

## Early Arrival Guidelines

Residential Facilities close only twice a year: over the summer and between semesters. Students will be approved to return early using the guidelines below. These guidelines apply to August and January opening dates.

### **Who may return early in the Fall?**

Students who are part of an approved group or organization may return early to campus. The group or organization advisor or coach will work with the Office of Residence Life in establishing the return date.

- Summer Workers for the College that have lived on or off campus
- Athletic Teams returning for training:
  - Football
  - Cross Country
  - Women's Volleyball
  - Men's and Women's Soccer
- Groups and Organizations
  - Residence Life Staff
  - Collegiate Leadership Conference attendees
  - Peer Leaders
  - Admissions Tour Guides
  - Dance Intensive

### **Who may NOT return early?**

All other students are required to return to campus on the designated return date. The following are examples of reasons NOT to return early to campus:

- Traveling a long distance
- Returning early to begin work on Senior Comp
- Returning early to help set-up a lab
- Parents cannot take off work
- My roommate is already back
- Returning early to paint room
- Returning early to get moved in and settled

### **Why can I not come back to campus early?**

- Physical Plant and Housekeeping are still preparing student rooms for the fall
- We want to focus our resources on First-Year student orientation Sunday through Tuesday
- Resources are not available to upperclass students

### **Where can I find the dates for upperclass students to return?**

- Housing Contracts have the Fall opening date printed on them
- Post cards are sent to home and campus addresses in April/May outlining Spring closing and Fall opening information
- College Catalogue academic calendar
- Posted in the Guide to Residence Life and available on the Residence Life website

### **What should I expect if I am approved to return to campus early?**

- Continuous work in the residence halls by physical plant, housekeeping, and residence life
- Residence life training that may be loud or disruptive taking place in the halls. This training includes:
  - A fire safety presentation where the fire alarm is triggered and the hallways are filled with simulated smoke
  - Role playing activities that take place in hallways and rooms that may be loud
- Limited access to storage areas
  - Storage times will be posted and will be adhered to. If you are an athlete returning early, don't keep any of your equipment in storage because you will not get it before camp starts!
  - Coaches and Advisors of approved groups need to notify their students not to store anything that they may need for camp or training in College storage areas. The reason for this is because we will not have any staff available to let them into storage. This includes items such as refrigerators, cleats, futons, etc.

### **What if I just show-up and was not approved to return early?**

Occasionally students show-up on campus without prior approval to return early.

- Students who do this will not receive keys to their rooms.
- Students and/or families will need to make alternate living arrangements or return home until the residential facilities open for upperclass students.