. When you return home for vacations, we suggest you remove your valuables from your room and store them in our locked storage areas or, better yet, take them home with you. If you have a contract to return to the residence halls the following September, you may leave a maximum of three boxes (of a size you can easily carry by yourself) in residence hall storage rooms during the summer. However, should you choose to leave your things on campus, you do so at your own risk.

Can I change rooms after I get to campus?

Generally, once you arrive and move into your room it's yours through the semester. Should you experience difficulty with your roommate, your Campus Living Advisor (a student staff member) will work with you in finding a reasonable resolution. We hold a housing lottery in November for those who wish to move to a different residence hall for Spring semester.

Do the halls remain open during vacation periods?

Residence halls remain open during Thanksgiving and Spring break, however meal service is not provided. During winter break (December 18 - January 18), arrangements can be made to accommodate extraordinary need to stay on campus but additional rent is assessed and you could be required to move to a central hall location.

Do I have to have a meal plan?

Yes, a meal plan is obligatory when you live on campus. Our food service provider, Bon Appétit, has a seventeen year history of working cooperatively with students and staff to offer excellent quality, variety and presentation of food service on our campus. They are open to suggestions and eager to meet the needs of Lewis & Clark students. If you have a medically prescribed diet that our food service cannot provide for you, an exemption to the meal plan may be in order. Complete procedure guidelines for exemption are available from the Office of Campus Living.

Can I bring my car?

There is a significant lack of parking on the campus. Therefore, first year students are not permitted to have cars unless you have employment off campus or regularly scheduled appointments with a physician. Exceptions must be requested in writing and approved by the Office of Transportation & Parking. Transfer students may bring cars to campus. All vehicles parked on campus must display a valid parking permit available from the Office of Transportation & Parking. The current parking fee for residential students is \$330/year.

Can I get a single room?

Unfortunately, only about 18% of our residence hall rooms are single occupancy. Since priority for single rooms goes to continuing upper division students, it is quite unlikely that a new student would be assigned to a single room. Of course, we hold some single rooms for new students with demonstrated special needs and for upper division transfer students who may choose to live on campus.

What size bedding should I bring?

Most of our mattresses are extra long twin. However, for those of you who are assigned to a hall where there are standard twin mattresses and require an extra long mattress (6'2" or taller), we have a few in stock and would be happy to make one available for you when you arrive on campus. Information about requesting extra long mattresses will be included with your hall assignment in late July.

When will I get the name/s of my roommate/s?

Once we receive the majority of the completed housing contracts in May, we then begin the arduous task of matching students based on the information you give us on the Room Placement Questionnaire. Since this matching is done by campus living staff and not a computer, our success rate is very high. In **late July** you will receive by mail the name/s, address/es, e-mail and telephone number/s of your roommate/s. At that time you will also receive instructions about how to send your belongings to the College. Transfer students who are not required to live on campus will be housed on a space available basis during the summer and will be notified as soon after August 1 as possible.

I've heard the College now has gender neutral housing. Is that true?

Yes, a gender neutral housing option is available. The basic premise of neutral housing is to provide a living option for students of alternative sexuality or gender identity (including, but not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, androgynous, and asexual) as well as their allies, who would feel most comfortable and safe in a living environment not tied to the traditional roommate pairings of female with female and male with male. Gender neutral housing is not intended for co-habitation (romantic involvement) or for friends (1 male and 1 female) who simply want to live together. For more information and the special application procedures, please visit our website.