Campus Living
Welcome to Residence Life and Housing at Edinboro University. Our residence halls offer students a vibrant location to live and to learn. I am excited that you will begin your academic career living in the on-campus residential facilities, and I have no doubt that you will learn what countless others have: Students’ academic success and persistence to graduation are enhanced by the residential experience. There is no place like a residence hall to meet students who share common interests, are engaged academically and are interested in forming life-long friendships.

This brochure is designed to introduce you to Edinboro’s residential experience and to answer commonly asked questions. For complete details of Residence Life and Housing at Edinboro University, please visit our website at www.edinboro.edu/reslife. This site provides additional information about services provided, as well as descriptions and photos of our facilities. Please retain this brochure for reference as you plan for life at The Boro.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Residence Life and Housing. We look forward to meeting you in person and assisting you as you transition to university life.

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Making Arrangements to Live on Campus

Your acceptance to Edinboro University represents a significant milestone. Congratulations! From here on, members of the university will make every effort to help you navigate through the short list of tasks to be accomplished prior to arrival on campus. This brochure will guide you through the process of signing up for housing and selecting a meal plan, as well as provide you with valuable information as you prepare for your Edinboro experience.

Edinboro University offers a variety of housing options, almost all of which have been recently constructed with state-of-the-art amenities. More than 2600 students, ranging in age from 18-30, call Edinboro’s residential facilities home. Though students are required to live on campus for their first four semesters, many elect to stay on campus throughout their college career. Why? The residence halls offer a no-fuss experience for students that enables them to concentrate exclusively on what matters in college, becoming engaged academically and socially!

Compared to living off campus, residential students are more satisfied with their college experience and perform better academically. They’re also more likely to graduate in four years!
There are Four Steps to Boro Living

1. **YOUR DEPOSIT**
   In order to sign up for housing, you are asked to submit a $75 non-refundable housing deposit. The housing deposit differs from the $100 advanced tuition deposit. Deposits can be made through your MyEdinboro account. Click the e-bill icon and then the e-deposits tab located in the grey/black ribbon.

2. **SELECTING A HOUSING ASSIGNMENT**
   Once you have paid your $75 housing deposit, you can proceed to the housing application by clicking the link at the bottom of the e-deposit submission page. You can apply through MyEdinboro, by clicking the SCOTS icon and then the My Housing link.

   Once you have completed the application and agree to the terms and conditions, you will receive an email confirmation. At that point, you have completed step one of the two-step process. During the first week in May, you will be sent an email with instructions on selecting your hall and room assignment.

   Residence Life and Housing offers a variety of on-campus options for students including: smoke-free halls/floors, quiet study floors, living-learning areas, and housing for students with disabilities. Please consult the residence hall configurations for specific locations of these areas. Students having special needs regarding a housing assignment should contact the Residence Life and Housing Office. Students requesting on-campus housing are asked to provide important information by completing a Housing and Food Service Agreement.

3. **MEAL PLANS**
   All on-campus students are required to participate in a minimum meal plan. On-campus students are assigned a 210-block meal plan that averages 14 meals per week – unless another option is requested. Expanded meal plans are also available. Dining Services offers a wide array of dining options for students. For further information regarding on-campus dining, please contact Dining Services at (814) 732-2635 or visit www.edinboro.edu/dining.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF HOUSING ASSIGNMENT AND ROOMMATE INFORMATION**
   Specific room assignments, a roommate’s name and contact information will be displayed immediately upon completion of the housing selection form in May.

   Completing this online application is the first step to obtaining an on-campus housing assignment and roommate. Students requesting to live together should mutually request one another in the application.

   All students under the age of 21 who do not commute from the home of a parent or legal guardian are required to live in on-campus housing for four consecutive semesters (summer sessions excluded).

   In order to comply with Pennsylvania state law, students also must provide proof of receiving the meningitis vaccine, or sign a waiver stating their reason for not receiving it. Residence hall assignments are made on a first-come first-served basis and based on availability within any given facility. Students may log-in to the portal at my.edinboro.edu and check their SCOTS account for housing information.
Floor Plans

There are a variety of on-campus housing options available to students and we encourage you to select the one that is right for you. Some students prefer living in an intimate environment with only one roommate while others prefer to live in four-person suites. We encourage you to look over the floor plans contained in this brochure and think about the environment that will best suit your needs.

Housing Types and Features

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For a campus map including location of residence hall, visit www.edinboro.edu/virtualtour.

