The Office of Residential Life welcomes you to PSU! Our mission is to provide a safe and enriching environment where students Live, Learn, and Grow!

Our diverse residential community is active with students from around the globe, providing many opportunities for learning and growth. On-campus living provides convenient access to academic buildings, libraries, athletic facilities, campus activities, support staff, and services. In addition, the engagement opportunities and ability to connect within your fellow residents can’t be matched!

Whether you are a new or returning student, a transfer or international student, Residential Life is looking forward to working with you to make this year a successful and positive experience!

Dining - Your dining experience is more than great food. It is a community experience centered on culinary expertise, fresh ingredients, healthy options, and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility. For more information and pricing, visit the Dining Services web page at campus.plymouth.edu/dining/.

PSU Residential Life

Important Dates

- August 23rd—Residence Halls Open for new students
- August 23rd—26th —Panther Days!
- August 26th — Opening Day for returning students
- August 27th — Classes Begin 8:00am
- September 10th— Deadline to cancel or reduce meal plan
WELCOME TO ON CAMPUS LIVING!

Staff & Community Engagement
Each residential area is managed by a professional, full-time, Community Director and student Community Advisors. This staff works to create an environment in the living area that promotes self-discovery, collaborative learning, and engagement with the greater PSU Community.

Room Furnishings
Each student room is furnished with a bed, desk, desk chair, dresser, and closet/wardrobe space, per student assigned to the room. Any other items must be provided by the students. The condition and types of furnishings vary widely across campus and all students will be asked to review and sign off on the condition of the items upon move-in. This agreement will be used as part of the check-out process.

Personal Furniture
Personal furniture (couches, chairs, etc.) is not recommended in residential buildings on campus due to space, and health and safety concerns. In our ongoing effort to provide a safe living environment for all students, we ask that any personal furniture brought to campus is clean, sanitary and in good repair. Upholstered furniture should meet the fire safety standard set forth in either CAL TB 117 or 16 CFR part 1633 federal flammability (open flame).

Bed Information
All housing areas provide extra-long twin size beds for students. Bed styles may consist of individual units, bunk beds (which can typically be used bunked or un-bunked), or loft units (which are single beds with an area below for other furniture).

Additional Facilities of Interest
All residential areas offer quiet study areas as well as kitchenettes available for student use. All residential areas also include on-site laundry facilities. The laundry machines, as well as vending machines, utilize the campus FlexCash system - so hunting down quarters never becomes an issue!

Most residence halls are equipped with TV lounges, pool tables, and Ping-Pong tables. Some residence halls may have additional recreational equipment (exercise equipment, foosball tables, games, etc.)

Campus Live-On Policy
Residential Life reviews the live-on policy annually to make adjustments based on what is in the best interest of the students and community at large. For the 2018-19 academic year there is a two-year residency requirement. Please visit our web page for the complete policy. Students intending to commute must obtain approval from the Office of Residential Life. It is important for students to confirm off campus eligibility with residential life prior to signing any off-campus leases.

Housing and Dining
All students residing in campus housing are bound to an academic year contract (August through May). First year students are required to be on the unlimited meal plan. In addition, all students residing in a residence hall are required to purchase a meal plan- those not required to live on campus are eligible for the restricted meal plan. Those students who fail to make a self-selection will be placed on one and billed accordingly. Students living in University Apartments are not required to be on a meal plan.

FlexCash
FlexCash is a debit account that can be accessed at a variety of locations around campus with a PSU ID card. Board FlexCash can be used at all food service areas, campus vending machines, and laundry machines. Campus FlexCash can be used as above as well as at the Bookstore and several local businesses in the downtown area.

Board vs Campus FlexCash
Board FlexCash- comes with some meal plans and expires at the end of each semester. Campus FlexCash- can be purchased on line or at any campus-value machine and does not expire. For more information, visit the Dining Services webpage.

Your Student ID
Don’t forget to upload your photo through the GET app so your ID is ready at check-in. You will need this to access your residence hall and use your meal plan beginning the day you move in.

Parking
Campus parking is coordinated by the University Police Department. All vehicles parked in campus lots require a permit appropriate to the assigned lot. Students requesting a parking permit or with questions about parking should visit the University Police web site at go.plymouth.edu/parking or call 603-535-2330.

You’ve Got Mail
Mail is delivered to the campus mail center located in the Hartman Union Building (HUB). Students will receive their mailbox assignments at Orientation or when they arrive on campus in the fall.

Telephone Service
Since most students come to campus with a cell phone, telephone service in the residential hall rooms is not provided. Most cellular carriers have coverage in the Plymouth area. Consult your carrier for specific information. Should a student require a landline, ITS will assist the student in obtaining a landline with the local phone company—Consolidated Communications.

Cable TV & Internet Access
All residential living areas have cable television and wireless network access available at no extra charge. Wired physical data jacks do exist in all residential areas but, due to full availability of wireless network access, these jacks are no longer activated. Students having devices that still require wired connectivity, and cannot be retrofitted with a wireless adaptor can contact the ITS Help Desk at 603-535-2929 once they arrive on campus for assistance with their needs.
Room Assignments
With our evolving cluster initiative and emphasis on the First Year Residential Experience, first year students will be assigned to one of our traditional residence halls based on their choice of a "wicked problem" for First Year Seminar.

