



WELCOME to the University of Chicago Class of 2013! In this newsletter you will find information regarding Opening Day of the residence halls, room check-in procedures, and shipment of personal belongings, along with other important information. Please read the following information carefully to ensure that your arrival on campus and your transition into the House System proceed as smoothly as possible.

OPENING DAY - RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS AT 12:00PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

You may move into your room anytime after 12:00PM on Sunday. If you are planning to arrive in Chicago prior to September 20, please make arrangements for off-campus accommodations in advance.

The College Orientation check-in at the Reynolds Club will begin at 9:00AM on Monday, September 21. There you will find information concerning course registration, placement tests, and campus resources.

Opening Convocation with President Robert Zimmer will take place at 2:00PM in Rockefeller Chapel on Monday. Please plan to arrive in time for convocation.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Your room and board assignment for the 2009-2010 academic year are on the Class of 2013 website. The details include your assigned hall, House and room number, as well as the room type (e.g. double, single, etc.), and room phone number. Your meal plan is also listed. If applicable, the name and address of your roommate(s)/suite(s) [in MaxP] also appear. We encourage you to contact your roommate(s) and suite(s), if applicable, so that you might begin to develop your relationship and also determine which items that are typically shared (e.g. tv, refrigerator) will be brought to the room and by whom.

We hope you will be pleased with your assignment! While not everyone received his or her first or second choice of residence, every effort was made to accommodate your preferences. If you did not get one of your three preferences for residence halls, it means that those halls no longer had vacancies when it was time to assign you to a room. Our goal for roommate assignments is to create groups that share similar day/night and quiet/noise preferences, and which are slightly distinct in terms of geographical location, hobbies, or academic interests. We also try to represent a cross-section of University students in each House. *Assignments are made without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disabilities or other factors irrelevant to participation in University of Chicago programs.*

Room changes are not possible prior to the beginning of the academic year. Your Resident Head(s) can provide you with specific information about the room change process after your arrival. Should you desire to make a change in your room assignment, you may request to be placed on the *General Waitlist* beginning Orientation Week for a possible room change.

No room changes are permitted during the first three (3) weeks of the Autumn Quarter.

The University of Chicago House System contains an amazing variety of room types. For this reason, we are unable to provide advance information about specific rooms (e.g. square footage).

Please go to our website for additional information on your particular Hall and House: <http://housing.uchicago.edu>

We understand that some students have chronic conditions such as asthma or allergies. Due to the process that we use to make room assignments (that of using the receipt date of the application), it is not possible for us to ensure a request to live in a particular dorm for a health reason such as these, even if provided a physician's note. If, however, you have a disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act and have requested and received accommodation by the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Student Life in the University, we will have been notified of your needs so that we could assign accessible housing for you. Please note that all residence halls, including student rooms are non-smoking.

Please read the residential dining program information for details about how to use your meal plan.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

If you ship your belongings...

Address all shipments to yourself at your Residence Hall address, and mark them **"HOLD FOR ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 20"**. Belongings that are shipped in advance may not arrive prior to 8:00AM on September 8. Any deliveries received prior to that date will be returned to sender. Postage on all shipped items must be prepaid.

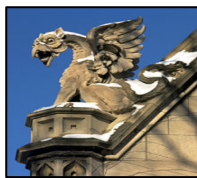
Insuring your belongings

The University of Chicago does not insure the personal belongings of its residents, and will not compensate for losses due to theft, fire, water damage, etc. You are urged to review the coverage of your family's existing homeowners' policy to see what coverage is, or may be, available to you while living in the residence halls. CSI Insurance Agency is a private company not affiliated with the University which provides personal property protection. For information please call 1-888-411-4911 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST, or go to their website, www.collegestudentinsurance.com.

