

## Arriving to Campus:

**NEW resident** check-in begins on **Saturday, August 20, 2011** between 9am and 5pm. Residents with last names beginning A–J check in starting at 9am and residents with last names beginning with K–Z start checking in at 1pm.

**RETURNING** residents may check-in beginning at 9am on **Sunday, August 21, 2011**. **No early arrivals are permitted.**



There is very limited parking directly near the residence hall; please plan to carry your belongings from a designated parking space. Any St. Petersburg city parking meters in the area will still be canvased and standard ticketing protocol in place. If you have access to a hand truck or a cart with wheels, you may want to bring it to help with moving your belongings from the vehicle to your room. You may want to bring along some family and/or friends to help you move in as well. Make sure you secure all of your belongings.

**There are NO early arrivals.** *If you plan to arrive after August 21, 2010 please notify us in writing. We will be accessing No-show room assignments and would not want you to lose the assigned space.*

## Check-in Location:

**Residence Hall One (RHO) Main and Courtyard Lobbies**

## What to Expect During Check-in weekend:

During opening weekend you need to attend the Mandatory Floor/Area Meeting for the residents living in your community. One purpose for this meeting is to meet those living around you, meet your Resident Assistant (RA), and hear a basic overview of the Department of Residential Education and Housing Guidebook (rules/regulations) for which each person is responsible along with the Student Code of Conduct. The meeting allows you the opportunity to ask the Student Staff questions. **Your RA will be a most important resource. Please take the time to get to know him/her as well as the rest of the staff.** The full-time Assistant Director (AD) lives in the residential community and oversees the administration of the area, supervises the graduate and undergraduate staff, programming and activities, student conduct and all most functions of the community.



Staff will greet you and you will complete an emergency card, hurricane preparedness form and receive your room/suite key(s). You will also receive a Room Condition Report (RCR). You must complete and sign all documents before you can move in. The RCR is used as a record of the condition of the room prior to you moving in. You must to verify that the RCR is accurate. This form is used when the Student checks out to inventory and assess any damages. It is imperative that you complete this form properly to ensure you are not charged for damages that you did not cause. You will receive information about Residence Hall Association (RHA) and other University Housing programs/activities/involvement opportunities.

Each resident is responsible for knowing the contents of the Residential Life and Housing Guidebook and following the rules of the RHO campus community.

## Payments and Fees:

All University Housing payments are due **in full** by 5pm on Friday of the first week of classes, **August 26, 2011**.

## Immunization Requirements:

It is a requirement of Florida law and the institution that all students are required to show proof of Meningitis and Hepatitis B vaccination prior to being assigned to any on-campus residence. Your Housing Contract becomes effective immediately upon submission. All immunizations must be kept up to date to remain in University Housing. Notification of acceptance to the University by the Admissions and Records Office does not constitute acceptance of a Student Housing Contract. All other requirements must be fulfilled as well.



## Contacting Roommate(s):

Meeting and living with new roommates/suitemates is an exciting event that can enhance your college experience. Where possible, we encourage you to contact your new roommate prior to arrival to campus. Roommate information, in most cases, can be found on-line. The two main reasons you want to make this initial contact is to introduce yourself and get to know each other a bit to coordinate with your roommates which items each of you will bring and who purchases/brings the items (such as televisions or vacuum cleaners, etc.). You may also want to discuss whether or not you're going to share cooking utensils, dishes, and pots & pans. The suite kitchens may not have room for four separate sets of these items, so you'll need to share in order to save space and space is limited in the Overflow Housing spaces.

It is natural to feel apprehensive about speaking with a new roommate. Expect some differences between you and keep an

open mind. The most important goal of conversations with other residents should be to establish good communication between you and your roommate so you have a base to build upon when check-in day arrives.

Be cautious if using online networking sites to gather information about future roommates. It is not the best way to make first impressions. We are unable to approve room change/transfer requests based on profiles from online networking sites. Room Transfer Requests are not processed until after the Ten-day Freeze and then only on a space availability basis. It is best to first interact and find out what each resident has in common and what can be learned from each other.

## Furnishings:

RHO offers furniture to meet the needs of the contemporary college student. Each bedroom is equipped with one variable height bed, one small cube with drawers, one desk with pull-out desk top, and one 2-position desk chair. Beds can be bunked or adjusted in height. Each mattress is a twin extra-long (36" x 80"). If you choose to rearrange the furniture, upon move-out all furniture will need to be returned to the original configuration. Keep in mind that this information varies for those room assignments in the USFSP Overflow Housing.

In the residence hall the common area and kitchen have a full size refrigerator, oven and stove top, small microwave and most suites have garbage disposal. Each suite has a sofa, cushioned chair, and table with four chairs. In Overflow Housing these amenities vary. Residents assigned to Overflow Housing will receive information about what to bring./leave at home.

