

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS ATTENDANCE AT NEW STUDENT WELCOME WEEKEND REQUIRED?

Yes, it is mandatory for you to attend. You will receive a brief schedule in mid-July for New Student Welcome Weekend. Check-in for residents and commuters will take place Friday, August 15, 2025. Welcome Weekend will begin on Friday and the first session of the Foundation 1 course also meets during Welcome Weekend. Students who need to discuss virtual options should contact njohnson@stfrancis.edu.

SHOULD MY PARENTS ATTEND NEW STUDENT WELCOME WEEKEND WEEKEND?

Your families are welcome but not required to attend on Friday. We understand that some families are not able to attend because of work schedules, travel challenges or other conflicts. Therefore, on Friday, there will be sessions that you and your family can attend together if they are on campus. The Saturday sessions are for students only.

HOW DO I EXPLORE AND APPLY FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING?

Information about living on campus and the housing application can be found at stfrancis.edu/student-life/residents. The application and \$50 housing deposit may be submitted there—students are encouraged to submit their application and deposit before June 1.

HOW ARE ROOMMATES ASSIGNED? IS IT POSSIBLE TO PICK MY ROOMMATE?

Roommates are assigned based on their answers to questions found on the housing application. Those individuals with similar interests and lifestyle habits are placed together to the best of our ability using the information from your application. Students may request a roommate by creating a roommate profile and roommate group within the housing system. In order to be placed together, both individuals must list the other as their desired roommate. Both students must submit their roommate preference by June 1.

WHEN ARE HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Staff members begin making housing assignments for first-year and transfer students in May and continue through August. Letters that include room placement are mailed in June and July. Please contact the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) if you feel housing accommodations are needed due to a disability, including a request for an air conditioner. Questions about housing assignments may be directed to the assistant director of Residence Education at resed@stfrancis.edu.

WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

Friday, August 15, 2025. An email with the opportunity to sign up for a move-in time will be sent to each resident's USF email address.

WHAT ARE MY MEAL PLAN OPTIONS?

The cost of a meal plan is included for residents in their room and board charge. You get to choose between three meal options. Students are automatically placed into the 17 Meals per week block and \$100 in Dining Dollars. They can request to be switched to 15 Meals and \$150 in Dining Dollars, 10 Meals and \$200 Dining Dollars or 19 meals per week in the Terrace Café when they arrive on campus and during the first two weeks of the semester. Commuter meal plans are available as well—learn more at usfdining.org.

WHAT ARE DINING DOLLARS?

Dining Dollars is money that is applied to your ID card, which can be used at the Snack Shop, Terrace Café, Three Oaks Bistro or Bernie's Pub by resident/commuter students, faculty, administrators and staff. You can add Dining Dollars to your account throughout the semester.

HOW BIG IS A TYPICAL ROOM IN MARIAN HALL?

The dimensions of a Marian Hall double room are approximately 13' x 15'.

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN THE ROOMS?

- » Twin, extra-long bed for each roommate
- » Desk and chair for each roommate
- » Dresser and wardrobe for each roommate
- » Cable and internet connections
- » Overhead light fixture
- » Recycling bin
- » Microwave on each floor's social lounge
- » Specific disability accommodation requests should be sent to the Office of Accessibility Services

WHAT SHOULD I BRING FOR MY ROOM?

- » Bedding: extra-long twin sheets, comforter, pillow and mattress pad
- » Toiletries
- » Towels, hand towels and washcloths
- » Clothes hangers
- » Alarm clock
- » Cable cord
- » Fan
- » Flip flops for the shower
- » Laundry supplies: laundry basket, detergent, fabric softener etc.
- » Blinds and window treatments: Marian room windows are 2'8"W x 4'2"H... 32" blinds will fit the window frames.
- » Mini-refrigerator (optional)

Visit stfrancis.edu/student-life/residents for more info or call Residence Education at 815-740-4293.

