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BASKETBALL



FALL CLOSING: IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR WINTER BREAK HERE AT UCONN!

It's almost that time when we close for the Fall semester and your student returns back home for a few weeks until the Spring term begins. Our traditional residence halls are scheduled to close at noon on December 18th. The fall closing information will be posted on our website in a couple weeks but here is a brief preview of what to expect.

All residents leaving at the end of the term need to follow steps before leaving for the break. Failure to follow these guidelines can result in students being required to return to campus to correct the situation, or University staff cleaning the space at the student's expense.

- Rooms must be cleaned. All trash must be removed. This prevents pests from taking up residence in the rooms while the students are away. Students not following this expectation will be required to return to campus to resolve the condition that they left. Failure to do so will result in University staff cleaning and the student being billed accordingly.
- Students should leave their heat set at "snowflake" to prevent pipes from freezing.
- All valuables should be removed and taken home with the student. The University is not responsible for any personal belongings that are left behind during recess.
- Students should unplug all appropriate electrical equipment. Fish tanks, and apartment kitchen appliances are the only items that may be left plugged in.
- Windows should be closed and locked, and lights turned off.
- Students should lock their room/suite/apartment

Other useful closing information:

If a student is returning to the same room for the spring 2024 term, they do not need to check out or remove any belongings from their rooms. Although, we do recommend that students do not leave valuables behind. We do ask students to leave campus within 24 hours of the conclusion of their last final exam. All residents who have vacancies need to ensure that the room is ready for a new roommate. This means that a visibly clean and empty/open bed, desk, dresser and closet space for each vacancy is prepared. Students should anticipate receiving a new roommate for the spring term if they have a vacancy in their room. All residents that have a vacancy in their room need to ensure that the room is ready for a new roommate.

Students who live in Charter Oak Apartments, Hilltop Apartments, Husky Village, Northwood Apartments and the Farm houses are not required to leave for the winter break, however, they must complete the Winter Recess Application in order to stay. Students in the traditional halls who wish to stay for break will also need to apply for break housing in their MyHousing portal. Students who stay for the winter break from traditional hall, suites and Husky Village are also required to carry a meal plan.



CSD Accommodations, A Primer.

Randy Shannon, Assignment Specialist

Residential Life is committed to working with students and colleagues to create safe and inclusive educational living communities that foster students' academic, social, cultural and personal growth. This includes making sure that our students with disabilities have a living environment that supports their educational goals. We work closely with our colleagues in the Center for Students with Disabilities to learn which accommodations are necessary for a student while still protecting their right to privacy around their diagnoses.

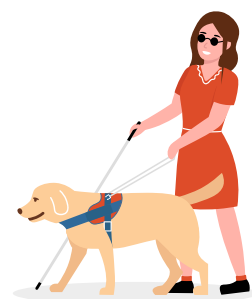
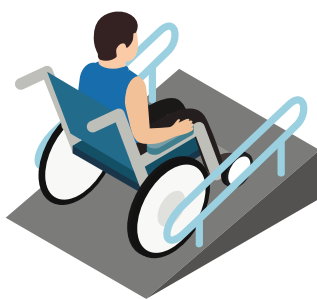
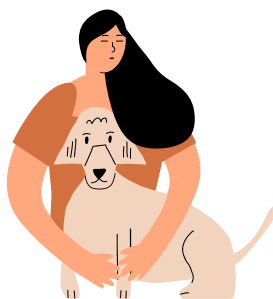
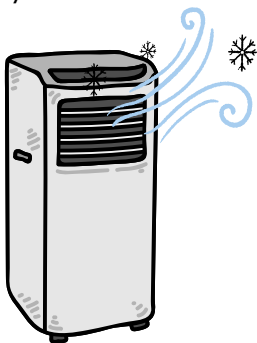
If a student already has a housing accommodation in place for this year, they have applied for housing for 2024-2025 by February 9, 2024 and are guaranteed housing for the upcoming year, our office will be in contact with next steps for housing in 2024-2025.

