HOUSING & DINING ORIENTATION
FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS 2018-2019
For many students, going to college is the first time they’ve ever lived away from home. It’s an exciting time...for everyone.

To help your student make the transition to college, one of the best things to do is just to listen to them, and support them in their new independence. It’s natural to want to play an active role and fix all their problems for them.

their new friends and have mutual respect. If difficulties should arise, they can work with their roommates, hall-mates and Resident Advisor (RA) to discuss “concerns” before they become “issues.”

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We want to work with you to keep your student happy and comfortable. Feel free to contact your student’s Resident Services Office (RSO) and ask questions. Also, feel free to contact us via email (housing-info@ucr.edu) or by calling us at (951) 827-6350.

**DEAR UCR FAMILY**

**Your student is ready for college housing.**

And we’re ready for them.

But experience tells us it’s far better to let them make their own decisions, and handle whatever situations may arise.

Encourage them to enjoy trained in conflict mediation and emergency response.

RAs also plan programs and activities that help residents become active, self-aware and productive

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Moving in to a university residence hall may be one of the most exhilarating experiences of your life. And we’re excited to have you live with us.

Your NEXT orientation to UCR won’t begin until you arrive on Sunday, September 23, as you and a thousand or so strangers begin to mix it up in your new community. Since everyone starts off from the same place at Highlander Orientation, you’ll all have at least that much in common.

With that in mind, we’ve got some handy survival tips that’ll make those first few days that much easier:

**TIP #1: Space is tight.**
Bring less than you think you need. A lot less. You can always get more later.

**TIP #2: On your first day here, talk to your roommate. A lot.**
Chances are they’ll become your first friend at college. Maybe even your BFF. Also, open your door and meet your hallmates. You’re going to be spending lots of time with them this year.

**TIP #3: Rely on your RA.**
Resident Advisors are students, like you. They’ve lived through freshman year in the residence halls, and have experienced everything you’re about to. They’ve been there, done that. Literally.

Think of them as a human Google; if you want to know something, they’ll have the answer.

**TIP #4: You are not alone.**
Start by talking to your roommate...and the people down the hall...or the people sitting across from you at lunch. Chances are, they’re going to need someone to talk with, too.

**TIP #5: You can’t really prepare for your first year of college.**

The good news: Virtually everyone makes it through unscarred. Through your willingness to engage in the unknown and simply asking questions, you will already be preparing yourself.

The bad news: You only get to be a freshman once.

DEAR FUTURE RESIDENT

Relax. Everyone is going to be just as excited, and anxious, as you are.

Here’s how to cope.
We've anticipated many of your questions and tried to answer them below.

In addition, the **Residence Halls Resident Handbook** (available online in September) contains a wealth of information. We encourage you to read the entire Handbook when available, as it's full of information about university and Residence Hall services, programs and official policies.

**When do I move into the Residence Halls?**
Move-In Day is Sunday, September 23, 2018. We encourage all students to move in on this date. Move-In Day details, including room assignment confirmations and individual move-in times, will be distributed during the first week of September.

**Can I move in earlier?**
No. Residential staff are in training and final building preparations are being made until Move-In Day. Dining services and appropriate security are also not in effect until Sunday, September 23.

**Can I move in later?**
It's possible, but strongly discouraged; hall meetings begin the night of Move-In Day. If you MUST be delayed (due to an emergency or other conflict), email us at housinginfo@ucr.edu beforehand so we don’t prematurely cancel your contract.

**When will I know about my assignment?**
You will be invited to take
part in roommate and room self-assignment during the summer and will therefore have a good idea of your assignment by August 1.

However, a personalized Assignment Brochure confirming your building, room, and roommate assignments, as well as other critical move-in information, will be mailed to you during the first week of September. The same information will be available at your MyHousing portal.

**How do you pick my room and my roommate?**
We don’t; You do! During the summer, you will be invited to self-select your roommate(s) and your room online. Even if you are unable to select a roommate, you will have the opportunity to self-select a room. If you have difficulty or would rather not pick your roommate or your room on your own, we will do it for you at the end of summer using the information you and others provide us in the Residence Halls Contract.

