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# MOVE IN GUIDE

**WELCOME FROM  
THE DIRECTOR!**

LET'S GET YOU SETTLED FOR THE YEAR!

**WELCOME TO EIU!** We are excited to have you living on campus this fall. For our returning students, I'm sure you are eager to reconnect with your friends and community. For new students who are about to begin one of the most exciting and memorable experiences of your life, welcome!

All of us at EIU realize that you may have never lived away from home and you might be a little anxious about the whole situation, but I want to assure you there's nothing quite like the journey you're about to begin. Your residence hall provides a home away from home and with that comes fond memories that will last a lifetime. Throughout all our on-campus housing there are student and professional staff whose priority is YOU. We are dedicated to emphasizing academic achievement while creating a community that fosters a safe and supportive living environment, as well as promoting diversity and leadership opportunities.

We also understand the circumstances we are in with COVID-19. Through we are in a much better place than where we were a year ago, we must continue to protect our own health as well as doing our part to keep the rest of the campus healthy. We thank you for your support as the Housing and Dining Services staff works to make sure we can offer you the safest and most enjoyable on-campus experience possible. If at all possible, we expect that you comply with university policy and get a COVID vaccine, if not, please wear a mask in most campus situations, as well as participate in on-going COVID testing.

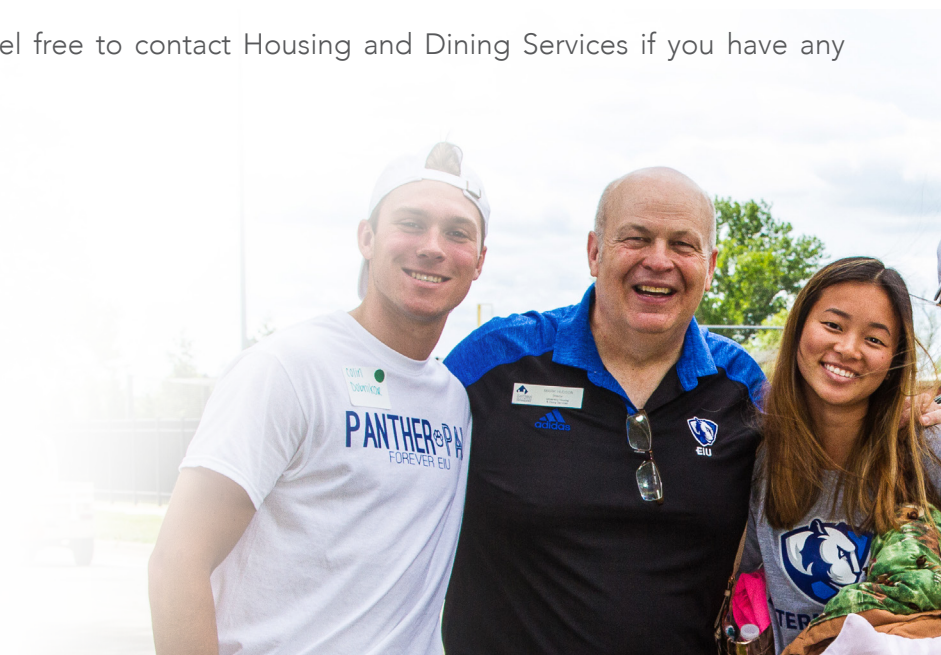
As you finalize your plans for coming to EIU, please take some time to read through this Move-In Guide to better prepare yourself. This guide will cover the following information:

- **THINGS TO DO ONCE YOU GET TO CAMPUS**
- **TRAVEL AND PARKING INFORMATION**
- **REQUIRED MEETINGS AND RECOMMENDED EVENTS**
- **REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

I look forward to having you on-campus! Feel free to contact Housing and Dining Services if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Mark Hudson

Executive Director  
University Housing & Dining Services



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# MOVE-IN DATES

You should receive your move-in date and time confirmation through your email; Be sure to check your email regularly.

**NEW INCOMING FRESHMEN** and **NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS** will move in either on Wednesday, August 18 or Thursday, August 19.

**RETURNING STUDENTS** will be permitted back to campus between Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** Students who are part of an early arrival group must still register through the move-in sign up system. Your move-in date/time will be communicated to you by your program director/leader/supervisor/coach/etc. You will be able to choose a morning or afternoon block to move in on your scheduled date. Please view the early arrival groups at [eiu.edu/housing/earlyarrival.php](http://eiu.edu/housing/earlyarrival.php) to determine if this applies to you.

# THINGS TO DO BEFORE MOVE-IN

**1. COMPLETE YOUR SHOPPING AND PACKING LIST.** We want to make sure you have everything you need for a successful year! Please take a look at our list of things to bring and not to bring at [eiu.edu/housing/list.php](http://eiu.edu/housing/list.php).