*Single beds, most mattresses are 7.5 feet in length
Edinboro’s Highlands offer some of the best housing accommodations found on any college or university campus, the Highlands offer state-of-the-art living that affords students the ability to be in close proximity to classes, as well as academic and social resources, while enjoying the benefits of living and learning with other residential students. With more than 1600 bed spaces, the Highlands’ seven suite-style floor plans provide luxurious and attractive housing to Edinboro students. The eight Highlands buildings include the following amenities:

- Individual bathrooms in each suite
- High-speed wired and wireless internet conductivity
- Kitchenette sinks and cabinetry in most suites
- Full-functioning common kitchens
- Suite options ranging from 300 to 100 square feet
- Individually controlled air conditioning and heating (within set parameters)
- In-hall laundry, trash and recycling disposal facilities
- Carpeting
- Cable TV
- Recreational and study rooms located centrally as well as on each floor
Semi-Suites

- Semi-Suite Single
- Semi-Suite Double

Suites

- Suite Single
- Suite Double
Residential Communities

Learning is a dynamic process that should not be limited to simply the classroom environment. Students who live on campus tend to be more successful academically than their counterparts commuting from home or living off campus. Residential students are regularly engaged in learning, taking part in informal study sessions in the residential lounges, and enjoying increased engagement with faculty and peer-to-peer interactions. Students also take advantage of the close proximity to campus resources including tutoring and writing assistance. EU offers a variety of residential communities that provide environments proven to be advantageous to academic success:

**Living-Learning Communities** are living options designed to house students with similar majors and or academic interests within a small residential unit. The programs and services offered in these communities center on specific academic and career interests. Students interact with professors, engage in field experience programs, and benefit from common class study groups.

Our newly established **First-Year Experience** building houses students with a wide variety of majors and interests. Their common link is being new to the college experience. Programs and services offered in this building help students transition to the collegiate environment.

The **Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Community** is housed in Earp Hall. Students within this community are paired with experienced Honors community students who act as mentors, assisting students in their transition to college. Students learn from one another, form study groups, and often share research and other scholarly endeavors.

Finally, our **Combined Academic Community** buildings offer a rich community environment by housing individuals with a variety of interests, majors and levels of collegiate experience.

Edinboro University prides itself on its inclusivity. Students with a variety of specific needs are housed on Edinboro’s campus. Housing assignments for students are guided by the following values:

- Respect for an affirmation of a student’s identity and needs
- Prioritized attention to a student’s physical and emotional health and safety
- Enhanced opportunities for success at Edinboro University by finding the best match between the student’s needs and the options available

**Gender Flexible Housing** options allow undergraduate and graduate students to select their roommate without regard to gender. Eligible students can sign up for flexible housing on a limited, opt-in basis only. In order to be eligible for flexible housing, students must be sophomore status or higher during the school year in question (exceptions can be made for first-year students on a case by case basis), age 18 or older, and eligible for university housing. Transgender students looking to identify a supportive living arrangement in the residence halls can contact the department of Residence Life and Housing directly. Though there is no guarantee that all of a student’s preferences can be met, we are highly committed to working with the student to find the best accommodations possible.
Housing for Students with Disabilities

Edinboro University is committed to providing housing opportunities that meet the needs of individuals with disabilities. From on-campus rooms and suites that meet or exceed standards for accessibility, to the availability of attendant care services and giving consideration to individual needs, the university seeks to provide the best available housing and environment to support student success. The wide variety of housing options available allow students to be fully engaged in campus life.

Communication is the key to making sure that reasonable accommodations may be made related to student housing requests. Following admission, students with disabilities are encouraged to register with the Office for Students with Disabilities and to make their needs for specific disability-related housing accommodations known to the Housing Office during the housing selection process. Housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Office for Students with Disabilities will assist students in facilitating the process upon request.

Students who enroll in the university-provided Attendant Care Program are generally housed in Rose Hall, where a limited number of rooms are available. Students needing specific information about the Attendant Care Program are encouraged to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities or visit www.edinboro.edu/osd.

Meal Plans

Shopping, preparing and cleaning up after dining are unnecessary tasks for residential students. You will be busy with your studies and we recognize the importance of providing you with nutritious and cost-effective meal plans to fit your demanding schedule. All students residing on campus are required to purchase a meal plan and will automatically be assigned to the 210-block meal plan with $150 Flex money if no other selection is made. Changes to the meal plan decreasing the number of meals are permitted through 4 pm on the first Friday of classes. With some stipulation, students can add additional meals or flex money at any time at dineoncampus.com/edinboro. All meal plans offered include either $150 or $350 Flex dollars, which operate similarly to a debit card. Each time a Flex purchase is made, the amount is deducted from the balance on your account.