**What if I don’t like my assignment?**
If you do not care for the options available when you take part in the self-assignment process, it may be because there is more demand for a specific hall or building than there is space. But you can take heart in the fact that all communities feature similar services and programs and all rooms offer the same basic amenities. In the end, remember that your contract is for a double- or triple-occupancy space, as available. Specific preferences cannot be guaranteed.

**What about roommates?**

You are in the driver’s seat when picking a roommate. There are multiple ways in which you are able to meet and match yourself with another prospective resident through our self-assignment process.

However, we know that some of you haven’t shared a room before, or with someone other than a family member. But we believe—and studies have shown—that there’s a real value in having a roommate at college. Surveys report most residents have positive relationships with their roommates. In addition, roommates often become life-long friends.

Frequently, students meet someone during Orientation that they’d like as a roommate. If this happens, both students need to email us at housinginfo@ucr.edu to request each other as roommates.

**Can I talk to my roommate now?**

Yes. The self-assignment process will give you the ability to get in contact with other prospective residents.

If you choose to let us assign your room and roommate—which we have lots of experience doing—your Assignment Brochure and MyHousing portal will give you information about contacting roommate(s) during the first week of September, assuming your future roommate(s) have authorized the release of their contact information.

**Do you have single-gender Halls?**

No. We continually survey residents on the desire for single-gender halls, and there is currently little demand.

**What’s provided in my room?**

Each resident receives the following: extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet, bookshelf and bulletin board. Each room includes window coverings, towel rack, ceiling light, telephone outlet, high-speed Internet connection, mirror and a MicroFridge (combination microwave and refrigerator).

**What’s provided in each Residence Hall?**

In A-I and Lothian, each community of 40-50 students has one male bathroom, one female bathroom, a hall lounge (sofas, study table, TV with DVD player) and a laundry room. In Pentland Hills,
residents live in single-gender suites. Each suite has four double or triple rooms, two toilet rooms, two shower rooms, a small living room and a kitchenette with a microwave and refrigerator. Each hall community also has a central hall lounge (kitchen, sofas, study table, TV with DVD player) and a laundry room.

What do we need to bring with us in the fall? Bed linens for an extra-long twin bed (mattress pad, sheets, blanket, bedspread or comforter, pillow, pillow-case), towels (wash cloth, hand towel, bath towel), desk lamp, wastebasket, telephone, alarm clock, clothes and decorations.

Can I bring my own fridge and/or microwave? No, these are included in every room. We don’t allow other appliances due to power and space concerns.

What about phones? Each room comes pre-set with a free wired phone line. Merely plug in a phone and you can make free campus calls (plus 911 emergency calls) and receive calls (but not collect calls). You will get a personal authorization code to make outside calls, making it easy to divide
phone bills. Obviously, don’t share your code. Cell phones are fine, of course.

**What staff members work with residents?**
All Housing, Dining and Residential Life staff are experienced at working with and for student residents.

But you will have particular opportunity to interact with the following Residential Life staff who actually live with you in your community.

Members of the “Residential Life” team include:

**RESIDENT ADVISORS (RA)**
Students who live on the halls and are responsible for creating the hall community.

**PROGRAM COORDINATORS (PC)**
Students who live in the communities and assist with promoting and planning large-scale events and programs.

**ACADEMIC OUTREACH COORDINATORS (AOC)**
Students who live in the communities and assist with promoting and planning academic programs.

**ASSISTANT RESIDENT DIRECTORS (ARD)**
Para-professionals who assist Resident Directors and others in supervising student staff members.

**RESIDENT DIRECTORS (RD)**
Full time professional staff who live in the community. They supervise staff, coordinate daily operations, manage conduct and assist residents with personal issues.

Residential Life is committed to providing an environment that promotes the personal and academic success of each student who lives on campus. We accomplish this by living true to the Housing mission: Providing a safe and inclusive living experience that supports academic success and personal development.

Our diverse, energetic and dedicated staff partners with UCR Housing to oversee all aspects of the student experience in the Residence Halls. Our professional staff members are all trained in emergency response, conflict mediation and student development theory, and most have advanced degrees in higher education or a related field.

