Student Housing at Dutchess Community College

Frequently Asked Questions ...

How do I apply for housing?
In order to apply for Dutchess Community College on-campus housing, you must be either a new student who has submitted a College Admissions Application or a continuing (returning) student. In order to complete the application, you will need to use your DCC username and password to log into myDCC, where you will find the housing application by clicking on the “Housing” tab. Space in the residence hall is limited; you are urged to apply now.

If you are a new student, you will need to stay on track with taking placement exams and registering for classes in order to maintain your housing assignment. Continuing students need to register for classes as soon as possible.

Am I eligible to apply for housing?
To be eligible to live in the residence hall, you will need to be enrolled full time (at least 12 credits per semester) in an A.A., A.S. or A.A.S. degree program. Students who live outside Dutchess or Putnam County must have a final high school average of at least 70 (or a GED score of at least 2400) in order to be eligible to live in the residence hall. If you do not live in Dutchess or Putnam, and you do not meet this standard, please do not apply for housing. We suggest you either commute to DCC -- or enroll at your local community college for a semester -- do well, and then apply to live on our campus.

Students who have attended another college and are transferring to DCC with a GPA of below 2.0 will be considered for housing on an individual basis.

Is there a deposit?
A nonrefundable housing application processing fee ($25 for Dutchess and Putnam residents; $50 for all others) plus a $300 security deposit are required when you submit your housing application. Please see introduction to online housing application for more information.

How much does housing cost?
The housing fee per semester ranges from $3,300 per semester for a double room to $3,950 for a single occupancy room. [Note: single rooms are reserved for Resident Assistants and returning hall students.] All students living in the residence hall must choose a meal plan ranging in cost from $1,145 - $1,365 per semester.

Is housing covered by financial aid?
Every situation is different. Any and all financial aid opportunities will be explored to assist with residential housing costs. FAFSA and TAP applications should be filed early (by March 1) with the appropriate agencies. Call Financial Aid at (845) 431-8030 for more information.

When will I be notified about housing?
Housing assignment notifications will be made via the student’s myDCC email account ON A ROLLING BASIS beginning April 1, 2013. If you do not receive a housing assignment by June 1, your deposit will
entitle you to be moved to a waiting list, and you will be notified if a room becomes available. If you do not wish to remain on the waiting list for housing and would like a refund of your $300 deposit, submit a request in writing to: studenthousing@sunydutchess.edu.

May I request a roommate?
Prior to the granting of room assignments, students will have an opportunity to request a roommate. We will try to accommodate roommate requests but they are not guaranteed.

Will there be parking for residents?
Yes, parking is available in Lot D, adjacent to the residence hall. Students with cars will be required to register their cars with Security and will be issued a parking permit at no cost.

What about access to television and Internet?
The residence hall is equipped with free wireless Internet & basic cable television service. There is one cable TV connection in each bedroom and living room.

Are there telephones in the suites?
No, but the building is equipped with emergency telephones for security purposes.

Is the residence hall co-ed?
Individual suites are single-gender, but males and females live on the same floor.

May I have overnight guests?
Please see the guest policy in the Housing Handbook.

What are the kitchen facilities in the suites?
Each kitchen is equipped with a solid-surface countertop, cabinet, sink, microwave and 16.5 cu. ft. refrigerator/freezer. This is a mid-sized refrigerator that should meet the needs of all suitemates.

What furniture is provided in each suite?
The living rooms are furnished with two loveseats, coffee table and end table. (Two-person suites do not have living rooms.) The solid-surface kitchen counter island has stools. Each student’s bedroom furniture includes a wardrobe (for hanging and folded clothing), two-drawer dresser, desk with lockable top drawer and desk chair. The beds are slightly lofted, so the dresser may be positioned under the bed or that space may be used for additional storage.

Details on what — and what not—to bring are included at the end of this document, but please be aware that we are committed to maintaining a safe and comfortable environment. Upholstered furniture – other than what is provided in the residence hall – is not permitted, for fire safety and bedbug-avoidance reasons.

What size mattresses are in the bedrooms?
Mattresses are twin, extra long.
What are the room dimensions?
Dimensions are approximate.
Double bedrooms are 11’ x 17’, single bedrooms are 11’ x 15’ and living rooms are 11’ x 14’.

Who is responsible for cleaning the suites and bedrooms?
Students are responsible for cleaning their own suites, including the bathrooms. (Students Mops, brooms and vacuums will be available for borrowing, but students will need their own cleaning supplies. Common areas – lounges, halls, lobby, etc. -- will be cleaned by housekeeping staff.

Where is the laundry?
Swipe card-operated washers and dryers are located on the lower level. For student convenience, we’ve implemented a “laundry alert” system that provides real-time, online access that enables residents to determine the availability of washers and dryers. The laundry alert website will let students know whether a machine is available, in use or if the cycle is complete – and will automatically send an e-mail notification to pre-registered users.

Are there vending machines in the residence hall?
Vending machines with snack items and cold beverages are conveniently located on the lower level.