Each floor in the residence hall and in Overflow Housing offers a study lounge. The furniture in these spaces is NOT for the student suites or rooms and must remain in the lounges for the entire floor or community to use.

There are two elevators in the residence hall and in Overflow Housing. Expect a crowd during move-in. It's better to pack a number of moderate sized boxes that can be handled by one person rather than a few large ones. There is no storage space in University Housing. Anything you bring will need to be removed by you when you check-out at the close of the contract term. Residents in Overflow Housing will take all belongings with them at check-out in December.

## Laundry:

Coin operated washers and dryers are available for use by Resident Students only.



## Cable:

University Housing provides basic cable television in RHO. Residents who wish to take advantage of this service should bring with them a cable-ready television and a cable cord.

## Internet Connection in RHO:

Each room has a high-speed Ethernet connection for each resident. You should ensure that your computer has an Ethernet port and bring an Ethernet cable to connect your computer to the USF St. Petersburg Campus Computing network. There is wireless access in most bedrooms and all of the lounges on each floor. Campus Computing personnel will be on hand during move-in to assist if there are questions.

## Things You May Bring From Home:

Amenities in Overflow Housing vary and linens are provided. The list for Overflow Housing is separate and provided to residents assigned to those locations.

- Extra long sheets (36" x 80") & bedding, including mattress pad/cover and pillow
- Power strips
- Bath and personal toiletry supplies, toilet paper, towels, shower supplies, cleaning supplies, shower mat, plunger, and toilet brush
- Small television with coaxial cable, personal computer, Ethernet cable (Cat 5 or 6) & alarm clock
- Cell Phone—signal service will vary
- Supplies for light food preparation including: cooking utensils, pots, pans, dishes, coffee maker, electric kettle, toaster, (small George Foreman Grill and/or an electric skillet with a cover) *Residence Hall rooms can be intended to be used as a primary cooking space since there is a full kitchen in each suite. Hilton spaces are not*
- First aid kit, thermometer
- Flashlight
- Small waste basket and kitchen waste basket
- Non-stick dry erase/corkboard and dry erase markers for bedroom
- Plastic crate storage containers for bedroom and common areas
- Small bookshelf and/or book end units
- Umbrella
- Laundry hamper
- Hangers
- Quarters for laundry and vending machines
- Study/desk lamp (non-halogen)
- Shower curtain and hooks
- Small vacuum
- Laundry detergent and softener
- Dish towels
- Iron/small ironing board
- Masking tape—easily removable, painters tape, 3M Command poster strips, *(We cannot permit items which cause large holes or marks on the walls/doors/door*



*frames/windows.)*

- Non-halogen floor lamp

## Decorations:

You are permitted to decorate your space and make it your own. We encourage you to express yourself in your living environment. Please keep in mind that you are not allowed to damage or alter the structure of room or life safety equipment. You **MUST** stay within University fire safety guidelines.

## Things to Leave at Home:

(list is not intended to be exhaustive in nature; it simply provides guidelines for living in a community environment):

- Pets (except for fish in tanks no larger than 1 Gallon—no filters)
- Halogen lamps, flame lamps, advertisement signs
- Excessive amplified equipment and percussion instruments
- Weapons (any type of knives, weapons, bow & arrow, firearms, water guns, other weapon-like devices)
- Fireworks, candles, incense, chemicals or illegal substances
- Hot plates and other cooking equipment with open elements and/or open flame areas (toasters are permitted)
- Concrete blocks and bricks
- Darts/Dart boards and other game-like items which have potential to cause property damage
- Waterbeds
- Furniture, beds, futons, dressers, sofas, lazy boy chairs
- Free weights
- Paint/Wallpaper/Boards/Paint supplies
- Multi-plug adaptors and extension cords
- Refrigerator or Freezer (one is provided), microwave (one is provided), space heater (mini fridges are allowed)
- Nails/screws
- Air Conditioning units
- Double-sided tape
- Scuba tanks and equipment/spear guns/cutlery/knives
- Grills, grilling items, flammable items/liquids/hazardous liquids or chemicals
- Liquor/Alcohol bottle, illegal or other drug paraphernalia collections are prohibited
- Antennas/Satellite dish or other such equipment
- Road signs, strings of lights, large neon lights

## Insuring Your Belongings:

The University **doesn't provide insurance for your property.** Review your family homeowner's policy or carry your own insurance. One insurance option is National Student Services, Inc. is posted on our website.



## Department of Residential Life and Housing



## Check-In Information Fall 2011



For more information regarding RHO or USFSP University Student Housing visit our website at:

<http://www.stpt.usf.edu/housing/>

**Overflow Housing site is the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton**

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