Student Housing at Dutchess Community College

Frequently Asked Questions ...

When will I receive my room assignment?
Roommate assignments will be made at the end of July.

Is there 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.

Where is mail delivered?
There is a mail center on the lower level of the residence hall.

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?
Overnight guests are permitted on Fridays and Saturdays only. The same guest may not stay in any suite in the residence hall for more than two nights within a two-week period. Guests must be 18 or older and must register with the Residence Life Office. DCC residents are responsible at all times for the behavior of guests. For additional information please refer to the Residence Life 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 will be forthcoming, 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. The laundry room is always open. Washers cost $1.50 per load; dryers cost $1.50 and run a 50-minute cycle (25 cents for each additional 10 minutes). 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.

When do students move in?
Move-in for fall 2012 will be Saturday, August 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information will be forthcoming at the end of July. Check your myDCC e-mail account!

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.
- Small sewing kit
- Desk supplies
- Stationery, stamps, envelopes
- Flashlight
- Trash cans
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.

- 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 nunchuka 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

- 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)

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Prohibited Items (continued):

- 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.