

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE & HOUSING

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MOVING TO THE HILLTOP

Summer Orientation

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WHAT DOES HE DO?

- Assist with oversight to Residence Life & Housing operations and directly supervises student staff members (RAs and CCs)
- Coordinates educational efforts of the department
- Adjudicate student conduct and judicial matters



HOW TO CONTACT

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CHERYL WATERS

COORDINATOR OF HOUSING OPERATIONS & ASSIGNMENTS

WHAT DOES SHE DO?

- Coordinates all housing assignments, room change requests, and special requests
- Oversees departmental operations and management
- Collaborates with other campus offices on residents behalf
- Advises international students.



HOW TO CONTACT

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OTHER INFO

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

8 Residence Halls

1 Apartment Complex

6 Fraternity Houses

6 Sorority Townhouses

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

42 Resident Advisors (RAs)

7 Community Coordinators



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BEFORE MOVE-IN DAY

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SUMMER TIMELINE



COMPLETE THE HOUSING APP

Must be completed by June 15! Check your BSC email for instructions.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS SENT

Room and Roommate assignments sent out via BSC email by the end of July

CHECK BSC EMAIL

Detailed move-in information and directions will be sent in early August

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

HOUSING APPLICATION

Housing agreement, personal and living preferences, emergency contact information

RESIDENCE LIFE MATCHING

No roommate? No problem! Residence Life will find a roommate for you!

PREFERRED ROOMMATE

If you have a preferred roommate, please enter them in the Housing Portal

ATHLETES

Athletes can live with a teammate, another athlete, or a non-athlete; decide what is best for you, not what coach wants!

LIVE-ON REQUIREMENT

- ▶ Birmingham-Southern believes in the transformative power of the residential experience. Because of this, students are required to live on campus unless they have achieved senior-class status (23 units) before the beginning of the fall term. Students who are 21 years old by the start date of fall term, are married, or live with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) within 10-miles of campus may reside off campus.

LIVING ON THE HILLTOP



NEW MEN'S HALL

All first-year male students live in double occupancy rooms with a community bathroom in the middle of each floor.

CULLEN

DANIEL/MARGARET

DANIEL HALLS

All first-year female students live in double occupancy rooms with two community bathrooms on each floor

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students can live in any upperclass residential building with availability; ResLife will contact you regarding options.

GETTING YOUR ASSIGNMENT



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Building and Room Number, Roommate Name, Roommate Contact Information

BILLING

First-year housing is billed before each term and is \$4,100/term

MAKE A PLAN

Make sure your student contacts their roommate early!

LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE

▶ **TALK EARLY, TALK OFTEN**

Reach out and start talking now!
Don't wait until August 19!

▶ **COORDINATE BIG ITEMS**

You don't need two microwaves
and two fridges - coordinate the
big items (and the little things
too!)

▶ **BEWARE SOCIAL MEDIA**

No one is who they seem on
social media. Don't make snap
judgements on appearance.

▶ **TAKE A BREATH**

It's new for everyone. Remember
to breathe and it will all work
out, we promise.

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DURING MOVE-IN DAY

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AUGUST 19, 2022 TIMELINE



CHECK-IN BEGINS

AT 8:00AM

Check your email for specific instructions on arriving to campus, parking, and checking in.

GET SET UP

Once you are checked in, you will follow the directions of Campus Police to unload and head to your student's room.

SAYING SO LONG!

After lunch, join us on the Residence Hall Quad for a sweet treat and to say so long to your students.

MOVE-IN DAY TIPS



LABEL EVERYTHING

Put your student's name and room number on every box, bag, etc. that goes in the car. This is a great job for siblings to get them involved and excited.

DON'T OVERPACK

They don't need everything they own - remember they can go back and get stuff from home during breaks.

WE HAVE STORES IN BIRMINGHAM

Target, Wal-Mart, and Home Depot are all very close. Don't panic if you forget things at home.

EARLY ARRIVAL INFORMATION



SPECIFIC GROUPS ONLY

Early arrival is limited to specific athletic teams and organizations pre-approved to move in prior to August 19.

DETAILS IN BSC EMAIL

Specific move-in time and information will be sent via Residence Life and Athletics in early August.