**What is the “RSO,” and what does it do?**
RSO stands for **RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE**, and every residential community has one of their own. Each RSO serves as an information and resource center for their community. The full-time professional staff is assisted by students, and provides the following services: general hall and campus information,
move-in/move-out assistance, mail distribution, emergency assistance, key check-out for lock-outs and equipment check-out.

Maintenance and housekeeping staffs keep the Residence Halls in top condition. An online service request system allows residents to submit requests for repairs 24/7. Maintenance and housekeeping staff are also available after-hours for emergencies.

**How do you help students academically?**

The Residence Halls feature a **STUDENT HOUSING ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (SHARC)**, centrally located at Pentland Hills. All buildings have academic support facilities, which include computer labs (PCs with printers and Internet connections), study lounges, tutoring, seminars and advising.

We offer many academic programs to residents, including how to choose a major, finding careers in your major, and administering test and finals preparation sessions.

In addition, we work with the colleges to house special living-learning communities, including CHASS (College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences); SiMS (Students in Math & Science); Ingenuity; Honors Hall; and Pre-Business.

**Is there high-speed internet?**

The Residence Halls are all outfitted with high-speed wireless service (there are also wired data connections in each room). The cost is included in your room and board. Many spots on campus offer free Wi-Fi, as well. Information on set-up is provided at move-in.

**Can I bring my car?**

Due to limited parking availability, Freshman residents are not allowed to bring a vehicle to campus. (Exemptions to this policy can be requested from Transportation Services at parking.ucr.edu). However, there are many ways for students without cars to get around, including: short-term car rental (Zipcar); bike sharing (Zagster); ride matching (Zimride); unlimited free rides on the RTA's local and long-distance routes (U-Pass); and direct bus service to Metrolink's Hunter Park station. For details, click on the “Alternative Transportation” link on parking.ucr.edu.

**What do you provide in the way of safety & security?**

Residential areas are locked at all times; public areas are surveilled. UCR Police and Parking Services patrol every community; CSOs (Community Service Officers) provide extra patrols at night.

While residents are ultimately responsible for their personal safety, the University provides numerous resources to assist students, including late-night safety escorts, emergency call boxes and additional security personnel when warranted.
The Residence Halls are equipped with fire detection and alarm systems, and we conduct quarterly evacuation drills and respond to every alarm as if it were real. Resident Directors are on call 24 hours, seven days a week, and RAs are on duty evenings and weekends.

What about emergencies?
The University has a comprehensive emergency plan. The Residence Halls also have emergency plans and emergency supplies to manage a disaster. However, no matter how ready the campus is, each resident should be as self-reliant as possible so that first-responders can focus on the emergency.

What happens if a resident gets sick?
The Residence Halls are located near Student Health Services and Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS). We also maintain emergency information for each resident, including alternate contacts, family doctor and existing medical conditions that we can utilize in a critical situation.

In addition, Dining Services offers a Sick Meal Program, which allows for a roommate, friend or Resident Advisor to pick up a to-go meal from the Lothian or Aberdeen-Inverness Residential Restaurants. Ask your RA for details.

Can I get a job at UCR?
Absolutely. Many campus departments hire students. The largest single employer of students is Dining, Hospitality and Retail Services; information will be available during Orientation.

During Winter Quarter, the university also recruits and hires Resident Advisors, Program Coordinators, Resident Services Assistants and Residential Technical Assistants for work during the following academic year.

The Career Center (careers.ucr.edu) offers an extensive list of student jobs available through ScotJobs, a massive online database exclusively for UCR students and alumni.

When do the Residence Halls close?
The Residence Halls close for Winter Break and for Spring Break immediately following Finals Week. Residents may leave all of their belongings in their rooms during these breaks. Those in critical need of housing at these times may submit formal requests and be accommodated for an additional daily charge.