Room and roommate information is made available in late-July to students who have paid the $100 room deposit and completed the online housing application.

Students may check the status of their room assignment by returning to the confirmation page of their housing application in late July. A link to the Housing application can be found on the Residential Life web page.

While many incoming students will have their assignment in place by this time, some may not be available until mid-August. It should also be noted that assignments are subject to change and students should recheck their assignments periodically to be sure they have the most updated information.

You and Your Roommates
Students are encouraged to communicate, cooperate, and negotiate in order to live together amicably. When students discuss issues before misunderstandings occur, the roommate relationship develops more productively. Once room assignments are published, students are encouraged to contact their roommate directly and begin discussing their living arrangements. Here are some suggested questions to ask:

- Can friends spend the night?
- Will we share appliances (refrigerator, microwave, etc.)?
- Will we share other things?
- Computer? TV? Snacks/Food?
- How will we delegate chores like trash removal and cleaning up?
- How can we respect each other’s sleeping needs?
- How will we handle disagreements and misunderstandings?
- How should we make sure our room stays clean and tidy?

Setting up your new home
The following lists may assist new students in planning what to bring to campus. We recommend that students work out some of the details in advance with their roommate(s) to avoid duplication of some of the larger items! Did you know that linens, TVs, and mini-fridges are available for purchase/rent through Res Life partnerships with non-campus vendors? Please visit the FAQs on our web page for more information.

Students should consider leaving larger winter items (such as skis, snowboards, winter jackets, etc.) at home until later in the semester to save space in their closets and rooms.

** NOTE: Permissible appliances and devices must be UL listed.

Should Have... Can Have...
Cell Phone
Storage containers
Snack food/beverages
Waste basket & recycling container
Laundry basket/detergent
Shower shoes & caddy
Hangers
Warm clothes
Towels
Sheets (Twin XL)
Blanket(s) & comforter
Pillow(s)
Cleaning supplies
Command hooks
Microwave (small)
Refrigerator
(up to 5 cu ft)
Iron / ironing board
TV, Small stereo, radio
Fan
Rug, Curtains
Mattress toppers
Bed risers
Dry erase board
Computer, Printer
Power strips (UL listed)
Small fish in tank (15 gallon limit)
Posters

Not Permitted
Extension cords
Halogen lights / lamps
Candles, electric wax warmers, Incense
Wall decals/stickers
Pets (other than small fish)
Open coil appliances
(toasters/ovens, hot plates, etc.)
Propane-based grills and appliances
George-Foreman type grills
Electric blankets, heating pads
Air conditioners
Hover boards

Campus Move-In Information
Residential facilities will open for new to PSU students on Thursday, August 23rd. Opening for returning students is Sunday, August 26th. We ask that students coordinate their move-in plans well in advance by arranging transportation and, if needed, having family members available to assist. Early arrival will not be permitted except for specifically invited groups and individuals who are assisting with campus opening.

Fall semester athletes and students in preapproved groups already have specific arrangements in place for their arrival. The specific arrival details will be shared with you in advance by your coach or the program coordinator.

Important Campus Links
Admissions
Counseling Center
Campus Accessibility Services
Financial Aid
Panther Days
Student Account Services
Student Engagement
Student Rights & Code of Conduct
Student Success Center
Student Support Foundation
Title IX
Trio/PASS

Helpful Hints for Living on Campus
- Information about specific residential areas is available on the residential life web page.
- Storage space is not available in the residence halls. Students should plan and pack accordingly.
- The University is not liable, directly or indirectly, for money, valuables, or other personal property belonging to a student. All students are strongly encouraged to carry personal property insurance or to review their current family homeowner’s insurance. Students needing coverage may wish to visit http://www.nssi.com to purchase a plan.

go.plymouth.edu/reslife
603-535-2260 reslife@plymouth.edu
We are pleased to launch the First Year Residential Experience (FYRE), a foundational program of our Integrated Clusters learning model, for the 2018-2019 year!

Classes typically represent only one-third of a student’s time on campus; FYRE adds important value to the other two-thirds with special programs, increased access to faculty and University services, and experiences that help students find their personal path at PSU.

Students will be organized in residence halls based on their choice of First Year Seminar “Wicked Problem,” which will foster many opportunities for shared exploration, group project work, and developing ties with peers who are both like-minded (because they chose to study the same “Wicked Problem”) and “other-minded” (because they may be taking a much different course of study).

FYRE is part of the ongoing improvement and modernization of residence halls, staff training in the latest best practices, and innovative programs that encourage new students to make their marks in their chosen academic disciplines, in our clubs and galleries, and on our playing fields and stages—wherever their interests take them.

FYRE benefits first-year students by:

- having them live together in traditional-style halls (Belknap, Blair, Geneva Smith, Grafton, Mary Lyon, Pemigewasset) to support social and community development;
- introducing campus resources and instilling Habits of Mind that help them achieve academically;
- fostering new and different perspectives that support skill development required for future success; involving alumni and community members who share career advice and wisdom;
- providing a great start to college for all students including transfer and commuting students, who will be invited to group activities.