If a student that has an accommodation need and wishes to pursue obtaining a housing accommodation for next year, they should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD): <https://csd.uconn.edu/> to inquire about receiving a housing accommodation. CSD will provide more information on the approval process and assign them a Disability Service Professional. The student will need to provide the medical documentation to CSD to review and will also provide them a narrative sharing more information on why the student needs the housing accommodation.

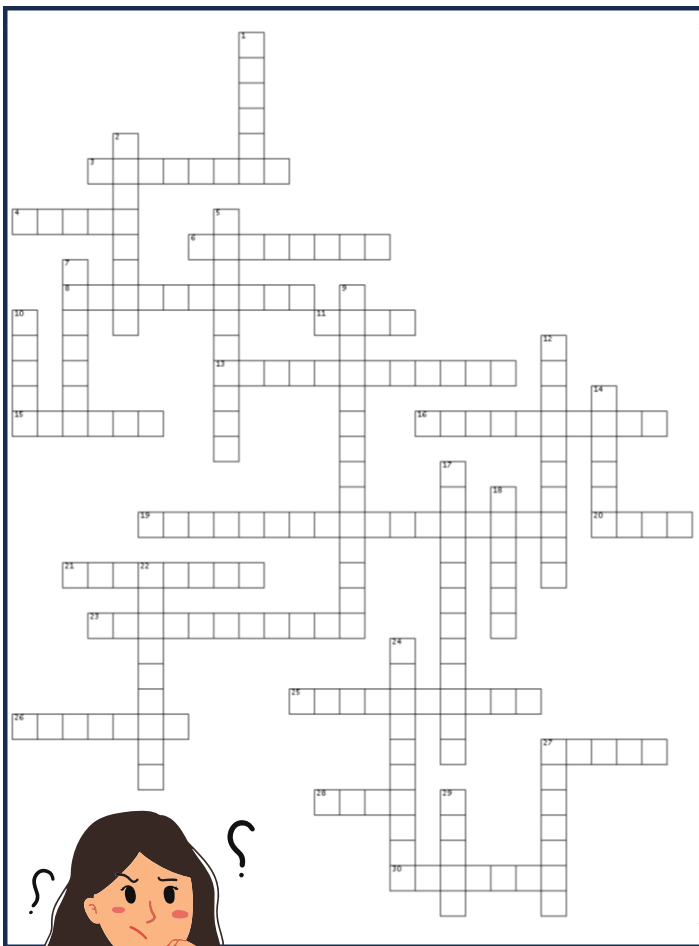
Once a student is approved for a housing accommodation, CSD communicates that accommodation to our office. We then use that information to work with the student to provide a housing assignment that meets the accommodation. These accommodations need to be approved by **Friday, March 8th** for our office to take them into consideration for Fall 2024 housing selection process which occurs in the spring. Students that receive a housing accommodation after Friday, March 8th, should proceed with housing selection and try to select an assignment that most closely meets their accommodation. Our office will be in touch after housing selection in May to find out if the student is looking to pursue a room change to another assignment.

Specific room types (single rooms, rooms with a private or semi-private bathroom, rooms in central air conditioning and rooms with portable air conditioners for example) are limited. If a student is approved for a housing accommodation after the March 8th deadline and has chosen a room that does not meet their accommodation, a vacancy in a specific room type that meets their accommodation may not be available to offer the student. If this happens, the student will need to wait as our office monitors our cancellation process for vacancies that meet their accommodation.

Students approved for a housing accommodation after March 8th are prioritized to receive a room change offer by the date that they received their CSD housing accommodation approval.



Test your Reslife knowledge!



Use the clues to fill in the words above. Words can go across or down. Letters are shared when the words intersect.