There are three convenient locations to dine on campus and two full-service grab-and-go coffee shops. Located in Van Houten Dining Hall, the Van Houten Marketplace offers all-you-care-to-eat meals made with an abundance of fresh foods prepared daily. The Van Houten Marketplace also features the commercial chains Sandella’s and Subs-n-Shakes. The Frank G. Pogue Student Center is home to the WOW Café and Wingery, Pazzelli’s (Italian), Chop’d and Wrap’d (wraps and salads) and the Cyber Café (coffee shop). Rose Hall features seven varieties of culinary fare in one convenient location that includes Papa John’s, Mondo Subs, Zona Mexicana, Boro Burger, Pasta Perfecto, Hershey’s Ice Cream and Seattle’s Best Coffees. Outtakes, located in Ross Hall, offers an array of grab-and-go sandwiches, salads and beverages. The Baron-Forness Library is home to Starbucks and features a number of ready-made food items for students on the run.

Dining service begins the Fall Semester for first-year students the Thursday prior to the start of classes, with a campus-wide picnic. Van Houten Marketplace serves first-year fall semester students on Friday prior to the first day of classes. All dining locations are open to all students per their posted hours the Saturday prior to the first day of classes.

Students with specific nutritional and dietary needs are encouraged to contact the Executive Chef, located in Van Houten Dining Hall.
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Technology

Each residence hall is equipped with more than 70 channels of in-room cable television as part of the housing package. In addition, all rooms come standard with high-speed internet connections for each student. While all residence halls are wireless, we strongly recommend students bring an ethernet cord and hard-wire hook-ups.

If you plan to bring a personal computer to campus, you will want to connect to the Edinboro Residential network to access email, register for classes, browse the internet and utilize Edinboro’s network of information. Information needed to connect your PC, as well as minimum technological requirements can be found at my.edinboro.edu/group/0/network-connectivity. Students choosing to bring a PC are strongly encouraged to install and maintain antivirus software before arriving and while on campus. Wireless printers and gaming devices are strongly discouraged as they interfere with the wireless systems. Students are asked to register PCs the first time the device is connected to the network.

Safety

Though ground floor common areas are accessible to individuals during daytime hours (6am through 9pm), residential wing doors are locked 24 hours a day and accessible using card swipe and or proximity reader technology to only students with a valid university ID coded with the specific building and floor of residency. Residential students, their escorted guests and other authorized personnel are the only individuals permitted in our residential facilities. Resident Assistants are on duty from 9 pm through 8am and conduct safety and security tours of the buildings nightly. Graduate Hall Coordinators are on call nightly should campus emergencies arise. All staff members are trained in crisis management techniques to address a variety of issues.

Security cameras are located at all exterior entrances and all room doors are equipped with peep holes. In addition, Edinboro University has its own police force with 16 commissioned officers. These men and women patrol in and around residence halls during evening and early morning hours. Finally, all residence halls are equipped with sprinkler systems, as well as in-room and common area hard-wired smoke detectors.

Edinboro University has a state-of-the-art communication system called e2Campus to quickly notify individuals in case of an emergency, including weather-related events. All students are automatically enrolled in this service and have the option of registering two mobile phone numbers and two email addresses (this can include family members). e2Campus has a voice service available so that alerts can be received as speech messages. In order to request speech message alerts, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) at (814) 732-2462.

Banking

Automated teller machines are located in the Pogue Student Center, the lobby of Rose Hall, and at various sites in the Borough of Edinboro. In addition, there are multiple banking service centers in the Borough of Edinboro.

Laundry

Free laundry facilities and ironing boards are provided in every residence hall. Check with your residence hall staff for laundry room and ironing board locations. Students will have to provide their own laundry supplies and irons.
Mail

Mail service is provided in Earp and Rose Halls and in Pogue Student Center for Highlands residents. Students are assigned a mailbox number when they check into their rooms, and incoming mail will be received in your assigned mailbox. There is also an outgoing mail deposit area in each location. Mail services are provided Monday through Friday. Mail is not delivered or picked up on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

Vending/Kitchen Access

Vending machines for snacks and change are located in all residence halls. There is also a convenience store located in the lobby of the Frank G. Pogue University Center. Kitchens are available for use in each residence hall.