The Residence Halls stay open for all other holidays, with meals being served during all holidays except Thanksgiving weekend. Dates and information are in the Housing Contract and Resident Handbook. In addition, information is sent to residents throughout the academic year.
## Key Dates for the 2018-19 Academic Year

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Note: Your first regular monthly/quarterly Housing payment is due September 1, 2018
The Residential Restaurants at UCR—located at Aberdeen-Inverness (A-I) and Lothian Residence Halls—offer a wide variety of fresh, healthy and nutritious selections.

In addition, students can also feast at a variety of locations on campus with their “Dining Dollars,” including the Highlander Union Building (HUB) restaurants, Subway, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, and The Market at Glen Mor (featuring Starbucks Coffee).

Other options include four food trucks, five convenience stores (“Scotty’s”) and several walk-up cafes—facilities with pre-packaged sandwiches and other items—conveniently located within the Residence Halls and certain academic buildings.

For complete listing of campus eating options, including hours of operation, please refer to UCR Dining’s website: dining.ucr.edu.
HIGHLANDER 120
Tasty & Thrifty
Includes 120 Residential Restaurant meals and 250 Dining Dollars each quarter. Also includes four Guest Passes per quarter — great for family and friends!

HIGHLANDER 150
Perfectly Satisfying
Recommended! Perfect for those who eat most of their meals at the Residential Restaurants. Includes 150 Residential Restaurant meals, 225 Dining Dollars and six Guest Passes per quarter.

HIGHLANDER UNLIMITED — The Ultimate Choice
You get unlimited Residential Restaurant meals, which means you can stop by any time Residential Restaurants are open for a full meal or just a healthy snack. Perfect for those eating multiple small meals a day for the nutritional and metabolic benefits. Includes 75 Dining Dollars and four Guest Passes per quarter.

Note: Highlander Unlimited can only be used once per meal period at the following locations: the Culinary Chameleon Food Truck and Savor (located at the Market at Glen Mor)

ABOUT DINING PLANS
- Residential Restaurant meals can be eaten at Aberdeen-Inverness or Lothian. Dining Plan “swipes” can also be used at Savor (in the Market at Glen Mor) and the Culinary Chameleon food truck (during evening hours at A-I). Dining plans are re-set each quarter; unused meals do not roll over to the next quarter.

- Unused Dining Dollars roll over to the next quarter during the contract period, but must be used by the end of the academic year. They do NOT carry over to the summer or next year, and are non-transferable.

- Dining Plans may only be changed during the first two weeks of the academic year. Meal periods include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Monday through Friday; and Brunch and Dinner on the weekends.

- Dining locations are open to everyone on campus, including staff, faculty and guests.

About Dining Dollars
Dining Dollars may be used at every Dining Services venue on campus, including Scotty’s convenience stores and our various food trucks. Additional Dining Dollars may be added to your UCR Card at any RSO.
RETAIL DINING AT UCR

HUB FOOD COURT
Food-court-style venue offering a variety of dining options at the center of campus. For the 2018-19 academic year, the venues include Panda Express Chinese Kitchen, Chronic Tacos Mexican Grill, Habachi-San (Japanese teppanyaki grill, plus sushi) and MOD Pizza (set to open sometime this summer).

HUB PLAZA
Freestanding restaurants in the HUB Upper Court include The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Subway and The Habit Burger Grill. Includes early morning and late-night dining options.

BYTES
Located in Winston Chung Hall, this quick-serve eatery offers up Starbucks-brand hot coffee and espresso drinks, plus flatbread sandwiches, chili, snacks and more.

IVAN’S AT HINDERAKER
Features coffee, pastries, espresso drinks, smoothies, grab ‘n’ go salads, sandwiches and more. Located in the lobby of Hinderaker Hall.

THE MARKET AT GLEN MOR
- **STARBUCKS** All your favorite coffee drinks, plus sandwiches and paninis, bagels and pastries, and world-famous Frappuccinos, Smoothies and cold-pressed juices.
- **SIZZLE** Get burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries and delicious sides, fresh off the grill.
- **SAVOR** Homestyle cooking for lunch & dinner, including hot and cold entrées and artisan salads.
- **SHOP** Everything from snacks and cold beverages to basic household supplies. Plus a great selection of gourmet, healthy and gluten-free goodies.

