



Celebrating Campus Community

Residence Life News

for the Transfer Students

Welcome to Meredith College from the Office of Residence Life! This newsletter contains information you need to know as you prepare to move into the residence halls.

Campus life will look a little different this year due to COVID-19. The Residence Life staff has worked this summer to develop protocols, policies, and other aspects of living on campus that will allow you to have a great experience while being mindful of safety precautions.

This summer, the world has also been dealing with issues of racial injustice and discrimination. In Residence Life, Resident Assistants and full-time staff are enhancing training and awareness of inequalities, how to support marginalized individuals, and ways to weave inclusivity into all aspects of campus living. We look forward to you, our newest community members, joining us and working together to ensure our campus community is one of inclusivity and respect.

Move-In Information

Campus will come alive with the Class of 2024 and new transfer students moving into the residence halls! To ensure physical distancing is possible related to move-in, each incoming resident is assigned a move-in time listed with the room assignment information.

Individual family travel schedules may prevent a student and her family from using the assigned arrival time, however, if most students arrive at their scheduled time slot, move-in will go smoothly.

Students and their guests helping them move will be required to complete a COVID screening prior to entering campus and show the clearance pass to campus officials when requested. More details regarding this process will follow.

Each resident will need to know her residence hall as she enters campus to ensure she is directed to the correct unloading zone after being welcomed by members of the Orientation Crew.

Residents will check in with Residence Life staff at a central location between Faircloth, Heilman, and Poteat Residence Halls. At check in, residents will sign their Housing Contract, sign a Community Standards agreement, and receive their key.

In an effort to get everyone moved in efficiently, residents and their parents will be directed to a 15-minute unloading zone near the students' assigned residence hall. ***This zone is designated for vehicle unloading only.*** Once unloaded, cars are to be moved and parked for the rest of the move-in time slot. They can be moved to the large parking lot located behind Barefoot and Heilman Halls.

Note to parents/movers/helpers: The ***NUMBER ONE*** tool that can help make move-in day go smoothly is a hand truck/dolly. Families who brought hand trucks in the past were grateful they had something with wheels to use! Personal hand trucks should not be left unattended as they have a tendency to wander off and not return.



On your move-in day, you will need to get your Campus Identification Card, "camcard", made so you will be able to enter the residence halls and visit the dining hall. Instructions will be provided on move-in day.

Who is My Roommate?



In the room assignment email, you will find your room assignment and who your roommate is as well as your suitemates' information (if applicable).

There are plenty of things for you to talk about with your roommate and suitemates such as who will bring what for the room/bathroom, what your interests are, and what you will be studying while at Meredith College. We encourage **EACH** resident to contact her roommate and suitemates as soon as possible to start planning for a great year in the residence halls.



Can I see my room before move-in?

The residence halls are not available to enter as they are being readied for your arrival. The Meredith College Marketing Department created a wonderful 360° tour of the residence halls in February that will show you more details and ideas for your room than we have had before! The tour can be found on the Admissions Virtual Page, or here, [Residence Halls Virtual Tour](#).

Residence Hall Info

Transfer residents are assigned to Brewer and Vann with sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The Residence Life website, meredith.edu/residence-life has been updated this year to include additional room and residence hall

pictures as well as more dimensions for you to use as a guide. All dimensions are approximate and do vary room by room so they should be used as a guide, not an absolute.

We hope the updated website is helpful! The Residence Life website has all of the information you need to plan for your room. The website has photos of rooms, room dimensions, a list of what to bring to campus and a list of what is not permitted. Be sure to check out all of the information before arriving to campus.

This year, residents are permitted to have a personal blender in their room. A personal blender is an appliance that blends a drink in a cup and not one that has a pitcher to pour out of. Examples of personal blenders are such as these:



While a full list of what to pack is available on the Residence Life website, a few items to highlight bring includes:

- face coverings to use when exiting your room
- hand sanitizer
- disinfecting wipes and other cleaning products for your room and bathroom
- a throw blanket for afternoon naps
- a few personal items like pictures
- twin-size sheets (not extra-long)
- first aid kit and thermometer

What to leave at home:

- pets other than fish, maximum 10 gallon tank (filters must be unplugged during hall closing times)
- ceiling fans/items to hang from ceiling
- any type of halogen light or lava lamps
- candles and incense
- tart warmers of any kind
- electric mini holiday lights
- multi-plug extension cords that don't have on/off switches
- electrical cooking appliances such as microwave oven, toaster, and toaster oven
- space heaters

Fire Safety on Campus

Additionally this year, because of the possibility you would need to move to a quarantine or isolation space (Q/I) for up to 14 days, you are encouraged to have a bag of necessities ready to go. The Q/I rooms are located in one residence hall and will be set up with linens and sheets plus other convenience items. Things to have ready to move should the need arise include:

- several sets of comfy clothing and undergarments (think leggings, pjs, t-shirts)
- water bottle
- throw blanket
- pillow
- personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrush, feminine products

The Health Center will provide any resident who needs to move to a Q/I room with a last-minute packing list, including things like your computer, medications, charging cords, glasses/contacts, etc.

Considering Bringing an Emotional Support Animal to Campus?

Residents who are interested in bringing an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) to campus is required to go through an approval process. The process is housed in the Disability Services office where you will meet with one of the Disability Services Counselors.

To start the process, contact Disability Services at disabilityservices@meredith.edu.



Important Television Information

In order for the campus cable system to work properly, you need to purchase a digital television with a QAM tuner (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation). The QAM tuner allows your TV to receive high definition cable programming without a cable set top box. Some older and less expensive TVs come with a low quality QAM tuner that may not be able to pick up all the digital channels.

Questions can be directed to the campus Cable Administrator, 919-760-2354.



The presence of candles in the residence halls is a life and safety hazard. Open flames are prohibited in residence halls per the North Carolina State Fire Code; it is not a Meredith specific regulation.

To deter residents from having candles in their rooms, the fine per candle is \$50. Residents will be informed of this during floor meetings and Orientation activities. You can help with fire safety efforts by leaving candles at home.

If you have any questions about your room assignment or moving on campus, the Office of Residence Life can be contacted at either reslife@meredith.edu or 919-760-8633.

We are working remotely most days of the week. Voicemail messages will be returned as quickly as possible. Emails will be responded to within 48-hours.

Regular summer office hours are:
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

