



Choose your PC's operating system

For Mac users, the OS X operating system will work perfectly well with the University network. However, if you are using a PC, EIU recommends using one of three operating systems: (1) Windows 7, (2) Windows Vista Premium, Ultimate or Professional, (3) Windows XP Professional, and (4) Linux.

If you have any questions, check out the EIU Information Technology Services (ITS) website at its.eiu.edu/students.php or contact the ITS Help Desk directly at 217-581-HELP (4357).

More assistance can also be found by contacting the housing technology support desk at 217-581-7708.



Room layouts available on-line

To download room dimensions, and find out more about your new residence at EIU, simply go to www.eiu.edu/housing and click on "Housing Options".



EIU4 guarantees degree in 4 years

According to national statistics, only about one in four students complete their college degrees in four years, with nearly half taking five years or more.

To counter this trend, Eastern Illinois University has developed the EIU4 program. It guarantees that students will graduate in four years by meeting certain program requirements.

If they meet initial eligibility requirements, first-time freshmen will automatically be extended a four-year graduation guarantee. Those who are covered by the guarantee will be notified via U.S. mail (in the fall) and informed of their responsibilities to remain eligible.

The program is voluntary and students can opt out at any time.

Go to www.eiu.edu/eiufour/ for details.



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Campus Life:

Campus involvement can be beneficial to new students

Living on campus provides ease of access to the involvement opportunities offered by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the student governments of the residence halls and Greek Court.

RHA serves as a voice for on-campus residents on any number of topics. It has provided input on renovation plans, room and board rates, policy changes and furniture purchases. RHA also coordinates a number of events during the academic year.

Students living in the residence halls or Greek Court are automatically considered voting members of the student government in their buildings or complex.

The residence hall and Greek Court councils, in conjunction with RHA and University Housing & Dining Ser-

vices, raise funds for scholarships, promote community service projects and sponsor activities in the on-campus residential communities.

Besides being a great way to have a little fun while establishing new friendships, residents who choose to remain active in these organizations are able to take advantage of a number of opportunities that include possible future employment with the University, peer recognition and leadership experience.

Meetings are held each week and all residents are urged to participate.

"Go to castle.eiu.edu/rhaorg to learn more about RHA."



Past issues don't just disappear when students move to campus

Incoming students and their parents often look upon college as a new beginning, and hope that past issues and problems will disappear with the move to campus.

Experience suggests that the opposite is more likely to be true. Luckily, there are a number of steps that students with past or existing personal problems can take to improve their adjustment to college life and increase their chances for success.

• Any student who has been previously diagnosed with a serious psychological issue (e.g., depression, substance abuse, etc.) should continue to follow their prescribed therapeutic regimens. Students taking medication should make arrangements to maintain the necessary supply when away at school and continue monitoring by a primary health care provider at home.

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For the past several years a number of web pages have appeared linking students, alumni, faculty, staff and fans of EIU through a series of social networks including Twitter®, Facebook® and Flickr®.

Visit www.eiu.edu/downloads for ease of access to these websites. Feel free to download some free goodies (e.g., desktop wallpapers, avatars, calendar and an "I ♥ EIU" Iron-on t-shirt transfer) while you're there.

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Friend incoming Freshman

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Items you may wish to purchase

- Backpack, pens, pencils, paper, etc.
- Iron, laundry basket and high efficiency laundry detergent
- Microwave (900 watts or less)
- Can opener, glasses, plates and silverware
- Ethernet compatible computer, 10' RJ-45 Category-6 cable and updated computer virus protection software
- Television, DVD player, stereo, headphones, alarm clock and fan
- Outlet strip w/surge protector
- Pillows, bed linens, blankets, towels, wash cloths, etc.
- Toiletries and a shower caddy
- Clothing hangers, umbrella, posters and flashlight
- Dolly for move-in day



Items that should be left at home

- Portable air conditioning units
- Space heaters and electric blankets
- Indoor cooking appliances like coffee pots, hot plates, crock pots
- Outdoor cooking appliances like propane stoves and gas, charcoal or electric grills (This includes products like the George Foreman® Grill)
- Microwave exceeding 900 watts
- Refrigerator exceeding 5 cubic feet
- Halogen lamps without a safety grid and wattage over 300 watts
- Candles, incense and open flames



Eastern launches mobile website

Eastern recently launched a mobile website providing ease of access to an abbreviated list of the University's services. Current offerings include course descriptions, athletic and shuttle schedules, iTunesU, booth library access, local weather reports, and menus from on-campus dining options.

