

Housing and Dining Info Sheet



1. A Checklist Before You Leave for College

- Contact roommate(s) to find out what they plan on bringing to prevent “doubling up” on items like television, refrigerators, etc. Your roommate’s contact information will be provided to you in mid-May from the Summer Institute Program Director.
- Purchase Personal property or renter’s insurance. EIU and University Housing and 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 specification outline at its.eiu.edu/students.php. 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. Weller Hall offers both wired (Ethernet) and wireless internet connections.



2. Room Layouts Available Online

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.” Then, choose “Residence Halls.” And, finally select “Weller Hall.”



3. 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 four operating systems:

- a. Windows 7
- b. Windows Vista Premium, Ultimate, or Professional
- c. Windows XP Professional
- d. 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.



4. 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 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.



5. Things to do after You Get to Campus

- Check into your new residence, Weller Hall. You may check in on June 15th. Call 217-581-5111 for more information.
- If needed, register your bicycle and/or purchase a parking pass for summer online at www.eiu.edu/paws. Have the pass mailed to your permanent address, or pick it up at the University Police Department located across the street from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Call 217-581-5416 for more information.
- Students are encouraged to sign up for Alert EIU, a text messaging system that notifies subscribers via their cell phones to emergency situations that require immediate action. The messages will focus on the possible threats on EIU's main campus. For more information, including how to sign-up for this service, go to www.eiu.edu/alerteiu/.



6. Meal Plan

Students will receive a meal plan for their time spent on campus. Students will receive 12 meals per week. Additional meals can be purchased from the dining hall or from the University Union Food Court. Dining services will be closed for the July 4th holiday.