

RESIDENCE LIFE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHERE DO NEW STUDENTS LIVE ON CAMPUS?

A: Most new students live in one of the residence halls on campus that are classified as either freshman or upperclassman housing. In the event that freshman-only housing fills up, incoming freshman residents are placed in upperclassman housing.

Q: HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM LIVING ON CAMPUS?

A: Research indicates that students who reside on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, perform stronger academically and are more likely to graduate within four years than their commuting classmates. In addition, they have a strong support system with peers who are going through similar experiences.

Q: WHAT CAN I DO FOR FUN ON CAMPUS?

A: You can participate in a variety of activities, including intramurals, events planned by the Office of Student Engagement, GCU Arena concerts, sporting events, outdoor activities and Bible studies. There are also several shopping centers, restaurants and movie theaters nearby. Check out the latest activities on campus.

Q: DOES GCU HAVE COED HOUSING?

A: Cohabitation is not permitted on GCU's campus. Each building has separate housing areas for each gender. Daily "open hall hours" allow you to visit friends of the opposite gender in the suite's living room.

Q: IN WHAT WAYS CAN I PERSONALIZE MY ROOM?

A: You may decorate your room with fun bedding, photos of friends and family, throw pillows, rugs, etc. You may also hang posters using 3M hooks or staples. Check out the What to Bring section on this page for more information.

Q: HOW DO I LIVE WITH MY FRIEND WHO IS ALSO ATTENDING GCU?

A: Learn more about housing selection and explore your roommate options here.

Q: WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING?

A: Check out the Utilities and Services section on this page for a list of on-campus housing services.

Q: IS THERE AIR CONDITIONING?

A: Yes, every room has air conditioning and heating with an individual thermostat that has been set by facilities staff with a specific temperature range. Upon your arrival, discuss an ideal room temperature with your roommates. You may not tamper with GCU property.

Q: WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

A: You are assigned a specific move-in time and date based upon your residence hall assignment. Fall move-in is approximately one week before classes begin. Spring move-in for new students is the Saturday before classes begin. See the Important Dates on our Student Affairs page for more information.

Q: CAN I LOFT/BUNK MY BED?

A: You may bunk beds to create more space efficiency. Ask your RA or RD for bed pins when you arrive.

Q: CAN I BRING MY OWN BED? CAN I HAVE GCU-PROVIDED FURNITURE REMOVED FROM MY ROOM?

A: No, all GCU-provided furniture must remain in the room and intact through the duration of your stay on campus. Any removed or missing furniture at the end of the year will result in housing fines.

Q: CAN I HAVE MY OWN ROOM?

A: Returning students or incoming/transfer students who are 19 years or older, have the opportunity to choose a private room in the Papago Apartments. If you have extenuating circumstances that require a private room, contact Student Disability Services.

Q: THE RESIDENT HALL I WANT IS FULL. IS THERE A WAITLIST?

A: Yes, when residence halls reach capacity, we start waitlists. Learn more about waitlist instructions and policies.

Q: WHEN DO I CHOOSE MY MEAL PLAN?

A: You make your meal plan selection during Step 4 of the housing selection process.

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Q: WHERE DO I PARK MY CAR IF I LIVE ON CAMPUS?

A: All parking inquiries must be directed to Campus Operations. Visit our [Parking on Campus](#) page to learn more.

Q: CAN I STORE MY BELONGINGS AT GCU OVER THE SUMMER?

A: No, GCU does not offer student storage. We recommend storing items at one of the many local public storage facilities.