FOOD TRUCKS
- **CULINARY CHAMELEON** Hot & delicious entrées and snacks, featuring burritos, tacos and more!
- **UCR COFFEE TRUCK** Serving up Starbucks-brand hot coffee and espresso drinks, plus pastries and other snacks.
- **MOO MOO TRUCK** Soft-serve desserts that come to you! They’re “Udderly Delicious”!
- **THE GRILL** We’re launching an exciting new truck in time for fall. Watch for the unveiling!
SCOTTY'S
Your Convenient Convenience Store

UCR features five Scotty's-branded convenience stores, each featuring a wide variety of ready-to-eat offerings, packaged snacks, cold drinks, school essentials, toiletries and much more!

Scotty's locations include:

- Aberdeen-Inverness Residence Hall
- Lothian Residence Hall
- Glen Mor (C Building)
- The HUB;
- The School of Medicine (SOM).
We provide residents with high-speed internet, 24/7 computer labs — even a gaming lounge.

Here are some tips to get the most out of the computers on campus, and some common-sense rules all students must agree to follow.

**DESKTOP, LAPTOP OR TABLET?**

Many students use notebooks or tablets for taking notes in class and accessing the Internet wirelessly, but a desktop is still a common sight in the Residence Halls.

Students should look for a laptop or tablet that will give them the most performance within their budget — a portable device that’s lightweight, durable and with enough battery life to last a full day.

However, desktop computers are still the best buy when it comes to value and computing power. A simple budget desktop system should last a student from orientation to graduation. If your device does not have an Ethernet port, you may want to buy an adapter; in the event you cannot connect via Wi-Fi, you could still connect using hard-wired data ports in every room.

**Usage Violation**

All computers connected to the campus network are required to have an anti-virus program installed and updated regularly with the newest virus definitions.

In addition, we strongly urge that all residents keep their operating system secured with new patches and updates. Computers on the network...
infected with a virus will be blocked until the problem is resolved. Visit cnc.ucr.edu for more information.

**Copyright Infringement**
The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA) is a federal law that prohibits the distribution of copyrighted materials over the Internet without permission.

Both the federal government and organizations like the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) strictly enforce the regulations of the DMCA, and violations can result in rigid fines, which may be passed on to students. Residents who violate DMCA laws may lose access to both Housing’s and the university’s networks.

**How You Can Be Identified**
Every computer with an Ethernet (network) card has a unique identifier called a MAC address assigned to it by the manufacturer. No two network cards can have the same MAC address. When you access a network, you are assigned a unique IP address that’s associated with your MAC address. This is dynamic and can change. However, here on campus both your MAC and IP addresses are logged and linked to your student account. This means that the RIAA or MPAA can easily track violations of the DMCA law to users here on campus.

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What is ROAR?
ROAR stands for Resources, Observe, Act and Report — the four pillars of our Safety & Security Program for residents, staff and visitors.

What is the purpose of ROAR?
ROAR gives a name to the many ways in which UCR Housing Services is actively providing for the safety and security of our communities and community members.

The ultimate goals of ROAR are to increase awareness and empower individuals to take an active role in ensuring their own safety, and that of others in their community.
RESOURCES
You are not alone. There are many places to turn to for help, advice and support:

CAMPUS SAFETY ESCORT SERVICE
(951) 827-3772

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
cnc.ucr.edu/ens

HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
(951) 827-6350; housinginfo@ucr.edu

YOUR RESIDENT ADVISOR (RA) or RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE (RSO)

UCR POLICE
(951) 827-5222

OBSERVE
Keep your eyes and ears open. Be aware of your immediate environment.
Limit distractions. While walking, especially at night, don’t talk or text on your cell phone, or listen to music so loudly that you can’t hear what’s going on around you.
Be seen by drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians so you’re seeing and being seen.
Be familiar with your surroundings so you can spot areas of concern (then “Act” and/or “Report”).

ACT
Increase your safety and security — and that of others — by following a few simple steps:
Lock your doors and windows; keep personal belongings out of view.
Keep your keys/cards available for quick use.
Use well-lit & high traffic pathways.
Do not allow unknown individuals—even other students—access to restricted areas in your community.
Register your bike with Transportation Services.

