

MOVE IN GUIDE

HOUSING AND DINING SERVICES



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**WELCOME FROM
THE DIRECTOR!**

LET'S GET YOU SETTLED FOR THE YEAR!

WELCOME TO EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY HOUSING & DINING SERVICES.

We are pleased to have you join our residential community and look forward to supporting your success throughout the year.

For many of you, this marks an exciting new chapter. Whether you are arriving on campus for the first time or returning for another year, our goal is to ensure you feel prepared, supported, and connected from the moment you arrive.

For new students, we recognize that moving away from home can bring both excitement and uncertainty. Our residence halls are designed to be a safe and welcoming environment where you can build connections, focus on your academic goals, and develop a strong sense of belonging. Our professional and student staff are here to support you every step of the way.

For returning students, welcome back. Your continued presence strengthens our community. You play an important role in helping new students navigate campus life, and we appreciate the leadership and support you provide to your peers.

As you prepare for move-in, please review the 2026 move-in guide carefully. It includes important information to help you plan your arrival and start the semester with confidence, including:

- **MOVE-IN DAY EXPECTATIONS AND PROCESSES**
- **TRAVEL AND PARKING GUIDANCE**
- **REQUIRED MEETINGS AND RECOMMENDED WELCOME EVENTS**
- **KEY REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

We encourage you to get involved, ask questions, and take advantage of the many opportunities available to you through campus organizations, residential programming, and leadership experiences.

If you need assistance at any point, our team is here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to University Housing & Dining Services. We look forward to welcoming you to campus and helping you make EIU your home.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Alexander

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Interim Executive Director
University Housing & Dining Services



THINGS TO DO BEFORE MOVE-IN DAY

1. COMPLETE YOUR SHOPPING AND PACKING LIST. We want to make sure you have everything you need for a successful year! If you're renting a Microfridge from Campus Fridges, they will be delivered straight to your room prior to move-in. Students in Pemberton, Ford, McKinney and Weller will already have one Microfridge unit in their room at no additional charge. For a complete list of things to bring and not to bring, visit: eiu.edu/housing/list.php

2. CHECK YOUR EMAIL. Final Assignment information as well as Move-In Registration instructions will be sent through email. You can always view your assignment at: go.eiu.edu/housing - just log back into the housing portal, click on Housing Intent/Application/Contract and then select your term. View additional information on signing up for your move-in date at: eiu.edu/housing/move_in.php

3. PURCHASE A PARKING PERMIT. If you are bringing a car and haven't purchased your parking permit, be sure to do so to avoid parking tickets! We do not enforce the student lots until the 2nd week of school. Parking permits for students (upperclassman and underclassmen) are available on the Parking Services website here: go.eiu.edu/ParkingPermit. Permits may be purchased online before arriving to campus. They can also be purchased on move-in day, move-in weekend, the first week of classes, or throughout the fall semester.

4. CONSIDER RENTER INSURANCE OR PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE. Contact your insurance provider to see if you're already covered. Eastern Illinois University 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.

5. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW HOW YOUR MEAL PLAN WORKS. Throughout the school year you can use your meal swipes in any of our Dining Centers (South Quad and Stevenson Tower). Swipes reset every Monday morning and do not roll over. You can use one swipe every clock hour. Dining Dollars can be used in places like the Food Court, Java B&B, and Marketplace Convenience Store. Check out our menu here: eiu.edu/dining

You can increase your plan at any time during the semester. If you want to decrease your Fall 2026 meal plan, you must submit your change request in writing by August 29, 2026. The request must come from the student and include the desired meal plan and the student's name. Email requests to: housing@eiu.edu

MEAL PLANS DEFINED

MEAL SWIPES PER WEEK are served in South Quad and Stevenson Tower. Unused meals do not accumulate nor are they reimbursed. They're reset on Monday mornings.

DINING DOLLARS can be used for a la carte purchases at the Marketplace Convenience Store, Java Beanery & Bakery, and University Food Court. Dining Dollars deplete as they are used and are good for the academic year.

Additional Dining Dollars may be purchased in \$5 increments after each initial purchase of \$25 at our office located in the Human Services building at Eastern Illinois University.

ORDER LINENS THROUGH OUR PARTNER!

CAMPUS READY



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GET TO KNOW YOUR MEAL PLAN

10 Meals Per Week + \$200 Dining Dollars Per Semester

14 Meals Per Week + \$200 Dining Dollars Per Semester

All-Access + \$200 Dining Dollars Per Semester

CHECK OUT THE MOBILE DINING MENU FOR THE LATEST MENU AND DINING CENTER HOURS:

EIU.EDU/DINING.PHP

BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN, BE SURE TO...

1. LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING ON CAMPUS.

Follow your Residence Hall, Greek Court, or University Court on Facebook to stay connected. Select halls have Instagram pages as well.

2. CONNECT TO THE UNIVERSITY NETWORK.

Your computer must meet the minimum required specifications available in the ITS Student Tech Guide. Your username and password are available at: **password.eiu.edu**

WIRELESS: Double click on the WiFi icon on your desktop and choose "eiuwifi."

