

## Check-in:

Check-in will be August 21, 2009 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Parking near the Residence Hall One (RHO) will be tight and coordinated by our Parking Services personnel, so plan to carry your belongings from a parking space. Parking on the grounds and right next to RHO is prohibited. If you have access to a hand truck or a cart with wheels, you may wish to bring it to help with moving your belongings from the vehicle to the assigned space. There will be "Move-in-Crew" volunteers, but you may want to bring along some family and/or friends to help you move in. The assignment letter should contain your suite/room assignment information. *You need to notify us in writing if you plan on arriving after August 21, 2009, so we can work with you and so you do not lose your assignment since we begin room verification that evening.*

## Check-in Location:

### *Residence Hall One (RHO) Main Lobby*

On the night of check-in, or one of the first days you are here during Welcome Week, 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 Life 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 a minute to get to know this person and the rest of the staff right away.** The Full-time Residence Life Coordinator/Facility Director (RLC) lives in RHO and oversees the administration of the area, staff programming and activities, plus supervises the RA and the Student Assistant (SA) staff.

## What you will receive when you get here:

1. Key(s) to your room/suite.
2. A Room Condition Report (RCR), which is to be completed and signed before you can move in. You must check the room before you move in to ensure that the RCR is accurate. This form will be used when you check-out to assess if any damages have occurred. So make sure you note on the form and return a copy to the Area Office.

3. Residence Hall Association (RHA) and University Housing programs/activities information.

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

## 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 when appropriately signed and submitted with required payment as noted in the Contract and with proof of Meningitis vaccination and meal plan payment (if applicable). Notification of acceptance to the University by the Admissions and Records Office did not constitute acceptance of a Student Housing Contract. The other requirements must be fulfilled as well.

## Contacting your roommate:

Meeting and living with your new roommate/suitemate is an exciting event that can enhance your college experience. We encourage you to contact your new roommate as soon as you receive the notification. The two main reasons you want to make this initial contact is to introduce yourself and get to know each other a bit and coordinate with your roommate what items each of you wishes to bring and which person is purchasing/bringing which items such as televisions or vacuum cleaners. 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 and save space.

It is natural to feel a little apprehensive about speaking with a new roommate for the first time. We find it is easier if you can be upbeat, positive, and respectful of your roommates' right to their opinions. Expect some differences between you and keep an open mind. The most important goal of the conversation should be to establish good communication between your roommate and yourself so you have a base to build upon when move-in day arrives. We make every attempt to include roommate information on the assignment

notification letters, however sometimes for various reasons we cannot.

Using online networking sites to make complex generalizations about those we live, work and commune with 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. It is best to first to interact with and find out what each student has in common and what can be learned from the other. If the student is not convinced and/or request another assignment, and the semester has not begun, the student can attempt to change rooms using this form keeping in mind the Room Assignment Freeze may prohibit the change occurring immediately. We are unable to render a decision at the time of the request.

## Furnishings:

RHO offers furniture to meet the needs of the contemporary student and each resident. Each bedroom is equipped with one, variable height bed per person, one small cube with drawers, one desk with pull-out desk top space per person, and one 2-position desk chair per person. Beds can be bunked or adjusted in height. Each mattress is a twin extra-long (36" x 80"). Remember though, at move-out all furniture will need to be returned to the original configuration.

The common area and kitchen have full size refrigerator and oven and stove top, small microwave and most suites have garbage disposal. Each suite has a sofa, cushioned chair, table and four chairs for this table.

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

Don't try to bring everything you own. You can always get it later. There are two elevators and we anticipate a crowd at 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.

## Laundry:

Washers and dryers are available for use by RHO residents 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. See the website for more information on the computer connections.

## 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 the lounges only 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:

- Extra long sheets (36" x 80") & bedding, including mattress pad/cover and pillow
- Surge protectors/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
- Telephone & answering machine
- 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*
- 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—which will not damage or alter the structure of room or life safety equipment

**Things to Leave at Home** (list is not intended to be exhaustive in nature, simply provides guidelines for living in a community environment):

- Pets (except for fish in tanks no larger than 10 gallons)
- Halogen lamps
- 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, other cooking equipment with open elements and/or open flame areas (toasters are permitted)
- Concrete blocks and bricks
- Darts/Dart boards, other game-like items which have potential to cause property damage
- Waterbeds
- Furniture, beds, futons, dressers, sofas
- 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
- Nails/screws/thumbtacks
- 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 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 insurance policy or carry your own insurance. The site for National Student Services, Inc. is posted on our website.



## Department of Residential Life and Housing



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For more information regarding RHO or USFSP University Housing, our website listed below.

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

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