Is the residence hall open during school breaks?
The residence hall will be closed over the Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks. Students may leave their belongings in their rooms, but will be asked to vacate the premises by 6 p.m. the day before the break begins. In the case of winter break, students must vacate the premises within 24 hours of their last final exam. The residence hall will reopen at 2 p.m. the Sunday before classes resume and dinner will be served that evening.

Will students 21 and older be permitted to drink alcohol in the residence hall?
Dutchess Community College is a dry campus, meaning alcohol is not permitted anywhere on campus, regardless of an individual’s age. Those who violate this policy will face serious consequences outlined in the Residence Life Handbook.

If you have more questions, please e-mail studenthousing@suny dutchess.edu or call (845) 790-3676.
What to Bring and What to Leave Home

All four-, five- and six-person suites consist of a kitchenette (with sink, microwave and refrigerator), living room, bedrooms and two bathrooms. Two-person suites have one bathroom and no living room.

Items You May Wish to Bring

Kitchen
- Cups & glasses
- Dishes and cookware that are microwave safe (microwave is provided)
- Dishcloths, dish towels, dish soap
- Eating and cooking utensils
- Coffeemaker with automatic shutoff
- Food and snacks
- Paper towels and napkins
- Food storage containers or wrap

Bedroom
- Alarm clock
- Extra long twin-sized bed sheets, comforter/blanket, pillow
- Plastic crates or storage boxes for under the bed
- Clothes hangers (mirror is provided)

Bathroom
- Bath rug (shower curtain provided)
- Toilet paper
- Toiletries
- Towels and washcloths

Other
- Computer with an Ethernet cable or wireless card
- TV and coaxial cable (basic cable provided in bedrooms and living room)
- UL-approved surge protector power strips (it must say surge protector and that it has a built in circuit breaker; First Alert or Fire Shield brand are recommended). Others – including regular extension cords – will be confiscated and not returned.
- Cleaning supplies (vacuums, brooms and mops will be available to borrow)
- Band-aids/first aid kit
- Iron and small ironing board
- Laundry supplies-laundry basket or bag, laundry detergent, etc.
- Trash cans
- Flashlight
Prohibited Items

To ensure the health, safety, comfort and well-being of students, the following are prohibited in the Dutchess Community College residence hall. The College reserves the right to confiscate these and additional items as necessary. (See Housing Handbook for more information.)

- Liquor and related items, including kegs and beer balls, alcohol cans/bottles (full or empty), beer pong tables, funnels, shot glasses or any other item affiliated with the consumption or possession of alcohol (including those beers designated “non-alcoholic”). ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED anywhere on campus, whether or not a student is 21 or over.

- Alcohol advertisements, signs and/or potentially offensive material in public viewing areas (including windows, hallways and doors)

- Animals or pets of any kind including fish, snakes and turtles

- Hot plates, toaster ovens, toasters, George Foreman and similar grills, rice cookers, hot pots, portable ranges, electric fry pans, woks, waffle, sandwich and quesadilla makers, open-element popcorn poppers, oil fryers, space heaters, sun lamps

- Upholstered furniture, other than that provided by the College

- Liquid-filled furniture

- Dartboards of any kind including magnetic, felt or plastic tipped darts

- Electrically amplified instruments, including DJ equipment and drum sets

- Extension cords or multi-plug outlets, plug-in air fresheners (UL-approved power strips with internal surge protection and circuit breaker are permitted; see “what to bring”)

- Exterior television, radio antennas, or satellite dishes or any object that protrudes from a window or attaches to the exterior of the residence hall.

- Firearms, weapons, or other dangerous instruments which may cause injury or damage to person or property. This includes, but is not limited to: firearms, B-B guns, paintball guns, fireworks, knives (other than kitchen cutlery) and hazardous athletic/recreational equipment (including nunchukka sticks, throwing stars, swords and archery equipment)

- Halogen, torchier or other high-intensity lamps; clamp-on, clip-on or upward-facing bowl lamps; black lights; lava lamps
Prohibited Items (continued)

- Strings of lights (including holiday and rope lights)
- Refrigerators exceeding 2 cubic feet (one fridge - up to 2 cu. ft. - permitted per bedroom; the suite is equipped with an 18 cu. ft. refrigerator)
- Air conditioners, space heaters
- Live-cut Christmas trees and flammable decorations
- Neon signs and traffic, construction or other public/street signs
- Anything that hangs from the ceiling
- Candles (with or without wicks; decorative or otherwise), fireworks, explosives, charcoal/gas grills, oil lamps, incense or any combustible device (i.e., gasoline, benzene, flammable liquids, chemicals)
- Waterbeds, air mattresses
- Cinderblocks and other non-College lofting hardware
- Weightlifting apparatus (barbells, free weights, exercise machines, pull-up bars etc.)
- Appliances in need of electrical repair or which may be considered hazardous
- Curtains and other window coverings; blinds are provided.