Go to m.eiu.edu to what the site offers.

Expansion of the site is in the planning stages. A smart phone is required to access the site.



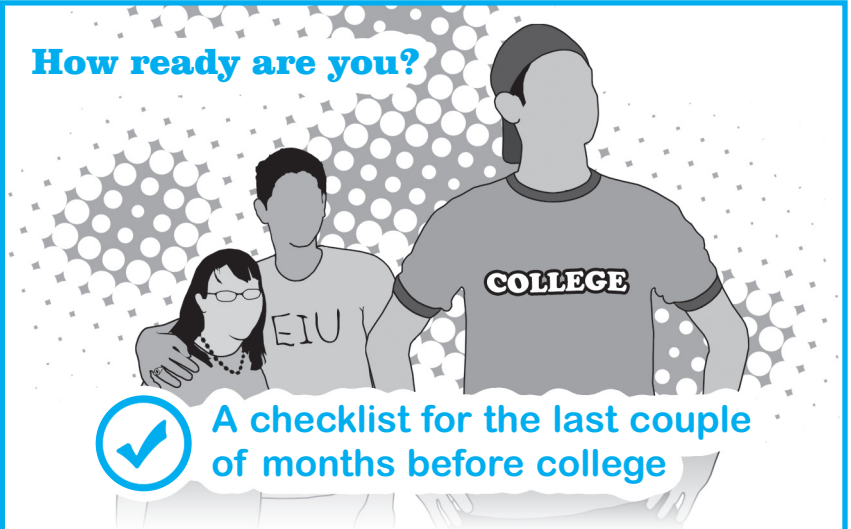
A relationship is a two way street

Roommates who take the time to listen and get to know one another have a better chance of having a positive on-campus housing experience.

The first time you talk with your new roommate take some time to discuss your future living situation. Start the conversation by getting to know the person. It's less combative than beginning with your expectations and will help establish a friendly rapport for the rest of your conversation.

The success of your new relationship is dependent upon both of you listening, communicating and being willing to compromise. If your only goal is to force your expectations on the other, the quality of your time here at EIU will be greatly diminished. Remember, all relationships are two way streets.

How ready are you?



A checklist for the last couple of months before college

- Pay housing down payment of \$250 by June 12 to hold a student's residence hall assignment. The remainder of the fall payment will be billed Aug. 1 and is due Aug. 30. A one percent finance charge will be added to the unpaid balance each billing cycle. Call 217-581-3715 for more information.
- Mail a copy of your immunization records (Child Health Certificate) and medical history forms to: HUMAN SERVICES CENTER
600 LINCOLN AVENUE
CHARLESTON, IL 61920-3099

Call 217-581-3013 for more information.

- Plan ahead when it comes to your on-campus room. Check out the lists to the left of this section to see what you should and should not bring to campus.

Contact roommate(s) to find out what they plan on bringing to prevent "doubling up" on items like televisions, refrigerators, gaming consoles etc. Your roommate's address and phone number are included in your room assignment letter.

- Purchase personal property or renter's insurance. EIU and University Housing & Dining Services assume no responsibility for theft or damage to personal property, or loss of money, valuables, or personal effects of any student or guest.
- It is recommended that you purchase a computer (PC or Apple) that meets the specifications outlined at its.eiu.edu/students.php. You will also need a 10' Category-6 Cable (CAT-6) to connect to the Ethernet ports in your room.

CAT-6 cables will be available for purchase at the University Court Office and all of the residence hall front desks once you have arrived on campus. Residents of University Apartments are asked to purchase cables at the Lawson Hall front desk.

While EIU offers access to computer labs around campus, many students find that owning a computer is convenient and acts towards the betterment of the academic experience.

Wireless Internet access is available building-wide in Andrews, Douglas, Lawson, Lincoln, Stevenson, Taylor and Thomas Halls, Greek Court chapter rooms, and first floor public areas in the remaining residence halls.

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- It's a good idea for the student to obtain (from established providers) a summary of his or her previous treatments. Such information will be helpful to have on hand for the Counseling Center to better determine therapeutic arrangements.
- While important to all students, avoiding excesses in alcohol and other drug use is especially critical for those students with a prior or existing mental health concern.

- Look into the New Student Support Program. Through this offering the student has the opportunity to meet with a counselor to review his/her specific situation and to determine how best to meet their needs while in college.

To find out more about the Counseling Center, call 217-581-3413 or go to www.eiu.edu/counscntr/.

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