Storing your belongings

A reasonable amount of personal property may be kept in the storage areas of each residence hall. The University will not assume liability for personal property placed in the storage areas, and discourages the storage of electronics or other valuables. Please note that the University limits the amount of stored items to five boxes. All items must be boxed and labeled. Large pieces of furniture cannot be accommodated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



There are more FAQs on the housing website: <http://housing.uchicago.edu>

What should I bring?

All students should bring the following basic items:

bed linens¹ (extra long - 36"x80", except for Pierce which are standard twin) ** blankets ** pillows ** toiletries ** towels.

Students in the following halls need to bring their own kitchen supplies (ie; cookware, dishes, utensils): Blackstone and Stony Island.

Students with private bathrooms have to supply their own bathroom tissue and cleaning supplies.

¹ *Residence Hall Linens* is a company that works with the University Bookstore to offer linens to students. For more information, call 1-800-957-4338 or go to their website, www.rhl.org.

What will the University provide?

All rooms are furnished with the following: bed, dresser, desk, chair, telephone, book shelving, and window treatments. All halls are equipped with the following items: coin-operated washers and dryers, brooms, dustpans, vacuum cleaners, ironing boards and irons. Rooms in the following halls are carpeted: Blackstone, Broadview, Maclean, Max Palevsky, Snell-Hitchcock, South Campus and Stony Island.

Is there anything I'm not allowed to bring?

The following items are not allowed in the residence halls: electric coffee makers ** electric grills (ie; George Foreman) ** hot plates ** microwaves (unless part of a Microfridge unit) ** toasters/toaster ovens ** refrigerators over 4.0 cubic feet ** halogen floor lamps ** portable heating systems ** weapons (including bow and arrow, fencing and decorative swords, paintball guns) ** air conditioners (unless advance permission is granted for medical reasons; not permitted in Burton-Judson, Max Palevsky, South Campus or Stony Island) ** amplified musical instruments may not be played in student rooms. For student and fire safety reasons, loft kits and the lofting of beds is not permitted.

Can I rent a refrigerator?

Husky Refrigerator Rentals, a private company not affiliated with the University of Chicago, will be at each residence hall throughout Orientation Week. They will provide you with information regarding the various sizes and rental charges. They have a limited supply of Microfridges. Please refer to their website for additional questions and information: www.chicagofridges.com

When does my meal plan begin?

Your Orientation Week dining plan begins with dinner on Sunday, September 20 covering meals throughout that week. Your regular board plan officially begins with breakfast on Saturday, September 26th. Please refer to the dining information for more details about your meal plan and dining commons.

How can I access the internet from my room?

Every room contains one active ethernet jack per resident. All halls have wireless network access provided in the study rooms, dining halls, house lounges, and lobbies. Most halls have ubiquitous wireless network access. We recommend using the faster wired connections when in your room, and wireless when studying elsewhere in the hall or traveling on campus. For more information, see <http://wireless.uchicago.edu>. Please make sure that your computer is set up for an Ethernet connection before you arrive. Detailed information about the necessary hardware and connectivity software will be sent to you from the Networking Services and Information Technologies (NSIT) department. Connectivity software packages are provided to you at no additional cost. For more information, please visit <http://nsit.uchicago.edu/welcome/students/>.

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES IN THE HOUSE SYSTEM!

We are pleased to be opening the new South Campus Residence Hall and Dining Commons behind Burton-Judson Courts, just south of the main quads. The design of this modern residence hall incorporates the House System values of individuality and community, and compliments the architectural heritage of the campus.

The University has upgraded to Internet Protocol Television (IPTV), ie. television over the internet. This kind of program viewing requires a computer and a hard-wired connection to the Ethernet in one's bedroom; a TV set is not used. While some buildings still provide the option for students to subscribe for cable with the local cable company, there are three residence halls that do not have cable TV capability: the Broadview, Pierce Tower and South Campus Residence Hall.

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- website <http://housing.uchicago.edu> - email housesystem@uchicago.edu -

- If you wish to call us and reach our voicemail, please be assured that your call will be returned as soon as possible -

773-702-7366 Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:30PM CST