**2. LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR NEW COMMUNITY.** Hall Council, Residence Hall Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, and Student Affairs Prep Program are all great opportunities available to on-campus students to learn, grow and make lifelong friends. We also offer a variety of services and programming such as Living Communities, Faculty Fellows, and the Panther Success Initiative to help our students achieve their academic goals. Research what you feel would be a good fit for you and reach out to your RA during move-in to get involved!

**3. 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.

**4. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW HOW YOUR MEAL PLAN WORKS.** Throughout the school year you can use your meal swipes in any of our three Dining Centers (Taylor, Thomas, and Stevenson Tower). Swipes do not roll over and reset every Monday morning. You can use one swipe every two hours. Dining Dollars can be used in places like the Food Court, Java B&B, and Thomas Marketplace. Check out our menu here: [eiu.edu/dining](http://eiu.edu/dining).

You can increase your plan at any time during the semester. If you want to decrease your Fall 2021 meal plan, you must submit your change request in writing by August 27, 2021. The request must come from the student and include the desired meal plan and your name. Email requests to [housing@eiu.edu](mailto:housing@eiu.edu).

## MEAL PLANS DEFINED

**MEAL SWIPES PER WEEK** are served in Taylor, Thomas, and Stevenson. Unused meals do not accumulate nor are they reimbursed. They're reset on Monday mornings.

**BONUS MEALS**, like meal swipes per week, are meals served in the residential dining centers. They may be used as extra meal swipes and are good for the semester in which they are provided. Unused meal swipes do not accumulate nor are they reimbursed.

**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 \$25 increments after each initial purchase of \$50 at our office located in the MLK Jr. Union.*

# BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN, BE SURE TO...

**1. PICK UP YOUR TEXTBOOKS.** Textbooks can be picked up at the Textbook Rental Service Building. During Move-In Weekend, there will be extended hours.

**2. CONNECT YOUR COMPUTER 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](http://password.eiu.edu).

**WIRELESS:** Double click on the WiFi icon on your desktop (top right corner for MAC). Choose "eiuwifi" as your local default access point. Not available in University Apartments.

**ETHERNET:** For the best gaming experience, connect your device using an Ethernet cable. Contact your front desk about purchasing an Ethernet cord.

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

**3. 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**.

**3. 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: [eiu.edu/housing/policies.php](http://eiu.edu/housing/policies.php).

**3. ATTEND YOUR FIRST FLOOR MEETING.** During this meeting the Housing staff will go over important information such as Hall Council information, policies, expectations as a resident, resources to know, and more to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience at Housing & Dining. Be sure you connect with your RA to get the exact date, time, and location of this meeting and attend!

# CONNECT WITH US



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(217) 581 - 5111



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## Don't forget!

Electronic bill 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](http://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](http://eiu.edu/busofc/bursar/index.php) for more information on how to make payments.

# GET TO KNOW YOUR MEAL PLAN

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

[EIU.EDU/DINING.PHP](http://EIU.EDU/DINING.PHP)

7 Meals Per Week + 2 Bonus Meals Per Semester  
+ 200 Dining Dollars

10 Meals Per Week + 3 Bonus Meals Per Semester  
+ \$60 Dining Dollars

12 Meals Per Week + 4 Bonus Meals Per Semester  
+ \$100 Dining Dollars

15 Meals Per Week + 5 Bonus Meals Per Semester  
+ \$140 Dining Dollars

Unlimited Meals + 6 Bonus Meals Per Semester  
+ \$150 Dining Dollars



We can't wait to see you!

## COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

At University Housing and Dining Services, we want to make sure our students, faculty, and staff are protected and safe. We will continuously update you with specific health and safety guidelines important for you as a residential student. Please visit [eiu.edu/covid](https://eiu.edu/covid) for more information.

## 5 THINGS TO DO AFTER YOU GET TO CAMPUS

### 1. CHECK INTO YOUR NEW RESIDENCE

**RESIDENCE HALLS, GREEK COURT AND UNIVERSITY COURT:** Please arrive to check-in at the time you selected when you signed up for move-in. Take a look at our driving directions in this guide to help minimize traffic congestion. When you arrive to campus, please follow the signs outside of all our residence halls.

**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](https://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. 22, please contact us at **217-581-5111**. For those moving into University Court, please contact the University Court Office at **217-581-8000**.

### 2. PURCHASE A PARKING PERMIT

If you are bringing a car and haven't purchased your parking pass, be sure to do so to avoid parking tickets! Parking passes for students (upperclassman and underclassmen) are available on the Parking Services website. Have the pass mailed to your permanent address or pick it up at the University Police Department located across the street from the MLK Jr. University Union.

### 3. LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

**DOWNLOAD THE PANTHER LIFE APP:** Stay up to date with campus events and activities through the Panther Life App. You can download the app through Google Play store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.