Maintenance

Edinboro University employs a variety of skilled maintenance and custodial personnel. These staff members perform an invaluable service to students and staff. Custodial personnel are responsible for cleaning of the public areas of the residence halls, and students are reminded to assist by demonstrating respect and decency with regard to personal hygiene, cleaning and refuse habits. Students are also responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms. Maintenance personnel are available from 7 am - 11 pm Monday through Friday, and in order for repairs to be completed, students must file a signed repair request to allow the maintenance personnel to enter their room. Maintenance emergencies should be reported to the Resident Assistant, Graduate Hall Coordinator or the University Police immediately.
Transportation

You are permitted to have a car on campus, however it must be registered through the University Police Department. Students may have to park their car some distance from their assigned residence hall and should plan accordingly. Bicycles are a great form of transportation around campus, but are not permitted inside the residence halls. Bicycles should be registered through the University Police Department, and stored on racks outside of each residence hall. Students should make arrangements to have bikes taken home by the Thanksgiving break. Harsh winter months and the danger of snowplow accidents present concern for bikes left outside. Transportation is also available via a campus shuttle service with service to Edinboro, Erie and surrounding areas (free to students).

Vaccination Requirements

The College and University Student Vaccination Act of June 2001 requires that all students residing in on-campus housing receive a one-time vaccination for meningococcal meningitis or document in a recorded waiver that the student chooses to be exempted from receiving the vaccination for religious or other reasons. When you complete your housing application, you will be asked to read information about the risks associated with meningococcal meningitis and indicate you have read that information and you:

- Have received the vaccination within the past five years
- Have made an informed decision not to have the vaccination for religious or personal reasons

Personal Property Insurance

It is highly recommended that you obtain a personal property insurance policy covering items in case of loss, theft or damage. When seeking insurance coverage, it is important to know exactly what items are covered and under what circumstances coverage exists. It is a good idea to keep an inventory (including serial numbers) of all personal belongings that are in your residence hall room. Personal engravers are available in each residence hall office. Items can most easily be identified with a driver’s license number.

Arriving on Campus

In most cases, Residence halls open for new students the Thursday morning prior to the first week of the academic semester. Specific arrival times and instructions will be communicated to each resident prior to fall opening. If you are participating in extra-curricular programs or varsity sports that require early arrival to campus, your arrival time and date will be communicated directly to you.
Bring to campus
- Alarm clock
- Bedding (extra-long twin or double bed sheets, mattress pad, pillow cases, blankets)
- Cleaning supplies (for suite-style housing only)
- Desk lamp or other lights (Electric lamps and string lights must be UL approved)
- Desk supplies (stapler, pens/pencils, calculator, etc.)
- Dolly for moving in (some are available in the residence halls at move-in)
- Ethernet cord
- First-aid kit (band-aids, topical antibiotic ointment, pain relievers, etc.)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Hair dryer
- Laundry bag, detergent, fabric softener, clothing
- Personal computer and printer (not required)
- Posters, pictures and other decorative items (don't forget Command hooks for hanging)
- Power strips (with 15-amp circuit breaker and built in surge protector)
- Prescribed and over-the-counter medications
- Robe/shower attire
- Season appropriate clothing (umbrella, raincoat, hat, gloves, etc. – sub-freezing temperature rated boots are recommended for winter)
- Storage boxes
- Sturdy key ring or lanyard
- Toiletries (toothpaste, brush, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Toilet paper (suites only)
- Towels and washcloths

Discuss with roommate(s)
We recommend that you discuss with your future roommate who will bring the following items to campus:
- Gaming systems
- Television
- Microwave oven
- Small refrigerator (not to exceed 2 amps)
- Coffee maker (with auto shut-off) or brew station

Leave at Home
- Alcohol (including empty bottles, containers or cans), even if you are 21 years of age or older
- Candles or anything requiring an open flame (incense, potpourri burners, candle warmers, hookah, etc.)
- Ceiling fans
- Drugs (non-prescription and drug paraphernalia)
  Please note: Though approved medicinally in several states, marijuana is still illegal in the state of Pennsylvania
- Electronic cigarettes
- Extension cords
- George Foreman or similar grills
- Guns and or any look-alike weapons
- Halogen lamps
- Hot plates, hot pots, toaster ovens or toasters, crock-pots or other cooking appliances with exposed heating elements
- Non-university provided beds including waterbeds or lofts
- Nails, screws, tacks, glue, masking tape or other items designed to hang items from the walls or ceilings which might damage the surface
- Pets of any kind (except for fish in a 5-gallon tank or smaller)
- Space heaters
- Wireless hubs and/or routers