Department of Housing and Residential Life

Fall 2017 Move-In Guide
Explore your Possibilities!

Your first semester at Texas State is quickly approaching! We look forward to your arrival, and our staff is preparing your new home for a successful year.

We have designed this guide so you and your family can navigate the move-in process smoothly as you settle into your new home.

Save time by planning for your move and your new home away from home. Familiarize yourself with our facilities, policies and move-in process. Spend some time thinking about what you want your new home to look like. What do you need to be successful? How can you make it feel like home?

This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services.
Your Packing Checklist

Your assigned on-campus space is your home away from home. We encourage you to fill it not only with the items you need to succeed, but also with personal items that will help make your space cozy and comfortable. Appropriate decorations are encouraged.

We encourage you to contact your roommate. Contact information can be found online through MyHousing in advance of move in. This will help you and your roommate avoid bringing duplicate items. Be sure to check out the list of what to bring on our website: reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein.

How Big Is Your Bed?


Your Responsibilities

Living on campus provides a unique opportunity to be an active and responsible member of our on-campus community. As a resident, you are afforded certain rights, such as the right to express your uniqueness and individuality. At the same time, you are expected to abide by community standards. We promote open expression of individuality and diversity within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity and respect. The DHRL (Department of Housing and Residential Life) staff has established policies and procedures that govern group living. By submitting a Housing Contract, you agreed to abide by these community standards. For more information on the Rights and Responsibilities Guide, visit bit.ly/txstresponsibilities.

Renters Insurance

You are strongly encouraged to secure renters insurance. Texas State University and DHRL will not be held responsible for any damages or losses that may occur while living on campus. Allianz® and NSSI® offer coverage for theft, fire, power surge, vandalism and even accidental damage with deductibles as low as $25.

Considering Lofting?

Angelina, Beretta, Bexar, Brogdon, Butler, Chautauqua, College Inn, Falls, Gaillardia, Laurel, Retama, San Gabriel, San Jacinto, San Marcos, Sayers, Smith, and Tower come equipped with beds that can be lofted to provide more floor space. No additional equipment is required. Students in Elliot, Jackson, Lantana, and Sterry must rent a lofting kit in order to loft beds. The kits can be rented through the Residence Hall Association by visiting reslife.txstate.edu/loft.
Move-in is a busy day for both students and families. All new students (with the exception of Bobcat Village) will report to Strahan Coliseum (bit.ly/WhereIsStrahan) before heading to their assigned hall.

New student move-in will occur on August 19–20, 2017. Students should arrive according to their scheduled arrival time listed on reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein.

Residence Hall Check-In

☑ Report to Strahan Coliseum (bit.ly/WhereIsStrahan), not your assigned hall, at your assigned arrival time (found on reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein).

☑ Present your Move-In Ticket, which will be emailed in August, and your Texas State ID.

Student ID numbers ending in 00-50 will be emailed their Move-In Ticket August 15 and student ID numbers ending in 51-99 will be emailed their Move-In Ticket August 16.

☑ Fill out check-in paperwork and receive your key.

☑ Report to your assigned hall and unload. You will be provided with a temporary move-in parking permit with a 20 minute time range, for up to two cars.

Parking and unloading space will be limited—trailers and oversized vehicles are not recommended and may require parking further from the hall.

☑ Move your car(s) to a perimeter lot. You will receive directions upon checking in at Strahan Coliseum.

Bobcat Village Check-In

☑ If you are assigned to Bobcat Village Apartments, please report directly to Bobcat Village during your assigned arrival time.

Move-In Videos

Check reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein in early August for videos that will get you ready for living on campus. Learn what to bring, how to loft your bed, and where to go on move-in day.

Additional Information

If you plan to arrive on August 21 or later, please report directly to your residence hall. Remember, you must claim your space by 5 p.m. on August 27, or you may be reassigned to another location. Contact us with any questions.

Limited Availability of Some Campus Offices

Make the most of move-in weekend. Both Student Business Services and Financial Aid will offer limited hours on August 19–20 to assist students. Please check with these individual offices for availability.
Important Dates

Assigned times are based on the last two digits of your Texas State ID number. Your assigned time can be found online at reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein.

- IDs ending in 00-50 will move in during their assigned time on Saturday.
- IDs ending in 51-99 will move in during their assigned time on Sunday.