**CONNECT WITH YOUR RESIDENTIAL AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Each Residence Hall, Greek Court, and University Court has its own Facebook page. See what is happening in your community.

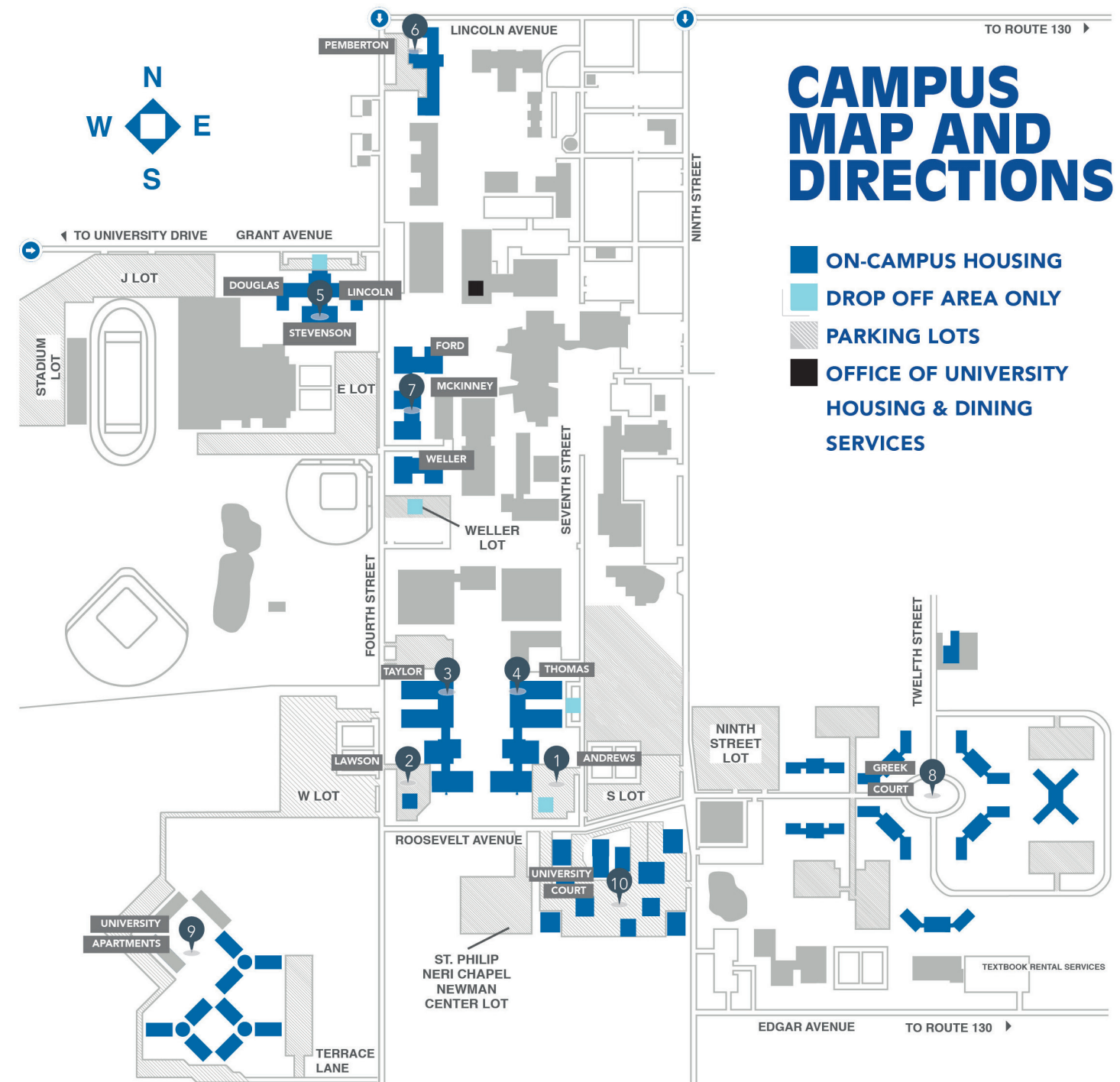
**SIGN UP FOR ALERT EIU:** This text messaging system notifies subscribers via their cell phones of emergency situations that require immediate action such as possible threats on EIU's main campus. For more information, including how to sign up for this service go to [eiu.edu/alerteiu](https://eiu.edu/alerteiu).

### 4. 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: [eiu.edu/housing/student\\_employ.php](https://eiu.edu/housing/student_employ.php).

### 5. 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.eiu.edu/LIVEONCAMPUS](https://go.eiu.edu/LIVEONCAMPUS).



#### 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. THOMAS 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 Thomas Hall drop off area. Once unloaded, proceed to the South Lot for parking.

#### 5. LINCOLN, STEVENSON & DOUGLAS 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.

#### 6. 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.

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. GREEK COURT

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

#### 9. 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.

#### 10. UNIVERSITY COURT

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