

Most Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: How do I apply for housing?

Answer: New students will receive an admissions packet after being admitted to the university. In that packet, it will tell all new/transfer students how to apply for housing or the link below

<http://www.scsu.edu/forms/oha/>

Returning students will select a room during BULLDOG Online Room Selection Process in the spring.

2. Question: When should I reserve campus housing?

Answer: New students should apply for housing once they receive their admissions packet in the mail. Please visit the link below

<http://www.scsu.edu/forms/oha/>

3. Question: How much does it cost to live on campus?

Answer: Please visit the link below to obtain information about our current housing rates.

<http://www.scsu.edu/admissions/feesandexpenses/studentfees.aspx>

4. Question: Do you have a residency requirement?

Answer: Yes, freshman are required to live on campus (proper) their first year. By living on campus, students have a once in a lifetime opportunity to establish lifelong friendships, to participate in exciting activities and to feel truly connected to the university community. The added convenience of living close to classes, dining and support services, make on-campus living at SCState the ideal environment to live, learn and lead. Exceptions to this residency policy may be made for married or non-traditional students and for those who continue to live with parents or legal guardians while commuting to campus from 50 or fewer miles away. To qualify for an exemption, please see the Vice President of Student Affairs.

5. Question: When will I receive my housing assignment?

Answer: Room assignments for newly admitted students entering in the fall will be sent via BULLDOG Connection during the last week of July.

6. Question: When are we informed of our roommate and can we contact them before hand:

Answer: Your roommate's information will be sent along with your room assignment during the last week of July. We strongly encourage you to contact your roommate prior to your arrival on campus. We will furnish your roommate's school email address.

7. Question: Can I cancel my Residence Hall Contract?

Answer: The Residence Hall Contract is a legally binding document. Details on cancellation and cancellation fees can be found in the HOUSING CONTRACT under CANCELLATION FEES. You may download and review the Residence Hall Contract at [http://www.scsu.edu/files/2016-2017%20Housing%20Contract%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.scsu.edu/files/2016-2017%20Housing%20Contract%20(2).pdf)

Preparing for Move In

8. Question: What should I bring with me to school?

Answer: You will need to furnish your own linens and pillow(s). The beds require extra-long twin sheets. Please visit the link below

<http://www.scsu.edu/files/Checklist%20of%20Things%20to%20Bring%20to%20SC%20State%20University.pdf>

9. Question: Do you have accommodations for students with disabilities?

Answer: Please visit the link below for additional information

<http://www.scsu.edu/studentaffairs/officeofstudentdisabilityservices.aspx>

10. Question: Can I bring a refrigerator or microwave to my residence hall?

Answer: Mays II, Mitchell Hall, and Williams Hall allow 1 microwave and 1 refrigerator per room. Battiste Hall and Hugin Suites allow 1 microwave per kitchen. No appliances are allowed in the bedrooms. Once you receive your roommate information, you will be able to determine who will bring the microwave and who will bring the refrigerator. University Village has both microwaves and refrigerators in the kitchen area.

11. Question: What is your policy on putting nails in the walls for pictures, etc.?

Answer: Regardless of how you hang posters, you need to return your room to its original condition prior to moving out. Residence Life will charge students at the end of each semester for nails or nail holes in walls. We also charge for tape or putty marks. There are adhesive products on the market that theoretically do not mark the walls but the university does not guarantee their claim.

12. Question: When can I move into my room?

Answer: Please visit the calendar page for dates and times designated for move in.
<http://www.scsu.edu/files/Web%20Dates%20to%20Remember%202016.pdf>

13. Question: How should mail be addressed to students?

Answer:
South Carolina State University
Student Name
Residence Hall Name
Room Number
300 College Street NE
Orangeburg, SC 29117

14. Question: What do I need to do if I bring a car to campus?

Answer: To park on campus, a parking permit must be purchased through Campus Police. For general parking regulations, please visit the Campus Police website.

During the Semester

15. Question: How do I gain access to my residence hall?

Answer: All residence halls have 24-hour ID card access. Your student ID will be programmed to allow you to enter your residence hall at the designated door.

16. Question: What are the visitation options for my residence hall?

Answer: Visitation options differ in each residence hall. Please view our Visitation Policy in your assigned hall.

17. Question: When can I change my room?

Answer: Contact the Residence Life and Housing Office.

18. Question: Can we change rooms during the year?

Answer: SCSTATE has a liberal room change policy. If the move is approved in advance by the Department of Residence Life and Housing, moves can take place as space permits. There may be additional charges add to your account depending on the residence hall.

19. Question: How much does it cost to do laundry?

Answer: Laundry is free for all residents.

20. Question: How do I get something repaired in my room?

Answer: Please inform your Residence Life Coordinator or a hall office staff member.

21. Question: If I am a smoker, where do I smoke?

Answer: Smoking is not permitted in any campus building. SCSTATE is a **smoke free campus**.

22. Question: I am not getting along with my roommate, what should I do?

Answer: You should seek assistance from your Residence Life Coordinator.

23. Question What if I need to move out of my room before the end of the semester?

Answer: You need to notify the Department of Residence Life and Housing immediately. You will also need to complete the check-out procedure with your Residence Life Coordinator and return your key. Failure to properly check-out or return your key will result in a charge to your student account.

End of Semester

24. Question: Do I need to take everything home at the end of the Fall Semester?

Answer: If you are living in the residence halls during the fall semester and plan to return to your same room for the spring semester, you do not need to move out of your room. We do recommend that you take any valuable items home with you during the break as the University cannot be responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

If you are not returning to SCSTATE or have made a room change for the spring semester, you will be required to move out of your room at the end of the fall semester. Please follow all guidelines provided by the residence life housing staff for proper checkout procedures and deadlines.

25. Question: Do I need to take everything home at the end of the Spring Semester?

Answer: Yes, you will need to move everything out of your room and complete the check-out procedure with a Residence Life Coordinator before leaving at the end of the spring semester.

26. Question: What do I need to do when moving out of my room?

Answer: You need to make sure that you check out with your Residence Life Coordinator, clean your room and turn in your

room key. If you do not check out properly or do not return your key you will be fined.

27. Question When do I have to move out of my room?

Answer: Students must move out of the residence halls 24 hours the day after final exams are over. Graduating students can stay until 10:00 a.m. the day after graduation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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28. Advantage of Living on Campus

Answer: By living on campus, students have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to establish lifelong friendships, to participate in exciting activities and to feel truly connected to the university community. The added convenience of living close to classes, dining and support services, make on-campus living at SCState the ideal environment to live, learn and lead. Also, research indicates that students who reside on campus have a higher graduation rate than those that live off campus.