SEND FOR HELP

Unfortunately, move-in assistance is not provided during early arrival days. Please be sure to have family/friends to help your student move in.

WHAT TO BRING

- BED LINENS (TWIN XL) AND TOWELS
- LAMPS
- FAN - TOWER FANS USE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF SPACE
- POWER STRIPS AND UL APPROVED EXTENSION CORDS
- LAUNDRY BASKET
- GARBAGE CAN
- SHOWER CADDY AND SHOWER SHOES
- ACCESSORIES TO MAKE IT HOME
- MICROWAVE - STANDARD WATTAGE
- REFRIGERATOR - 4.6 CUBIT FEET

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- ▶ • TOASTERS, TOASTER OVENS, OR ANYTHING WITH AN EXPOSED HEATING ELEMENT THAT GETS HOT
- AIR FRYERS, INSTA-POTS
- SPACE HEATERS
- CANDLES, INCENSE, OR ANYTHING WITH A FLAME
- WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, ETC.
- MUSIC AMPLIFIERS, SURROUND SOUND, ETC.
- WIRELESS ROUTERS
- PETS (OTHER THAN A FISH IN A SMALL TANK)
"NO PETS NAMED FISH"

WHAT'S IN THE ROOM?



BED AND TWIN XL MATTRESS

Beds are adjustable in height for added storage; bed risers are okay if manufactured for that purpose.

DESK AND DESK CHAIR

CHEST OF DRAWERS

WARDROBE/CLOSET

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW



INCLUDED LAUNDRY

Coin-free washers and dryers in the basement of each building

SOCIAL AND STUDY ROOMS

Social and study space is available on each floor

INCLUDED WIFI

Wired and wireless internet access in every room

FAQS

▶ **WHERE CAN I USE MY MEAL PLAN?**

Dining on campus is a large part of your college experience. Students with meal plans can dine in the caf and POD, both located in the Norton Campus Center, the Cellar or the Attic, located on the Residential Quad. Students will need their student ID to pay for the variety of nutritious food options or snacks for those late night hours!

WILL I NEED TO BRING A ROUTER FOR INTERNET?

No, each building is equipped with high-speed wifi and each room has ethernet ports for your immediate access to the internet. Contact Apogee for more details at apogee.us or 877-478-8861 for any internet issues.

IS THERE A COMPANY THAT WILL HELP ME DECORATE MY ROOM?

Yes! Bedding, curtains, cubbies, accessories, Dorm Decor has all of your decorative needs and desires! Check them out at dorm-decor.com for more information! BSC Students get a 10% discount as well!

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AFTER MOVE-IN DAY

SO THEY ARE IN COLLEGE... NOW WHAT?



Supporting your student during this transition can be tough, but **we are here to partner with you** to provide the best experience possible.

LIVING WITH OTHERS



ENCOURAGE THEM TO TALK TO THEIR ROOMMATE

Talk directly with their roommate - before anyone else (or social media). We want them to feel comfortable living in their room and talking things out can often nip problems in the bud.

DON'T LET THE SMALL THINGS BUILD UP

Encourage constant communication among roommates. Waiting may make it worse and it could cause a snowball effect.

TRUST THEM AND TRUST US

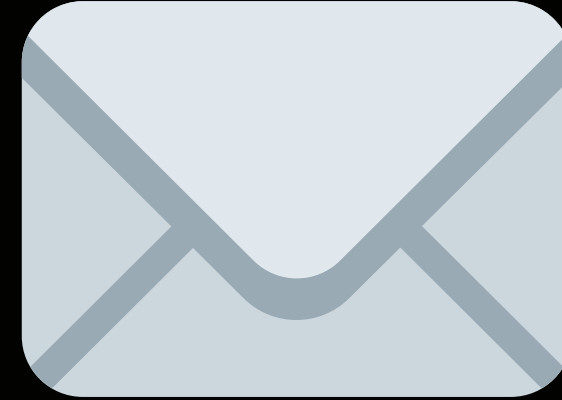
Allow them to handle the situation and encourage them to reach out to ResLife for assistance if they need it. Doing it for them won't help and often makes it worse.

Encourage them to get involved with a student organization, but also find a balance so they don't overextend themselves.



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