SMART DEVICES: All devices including gaming systems, smart TVs, streaming devices, smart assistants and enabled devices will have to be registered at: **go.eiu.edu/devices** when connected to the EIU Network.

ETHERNET: For the best gaming experience, connect your device using an Ethernet cable.

You can also download Microsoft Office 365 software (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) for free. Anti-virus and other software packages are also available from the ITS Help Desk. For help, call the Gregg Technology Center at **217-581-7633**.

3. PICK UP YOUR TEXTBOOKS. Textbooks can be picked up at the Textbook Rental Service Building. During move-in weekend, there will be extended hours.

4. HAVE YOUR PANTHER CARD FOR YOUR MEAL PLANS.

If you got your Panther Card at Orientation, your meal plan should have automatically been added. If you got your Panther Card after Orientation, stop by the Housing & Dining Office to active your meal plan. For more information call: **217-581-5111**.

5. READ THE ON-CAMPUS HANDBOOK.

As part of the EIU residential community, you are responsible for all policies, procedures, and guidelines as outlined in the Housing & Dining On-Campus Handbook located here: **ei.edu/housing/policies.php**

6. SIGN UP FOR ALERT EIU: This text messaging system notifies subscribers via their cell phones of emergency situations that require immediate action such as possible threats on EIU's main campus. For more information, including how to sign up for this service go to: **ei.edu/alerteiu**

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TIME WITH US!

ATTEND YOUR FIRST FLOOR MEETING AND GET INVOLVED

During this meeting the Housing staff will go over important information such as policies, expectations as a resident, resources to know, and more to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience at EIU. **Be sure you connect with your RA to get the exact date, time, and location of this meeting!**

The staff will also go over how to get involved in your community. Panther L.E.A.D.S (Hall Council) is a great opportunity for you to learn, grow and make lifelong friends. We also offer a variety of services and programming such as Living Learning Communities to help you achieve your academic goals.

APPLY FOR AN ON-CAMPUS JOB

There are many great job opportunities just steps from your new home. We hire students in our dining centers and residence halls, just to name a few. More information about student employment can be found here: **ei.edu/housing/student_employ.php**

SECURE YOUR HOUSING FOR NEXT YEAR

It is never too early to start thinking about Housing for next year. Our most popular spots fill up fast, and we don't want you to miss out! Beginning mid-September, you can secure your Housing for next year. You will have first priority on choosing your hall, roommate, and meal plan. Contract renewals can be done through PAWS or go to: **go.ei.edu/LIVEONCAMPUS**

MOVE-IN DATES

Be sure to check your email regularly for move-in information.

NEW INCOMING FRESHMEN and **NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS** will move in on **Thursday, August 20.**

RETURNING STUDENTS can move in between **Thursday, August 20 - Sunday, August 23.**

All students are required to register for a move-in date. Students who are part of an early arrival group will also need to register for their move-in date. Check your EIU email or our Move-In website for additional information: eiu.edu/housing/move_in.php



CHECKING INTO YOUR NEW HOME

RESIDENCE HALLS, GREEK COURT AND UNIVERSITY COURT: When you arrive to campus, please follow the signs outside of all our residence halls. Park your car in the parking lot while you check in. After you receive your keys, you can pull your car up to unload your items and use our blue carts to help you move in. Then re-park your car to minimize traffic congestion. Panther Pals will also be available to help only on Thursday, August 20.

UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS: By appointment only. Contact **217-581-5111** with questions.

WORK ORDER: If you see something in your new place that requires attention when you move-in, submitting maintenance requests is easy! Fill out your work order here: eiu.edu/housing/work_order.php

MOVING IN LATE? If you're planning on moving into a residence hall, University Apartments, or Greek Court after Aug. 23, please contact us at **217-581-5111**. For those moving into University Court, please contact the University Court Office at **217-581-8000**.

