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Learn More About Us
Greetings New Graduate Students and Families,

Welcome to Rutgers University! On behalf of the Residence Life staff, we are excited that you have chosen to live on campus within our residential community. Our goal is to assist you with getting acclimated to our diverse campus. We have worked to create a welcoming, supportive environment for you and your family.

You are now a member of one of the largest university residential communities in the United States! You will have the opportunity to learn more about the staff and students that live around you. I hope that you will take full advantage of the many programs and services that we offer, and learn as much as you can in the process. Challenge yourself to get out and network, this is essential to your Rutgers graduate experience.

The staff within the Division of Student Affairs has been working around the clock to help make your transition to Rutgers University a seamless process. Please read the information in this guide carefully, and if you have any questions don’t hesitate to call (848-932-1010) or email (oncampus@echo.rutgers.edu)!

Again, Welcome to Rutgers University!

Dr. Salvador B. Mena
Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
Interim Executive Director of Residence Life
CAMPUS ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

Each campus is run by an Assistant Director who is responsible for the overall maintenance of the campus residential programs. The ADs ensure that ALL residents have a safe and positive living experience at Rutgers.

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Living on campus means independence, but it doesn’t mean students are alone! Our staff lives and works on campus 24/7/365 to make the transition to college and a student’s stay the best it can be.

In the residence halls, there are Graduate Apartment Assistants (GAAs) who live throughout the apartment complexes. GAAs are upper-class students whose job is to create a sense of community on the floor and throughout the building. They are available for peer counseling and support; and help to monitor student conduct by confronting violations of University or department policy.

The Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) is a full-time professional who lives on campus and supports the development of safe and involved communities in the residence halls. Each campus at Rutgers has several RLC staff who are each dedicated to the student staff and residents of a particular hall or halls.
RESIDENCE LIFE
SERVICE OFFICE INFORMATION

Our job is to support our residents and their families!
Please don’t hesitate to ask questions!

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5PM

GENERAL QUESTIONS
Phone: (848) 932-4371
Email: resident@rutgers.edu

CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICE OFFICES
Contact if you have any questions about:
On-campus life | Roommate issues | Lockout help | Safety concerns

Busch Campus/Graduate & Family Housing
Phone: (848) 445-2561
581 Taylor Road, Piscataway
Karima Woodyard, Assistant Director

College Avenue Campus
Phone: (848) 932-7209
590 George Street,
New Brunswick (Clothier Hall)
Sean Dowd, Assistant Director

Livingston Campus
Phone: (848) 445-4086
66 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway
Jason Hunt, Assistant Director

Cook/Douglass Campus
Phone: (848) 932-9363
45 Biel Road West, New Brunswick
Alexandra Cupello Waters, Assistant Director

SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- Lockouts/Lost Keys
- Lost/New/Update Rutgers RU Connection ID Cards ($20 fee for lost cards replacement)
- Support with resident concerns (Resources)
- Professional Staff Emergency Support
- Programming Opportunities on Campus
- Student Leadership Support
- And many more!
As the Graduate & Family Program Coordinator, I will be presenting several programs tailored to Graduate Students. Whether social events, English conversation courses for international students, and workshops, we'll make sure that in addition to your academics, that you feel connected to Rutgers and your campus!

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES…. GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIALS!
At Rutgers University, we have many resources that support your success as a graduate student. Make the most of your graduate school experience by attending one of our monthly Graduate Student Socials and meet other graduate students!

The residential experience provides students with unique personal interactions and the opportunity to develop life-long friendships, we hope to see you at one of our monthly socials!

• Graduate & Family Welcome BBQ  
• Busch Campus Buell Apartments – Bubble Tea Party  
• Cook Campus Resume Review Night & Networking  
• Livingston Campus Mocktails Networking Hour  
• Graduate Student Cook Campus Social Program  
  – Customizing Mugs!  
  • Livingston Campus Graduate Happy Hour – 16 Handles Froyo

RESIDENCE LIFE ENGLISH CONVERSATION COURSES
• Improve your English conversation skills in an informal group setting  
• Groups are facilitated by volunteers who are native English speakers  
• Individual groups meet once a week throughout the semester  
  • You may attend one group or as many sessions as your schedule allows

English Conversation Course Schedule – Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:00am
English Conversation Course Schedule is determined at the beginning of the Fall semester.
Dates & Time may change every semester

GRADUATE + FAMILY RESIDENTS
Is your family also living on campus? We offer various programs for spouses and children of all ages!

Children’s Programming  
• Marvin & Nichols Grand Openings  
• Liberty Science Center Family Field Trip  
• Rutgers Cinema Family Movie Night!  
• Turtle Back Zoo Family Field Trip  
• Cook Campus Annual Monster Mash - Halloween  
• Build a Bear Workshop  
• Piscataway Public Library Reading Program, Arts & Crafts Night

OFF CAMPUS GRADUATE FIELD TRIPS
Want to get away? Take a trip with Residence Life!  
• World Trade Center Museum Field Trip  
• Six Flags Graduate Trip  
• Turtle Back Zoo

CELEBRATIONS...
• Thanksgiving Day Graduate Luncheon  
• IFAR Study Break – Take a Break from Finals!  
• Lunar Calendar Celebration  
  • Monthly Cultural Cooking Club with the International Women’s Group (IWG)

GET CONNECTED
Graduate & Family Residence Life Facebook Page –  
Follow us on Facebook for important announcements, opportunities, and events!

Spouse Email Directory –  
Want your spouse to also receive emails on programming and important announcements? Be sure to register to be part of the Spouse Email Directory, please email: paola.dominguez@rutgers.edu to sign up.