If you arrive on your assigned day, but miss your assigned time, check in at the coliseum at 4:30 p.m. or your hall between 7-9 p.m. Check-in will be closed between 5-7 p.m.

Getting Settled

It’s time to get settled and learn more about your new home. The following information concerning residential amenities will help you get connected and comfortable in your space.

In Your Room

WiFi: All hall lobbies and study lounges offer wireless Internet access. Individual student rooms also have Wi-Fi available. You are expected to abide by university, state and federal regulations related to accessing electronic networks. If you have questions regarding connectivity contact the Information Technology Assistance Center (ITAC) at 512.245.ITAC.

In Your Residence Hall

- Front desk: Each hall offers services through a front desk. Staff members welcome guests, answer questions, distribute mail and help ensure student's safety. At the front desk, students can offer suggestions, register complaints, ask questions about policies, learn how to submit maintenance requests and inquire about student life on campus.

- Laundry facilities: Laundry rooms are in every residence hall. All you need to bring is laundry detergent and your dirty clothes—the cost is built into the cost of your room.

Avoid the wait: If you arrive prior to your assigned time, you will be asked to wait and will not be allowed to check in until your assigned time (found at reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein).
Mail service and delivery: Please do not mail packages to your hall before move in. Mail is delivered to each residence hall or apartment Monday through Saturday. Deliveries such as UPS or FedEx are accepted—check with your hall front desk for daily package pick up hours and locations. Non-mail deliveries (with the exception of flowers) are not accepted. Check our website for the mailing address for your assigned hall.

Night desk staff: Night desk staff are student employees in Housing and Residential Life who provide assistance to students by providing coverage after traditional desk hours have ended. Night Desks can be found in Chautauqua Hall and Elliott Hall. These two centrally located halls assist halls that are geographically close. Check your hall front desk for Night Desk hours and contact information.

Safety and security: Your student ID will provide access into your assigned residence hall (with the exception of Bobcat Village). Please keep your new home secure by not allowing others to follow you upon entering and by meeting your guests at the front door. You also can help discourage theft by locking the door to your room or apartment every time you leave, even if you are simply visiting a neighbor or doing laundry downstairs. It takes only a few seconds to become a victim of theft. Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Your Roommate

Whether your roommate is a lifelong family friend, high school acquaintance or someone you just met, there will undoubtedly be times when you may not see eye-to-eye. It is not necessary to share every aspect of college living. In fact, learning to communicate your expectations is important. You are able to contact your roommate prior to move in. We encourage you to start a chain of communication with your new roommate. This will help ensure no one brings duplicate items and expectations can be set before moving in together.

Your resident assistant (RA) has copies of a roommate agreement form; you are encouraged to complete that form early on. Give it a try! If you find that you and your roommate run into difficulties, this resource will be used by your RA to assist in resolving conflicts.

Communication with your roommate can break down. Take the first step in addressing the situation with your roommate in an effort to understand what is wrong. It may be something very simple that can easily be resolved, or it may be an issue on which you have to work together.

When you need help, get assistance before the problem becomes out of hand. Your resident assistant and residence director are happy to help.
Parents & Families

Strahan Coliseum
Once you and your student arrive at Strahan Coliseum at the assigned time, you will enter different entries. Students will go on to fill out emergency contact information, collect their room key and get information about Bobcat Preview. We will have a waiting area for you as your student completes the check-in process and water and snacks will be provided.

Unloading
After your student has completed the check-in process, it is time to unload their belongings. A pass will allow you to park temporarily, up to two cars, at the unloading zone. Only cars with items to unload may be parked in the unloading zones. Once everything is unloaded, make sure to move your vehicle to the nearest perimeter parking space. We will have staff and student volunteers to answer questions and provide direction—the Cat Crew.

Construction
The Texas Department of Transportation will be performing construction on Aquarena Springs Drive; this could cause longer travel time to Strahan Coliseum. We recommend visiting reslife.txstate.edu often throughout the summer for updates on the construction and the best travel directions.

Once your student moves in, it is time to think about the 2018–2019 year! Students who want to reside on campus their second year will need to submit a housing contract in late October 2017. Spaces are first-come, first-serve so it is vital students visit our website for up-to-date information on this process. Students must submit a housing contract yearly to stay in on-campus housing.
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