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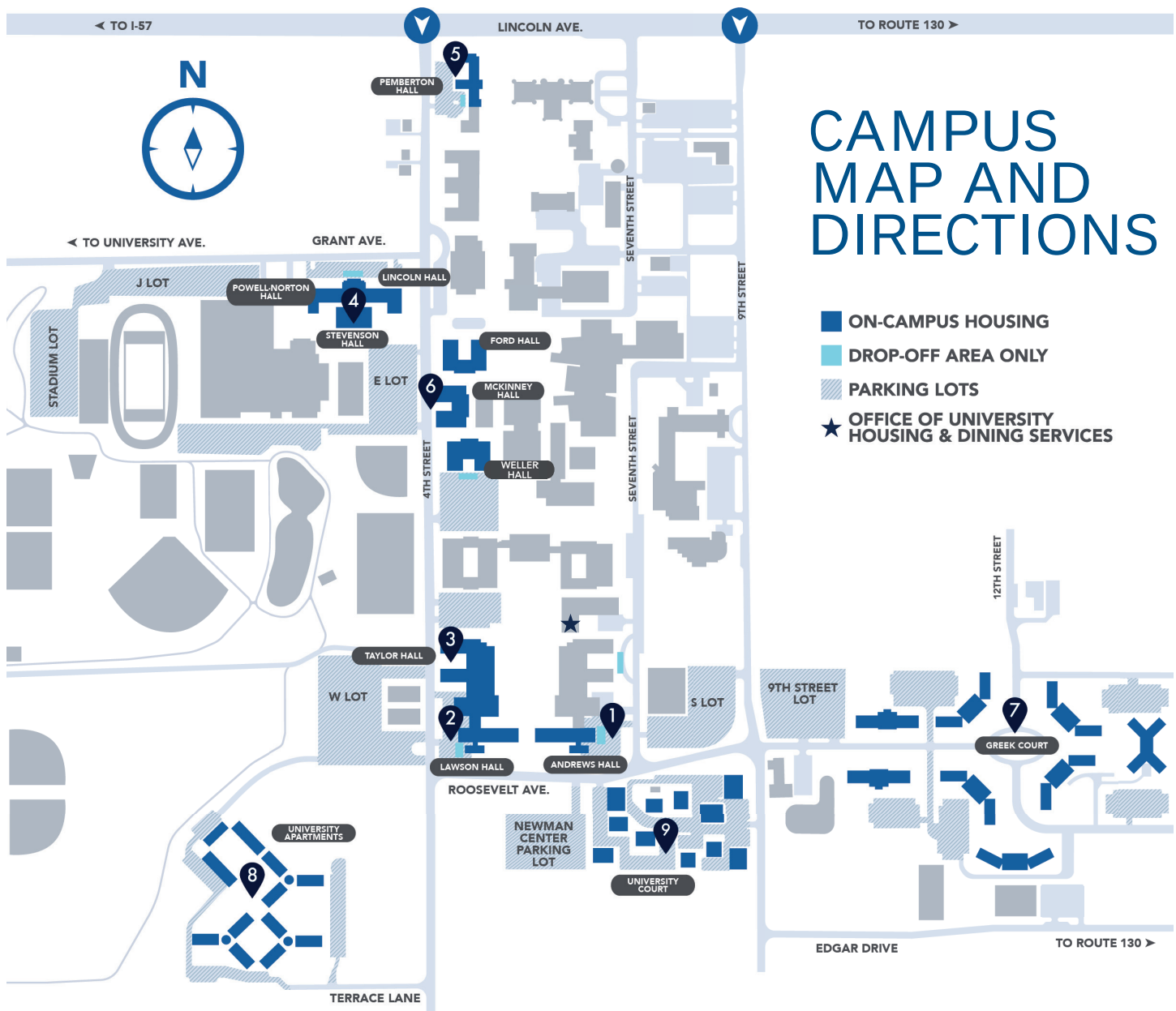
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Don't forget!

Electronic bills will be sent in early August. Students will receive an electronic copy of their bill in their Panthermail email accounts. This message notifies students that their most recent University billing statement is available online via their PAWS account at: eiu.edu/paws

Once the notification has been sent, it is the responsibility of the student to provide any third party (i.e., parent, guardian, etc.) copies of the billing statement. Please note the due date on the statement, as this is the payment due date to avoid a finance charge. Go on-line to: eiu.edu/busofc/bursar/index.php for more information on how to make payments.



1. ANDREWS HALL

Turn south on Ninth Street. At the second stop sign, turn right on Roosevelt Avenue. Turn right on Seventh Street and left into the Andrews Hall drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the South Lot or the Newman Center Lot for parking.

2. LAWSON HALL

Turn south on Fourth Street. Proceed through the stop sign and turn left into the Lawson Hall drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the West Lot for parking.

3. TAYLOR HALL

Turn south on Fourth Street. Proceed through the stop sign and turn into the Taylor Hall drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the West Lot for parking.

4. LINCOLN, STEVENSON & POWELL-NORTON HALLS

Turn south on University Drive and left on Grant Avenue. Turn right into the J Lot for both parking and unloading or continue to the Stevenson Hall drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the J Lot or Stadium Lot for parking.

5. PEMBERTON HALL

Turn south on University Drive and left on Grant Avenue. At the stop sign turn left on Fourth Street and right into the Pemberton drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the J Lot or Stadium Lot for parking.

6. MCKINNEY, FORD & WELLER HALLS

Turn south on Fourth Street. After the first stop sign, turn left into the Weller drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the E Lot for parking.

7. GREEK COURT

Turn south on Ninth Street. At the second stop sign, turn left on Roosevelt Avenue. Parking lots are provided behind each building.

8. UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

Turn south on Fourth Street. After the stop sign turn right on Terrace Lane. Veer right off Terrace Lane into University Apartments Lot.

9. UNIVERSITY COURT

Turn south on Ninth Street. After the second stop sign, turn right into the University Court parking lot.

***Directions begin on Lincoln Avenue (Illinois Route 16). Due to on-going construction on campus, and our partnership in providing space for Charleston Middle School, last-minute adjustments to these directions may be necessary. Please monitor our Move-In website and social channels for the latest updates before traveling to campus.**