ACROSS

3. This term refers to students who choose not to live on campus
4. Federal Law which restricts what ResLife can share about a student
6. UCONN branch that also offers its own housing
8. Apartment areas on campus are Hilltop, Northwood and _____.
11. Only animal a student doesn't need an accommodation to have on campus
13. The live-in residential life professional in the residence hall
15. Buckley and Shippee Halls house this program
16. These are times when conversation, music and other noise must be kept at a low level
19. The student leader on each floor who supports students and works for ResLife
20. Department to call with vaccination health related concerns
21. This term refers to students who are admitted from an institution other than UCONN
23. This area has names representing each CT county
25. Online, Trades and Specific Room Requests are examples of this
26. Where keys can be returned after hours
27. NextGen was the original name of this building
28. Most centrally located residential area of campus
30. This residence hall was originally intended to be a hotel

DOWN

1. Regular _____ rate is \$3820/semester
2. First name of UCONN mascot
5. The oldest building on campus that was originally constructed as a student housing
7. Hosts Global House and Upper Division Honors Housing
9. Name of department email address for Residential Life
10. Residential area where the new residence hall is being constructed
12. These items are _____ in the residence halls: air conditioners, fireworks, water beds
14. Residents can have a maximum of two of these at a time in their room
17. Home of Fraternities & Sororities
18. October 1 is the deadline to do this without a fee
22. Home of graduate housing; as well as non-graduate students
24. Department to call with concerns about building repairs, dorm furniture, appliances and cleanliness.
27. Home of Residential Life
29. Residential Life uses this method to communicate with students

Answers: Across: 3. Commuter 4. FERPA 5. Stamford 8. Charter Oak 11. Fish 13. Hall Director 15. Honors 16. Quiet Hours 19. Resident Assistant 20. SHAW 21. Transfer 23. North Campus 25. Room Change 26. Drop Box 27. Worth 28. West 30. Shippee. Down: 1. Double 2. Jonathan 5. Storrs Hall 7. McMillan 9. livin@uconn.edu 10. South 12. Prohibited 14. Guests 17. Husky Village 18. Cancel 22. Northwood 24. Facilities 27. Whitney 29. Email



Meningitis Vaccination Compliance

The State of Connecticut requires that any student living in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis. All on-campus residents missing meningitis vaccination information were notified in September and given instructions on how to obtain compliance. Spring 2024 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement, who submit a 2024-25 housing application by the deadline (February 9, 2024), will be placed on the waiting list and not guaranteed housing. Students can view the vaccination information that Student Health and Wellness has on file at <http://myhealth.uconn.edu> > MyProfile > Immunization History.

All vaccination questions should be directed to Student Health and Wellness. Residential Life is unable to accept medical information.

Student Health and Wellness: www.shs.uconn.edu

Email: SHS-MedRecords@uconn.edu

Medical Records
(860) 486-8039
(860) 486-2985

View Vaccination Info that is onFile with Student Health and Wellness

1. <http://myhealth.uconn.edu>
2. My Profile
3. Immunization History



MID-YEAR ROOM CHANGE PROCESS

Room Change Process Dates: December 4-6

Application opens: October 30th.

Application closes: November 17

Room Changes Offered During this Process:

1. Online Room Change - Students in the process can view all available spaces and choose their own space in their MyHousing portal. Students in the process can only pick another room once. Once they have selected a room, their previous assignment will be available for others to choose. This means that students cannot change their mind if they choose a new room.
2. Specific Room, Learning Community, Honors, Special Interest Housing - Students who have a specific room request or wish to move into a special interest area (such as a Learning Community or Honors housing) will have their requests processed by a staff member and will receive information about their request via email. Students need to make sure they include on the room change application what specific space they are hoping to move into. Students should double check that the person leaving the room has notified Residential Life and cancelled their spring housing.
3. Trading Spaces - The difference between Trading Space and the other room change options is that both spaces in a trading spaces move are currently occupied by students (while the online or specific room change options involve choosing a current vacant space). Students who are interested in participating in this process should email livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

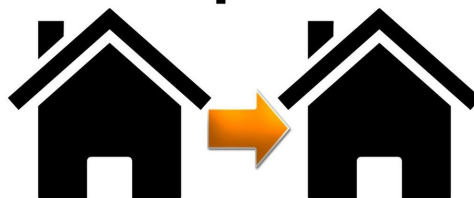
Other important information about the mid-year room change process:

Students who are staying on campus for Winter Recess will not be eligible for the Mid-Year Room Change Process. For students who is staying on campus for the Winter break but also wants to change rooms for the spring, there will be a Spring room change process that occurs after January opening that they are welcome to participate in. If there is a specific room that they would like but are not able to participate in the Mid-Year room change process, they should email livingoncampus@uconn.edu by November 10th with the room information and every effort will be made to hold the space for the student for the Spring Room Change process.

