

East Central University

Housing, Residence Life and Dining Services

Important Notes: ECU instituted a Freshman Housing Policy that requires all freshman to live on campus, unless they meet certain exemption criteria. The exemption criteria can be found on the housing website at www.ecok.edu/housing. If a student meets any of the criteria and wishes to live off campus, they must fill out the appropriate exemption forms listed on the following page: <http://www.ecok.edu/housing/Forms.asp>. Students requesting exemption based on living with parent or legal guardian must fill out the parent/legal guardian exemption form and students requesting exemption based on any of the other criteria must fill out the standard exemption form.

Step 1 – The Application

- The Housing Application can be found on the housing website at www.ecok.edu/housing
- The application must be completed and signed by the student (if the student is under 18, both the parent and student must sign the application)
- After completing the application, there is a \$40 application fee which must be paid in the Bursar's Office in 108 Administration Building. After paying the application fee, the application will be stamped paid and can then be turned in to the Housing Office located in 155 Administration Building.

Step 2 – Choosing a Residence Hall

- ECU is proud to offer the living learning community concept for all freshman students living on campus. A living learning community is a community of students who share a common experience (first-time freshman, athlete, honors, etc.), who live together in a common community (one of the living learning communities below) and for whom programming is hosted to help create an environment that will support classroom learning and academic success. Freshman students may apply for the following residence halls, based on the information below:
 - Pesagi Hall - Most freshman students will be assigned to Pesagi Hall, which houses the First Year Experience Living Learning Community, as well as the Music, Native American and Global Education living learning communities.
 - Briles Hall – Briles Hall is a residence hall reserved primarily for female students and does contain one First year Experience Living Learning Community floor.
 - Pontotoc Hall – Students who are on one of the university athletic teams may apply to live in the Athletic Living Learning Community located in Pontotoc Hall.
 - Knight Hall – Students who are in the Honors Program may apply to live in the Honors Living Learning Community located in Knight Hall.

Step 3 – Selecting a Meal Plan

- All students living on campus are required to purchase at least a 10 meals per week plan. Students may select from a 10 meals per week plan, 14 meals per week plan and 20 meals per week plan. It should be noted that meals not eaten cannot be rolled over to the next week. In addition, student can increase their meal plan at anytime. However, the last day that students may decrease their meal plan is by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of classes each semester.
- Students may purchase flex dollars in the amount of \$25, \$50 or \$100, in addition to a meal plan, if they wish to do so. These flex dollars can be purchased directly from the cafeteria.

Step 4 – Requesting a Roommate

- Students may request to live with a specific roommate. An attempt is made to accommodate these requests, if there is available space to do so. However, it is important that students apply as early as possible to increase their chances of getting their requested roommate. Both students must request to live with one another to ensure that an attempt is made to assign them together.

Step 5 – The Assignment Letter

- Assignment letters will begin going out during the 3rd week of July. The assignment letter will contain the student's building/room assignment as well as the name and phone number of their roommate. It is encouraged that students contact their future roommate prior to arrival to ensure that both students don't bring duplicate, large items such as a television, mini-fridge, microwave, etc. Please note that after assignments are made, students cannot change their room assignment until the Great Change Day which occurs within the first few weeks of each semester.

Step 6 – The Residence Hall Amenities

- Each room is equipped with a standard twin bed, a dresser, desk and chair. Students are encouraged to bring sheets with deep pockets, as they stay on the bed better. In addition, each freshman residence hall is equipped with wireless internet, basic cable, local phone service and coin-free laundry facilities.

Step 7 – Moving In

- Move-In Day for the fall semester is scheduled for Saturday, August 15 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. All students will move in on this day, unless an early move-in day has been coordinated for them for academic related purposes by their coach, band director, etc.

We look forward to having you on campus. If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Office at 580-559-5602 and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.