REPORT
Communicate anything that seems threatening; inform people in a position to help.
In a life-threatening emergency, CALL 9-1-1.
In a non-emergency (suspicious behavior, etc.), contact UCR Police (951) 827-5222.
Speak to any Housing staff member about concerns you may have.
Submit a Service Request to address repairs needed at all Housing locations; housing.ucr.edu.
UC Riverside has joined more than 1,500 colleges and universities in the United States in adopting a campus-wide smoke- & tobacco-free policy. The policy has been adopted by all University of California campuses to improve the health and safety of students, staff, faculty and visitors. The policy prohibits the use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, snus, water pipes, pipes, hookahs, chew and any other non-combustible tobacco product. To meet the goal of a smoke/tobacco-free campus, UCR offers assistance programs to students, faculty and staff who wish to stop smoking. In addition, UCR prohibits the possession or use of marijuana — in any form — on any campus property.
As many are aware, California recently emerged from a severe, five-year drought. While the rains in 2016-17 replenished state reservoirs, we still need to be aware of how much water we use, especially since precipitation for 2017-18 season has returned to drought levels.

Conserving resources has long been a priority for UCR Housing Services. In recent years, we’ve installed low-flow fixtures (including waterless urinals and hands-free faucets), limited outdoor irrigation and upgraded HVAC cooling towers to save tens of thousands of gallons annually. UCR Dining Services has also made behind-the-scenes upgrades that have saved hundreds of thousands of gallons a year.

The rest will be up to you. We ask all our residents to save water whenever possible: taking shorter showers, turning off the sink when brushing your teeth, and reporting leaky faucets and broken sprinklers.
DEAR UCR FAMILY

If you think that living on campus isn’t that big of a deal, it may be time to rethink a few things.

If you haven’t yet chosen to have your college student live on campus this coming fall, I urge you to stop and reconsider.

Traditionally, nearly eight out of 10 first-year students live on campus. And for good reasons.
Our UCR Housing team has created a living-learning experience that complements the experience students have in the classroom, and one that’s appropriate for the lives they lead, the goals they pursue and the people they are trying to become.

We bring academic and personal counseling resources, healthy and quality culinary choices, and social programming opportunities directly to students so they can spend more of their time focused on their academic pursuits.

Having a convenient on-campus location is only part of our philosophy.
You can’t be here for them. But we can, and we understand how that role should look during this critical and often challenging transition to adulthood.
National studies have consistently shown that living on campus — especially for the crucial first year — contributes substantially to student academic success.
You want your son or daughter to be able to interact with faculty and student peers as frequently as possible, to perform well academically, to be happy.
We do, too.

In these economically challenging times, we urge you to protect your personal investment (and fully utilize your financial aid awards) and take another look at what living on campus really means.

Sincerely,
Andy Plumley
Assistant Vice Chancellor,
Auxiliary Services
1. Academic Success
When you live on campus, you can set your own study schedules and focus on your classes, and not lose time commuting. And when it’s time to study, everybody studies.

Studies show residents earn higher grades than commuters.

2. Safety & Security
On-campus housing remains one of the safest places to live. We incorporate multiple approaches to keep residents safe, including video surveillance, uniformed patrols and restricted access.

Plus, no late-night drives home to worry about.

3. Community Engagement
It’s a lot easier to immerse yourself in campus organizations and clubs when you’re actually living on campus. You’re not just closer to the action, you’re surrounded and inspired by others who are just as enthusiastic as you are.

4. Personal Networking
Living on campus gives you the best opportunity to befriend both students and faculty. These could be future colleagues...or perhaps future employers. The networks you develop on campus will stay with you the rest of your life.

5. It Just Makes Cents
Students may receive more housing aid (as part of overall financial aid) if they live on campus. Plus, if you live on campus, you don’t need a car— an enormous savings in gas and maintenance. Plus, think of the time you won’t be wasting stuck in traffic.

Our top 5 reasons why you need to live on campus Freshman year.
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