Process Timeline:

The Mid-Year Room Change Selection process will take place between December 4-6th. During these days, the students who are participating in the online room change process will be able to view and select a new room.

Room Change Requests



WINTER BREAK HOUSING

All students who plan on staying on-campus at any point during Winter Recess (December 18, 2023-January 15, 2024) must fill out a Winter Recess Housing Application.

Students who wish to live on campus over Winter Recess must have both a Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 assignment and must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Be enrolled in a winter intersession course
- Be working for the University
- Have an academic internship on campus
- Be affiliated with a team or University sponsored program which requires Winter Recess housing

Overnight guests will not be permitted during Winter Recess, due to limited staffing and specific billing policies.

This year, 3 segments will be available for Winter Recess Housing:

- Full winter Recess housing
- Only for: All or part of December 19 after 12 pm through December 30 at 4 pm
- Only for: All or part of January 3 through opening weekend

Students who live in traditional halls, suites and Husky Village are required to purchase a Winter Recess meal plan.

For full Winter Recess Housing Information, Rates and Policies please visit our website at: <https://reslife.uconn.edu/winter-break-housing/>



CANCELLATION Heating the halls



Facilities Operations holds April 15th and October 15th as dates to evaluate changes from heating to cooling and cooling to heating. These dates are set to evaluate long term weather forecasts and project the switch dates. For buildings that do not have air conditioning systems, the method to regulate temperature is to have the heat on or off. When we make this decision, we take into consideration overnight low temperatures. As you are aware, these temperatures often fluctuate throughout fall and spring dropping down as low as the 30-degrees following 70-degree days. Switching the campus and all associated buildings and building system between heating to cooling is not a small effort and it requires planning, significant labor hours, and is not something that we are able to go back and forth on.

Specific Areas with Different Heating/Cooling Systems:

Hilltop Apartments: Not subject to manual switching from heating to cooling as the system can change on its own, to change the temp residents need to call in to operations center to make a work order to change temp with in a 68-75 range.

Charter Oak Apartments & Busby Suites: Individual heating/cooling thermostats and do not require manual turn over either. This means that if occupants set the thermostat to a set temperature the space should switch from heating to cooling depending on temperature and mode a/c or heat. Residents must switch from A/C to Heat on the thermostat in each apartment.

In any of these mentioned locations, if occupants are too hot or too cold something is not working as intended and occupants should place a work order regardless of the season.

Husky Village, South, & Garrigus: These locations have one heating/cool system for the entire building. The system needs to be switched from heating to cool and cooling to heating by facilities staff. This decision is made when Facilities Operations evaluates long term forecasts in April and October.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2024

December 18

Halls close at noon for Fall 2023 (Students can request to stay over Winter Recess for an additional fee)

January 1

2024-2025 housing app available; room and roommates selected online in Spring 2024

January 13

Halls open for Spring 2024

January 16

First day of classes

February 9

2024-2025 housing app deadline for returning residents

Deadline for Spring 2024 residents to turn in meningitis vaccination verification to Student Health and Wellness

March-April

Spring 2024 residents choose rooms and roommates online for 2024/2025

March 10-17

Spring Recess (no classes, halls remain open)

March 25

Last day to cancel Fall 2024 housing application for no cost

May 6

Halls, Suites, Northwood Apartments, & all Stamford housing close at noon for Spring 2024

May 13

Hilltop Apartments & Charter Oak Apartments close for Spring 2024