Monthly Newsletter –  
Graduate Residence Life distributes a monthly newsletter for all graduate students to let you know what’s happening around your campus and Rutgers. If you are not already subscribed to receive the Graduate Residence Life newsletter, please email paola.dominguez@rutgers.edu with your full name and email address.
# WHAT TO BRING

**For a comfortable night...**
- Pillows
- Comforter/bedspread and blanket
- Alarm clock
- Microfridge, microwave and toaster

**For your wardrobe...**
- Clothing for warm and cold weather
- Hangers
- Swimsuit and other athletic clothing
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Iron and ironing board
- Drawer liner
- Shoe rack

**Just in case...**
- First-aid kit
- Sewing kit
- Flashlight (NO candles!)
- Small tool kit

**For getting around...**
- Umbrella
- Backpack
- Good walking shoes
- Boots for wet weather

**For the shower...**
- Towels and wash cloths
- Bathrobe
- Shower shoes
- Toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, lotion, etc.)
- Hair dryer
- Shower caddy

**For studying...**
- Computer, power cord, and accessories
- Ethernet cable
- Calculator
- Office supplies: pens, pencils, stapler, scissors, etc.

**For study breaks and relaxing...**
- Television
- DVD Player
- Coaxial cable for connecting the TV

**For light and power**
- Non-halogen desk, floor, or bedside lamp
- UL-listed surge protector (NO extension cords!)

**To help you feel at home...**
- Posters
- Photos of friends and family

**For all your other needs...**
- Small vacuum
- Fan
- Plates, cups, bowls, utensils, etc.
- Prescription medication
WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Pets of any kind
- Candles or incense
- Extension cords without surge protection
- Air conditioner
- Firearms or other weapons
- Fireworks
- Grills, charcoal, or lighter fluid, and any flammable liquids/materials
- Halogen lamps
- Heaters (space, electric, propane, etc.)
- Oil lamps
ACCESSING BUSCH CAMPUS
ACCESSING BUSCH

THIS MAP IS FOR STUDENTS MOVING INTO RICHARDSON, JOHNSON, & NICHOLS APARTMENTS

From New Jersey Turnpike (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9, bear right after the toll booths and follow signs for "Route 18 North - New Brunswick." Stay to the left to continue on Route 18 North.
- Proceed along Route 18 North and bear left to access the express lanes. Cross the Raritan River (approximately 3.7 miles). Continue on Route 18 North.
- For Livingston Campus Residence Halls take the second exit marked "Metlars Lane, Livingston Campus, Rutgers RAC." (click link to view exit sign)
- At the traffic light make a left onto Avenue E.

From Route 287 (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9 "River Road, Bound Brook, Highland Park." 
- Proceed East on River Road toward Highland Park.
- Continue on River Road and you will pass the Rutgers Football Stadium on your left. Go under Route 18 and take your first left hand turn onto Route 18 North.
- For Livingston Campus Residence Halls take the second exit marked "Metlars Lane, Livingston Campus, Rutgers RAC."
- At the traffic light make a left onto Avenue E.
For Busch Campus Residence Halls take the exit marked "Metlars Lane, Livingston Campus, Rutgers RAC," (click link to view exit sign) and continue in the FAR LEFT LANE.

- Make a left turn at the first traffic light onto Avenue E.
- Continue along Avenue E, bear to your left and go over Route 18.
- Please note AVENUE E at the next traffic light will become DAVIDSON AVENUE.
- Proceed straight through the traffic light onto Davidson Avenue.
- After going thought the traffic light Davidson Hall is on your right.
- Johnson Apartments will be on your left. Continue on Davidson Ave until the road sharply bend to the left. Nichols will be on your right and Richardson will be straight ahead.
- To ensure you do not receive a ticket, please have your Move In/Parking Vehicle Placard displayed in your windshield.
YOU MUST PARK IN ASSIGNED PARKING LOTS FOR YOUR BUILDING.

NICHOLS RESIDENT

CELL PHONE NUMBER

RESIDENCE ROOM NUMBER

REQUIRED FOR MOVE IN - DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD UPON ARRIVING TO CAMPUS
From New Jersey Turnpike (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9, bear right after the toll booths and follow signs for "Route 18 North - New Brunswick." Stay to the left to continue on Route 18 North.
- Proceed along Route 18 North, you want to be in your right lane for Route 1 South.
- Proceed along Route 1 South, staying in your lane, Ryders Lane towards New Brunswick will be your first exit after entering Route 1 South.
- There will be Rutgers University Police Officers and Community Service Officers on hand to guide you along the process.

From Route 287 (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9 "River Road, Bound Brook, Highland Park."
- Proceed South on River Road toward Highland Park.
- Continue on River Road and you will pass the Rutgers Football Stadium. At your 2nd traffic light you will make a right turn on to Route 18 South.
- Proceed South on Route 18 for approximately 3 miles, to Route 1 South.
- Proceed along Route 1 South, staying in your lane, Ryders Lane towards New Brunswick will be your first exit after entering Route 1 South.
- There will be Rutgers University Police Officers and Community Service Officers on hand to guide you along the process.
For your convenience, you will exit Lot 99A and make a right onto Biel Road. You will make your next right turn into Lot 99B.
YOU MUST PARK IN ASSIGNED PARKING LOTS FOR YOUR BUILDING.

NEWELL / STARKEY RESIDENT

REQUIRED FOR MOVE IN - DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD UPON ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

CELL PHONE NUMBER

ROOM NUMBER
ACCESSING LIVINGSTON CAMPUS
From New Jersey Turnpike (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9, bear right after the toll booths and follow signs for "Route 18 North - New Brunswick." Stay to the left to continue on Route 18 North.
- Proceed along Route 18 North and bear left to access the express lanes. Cross the Raritan River (approximately 3.7 miles). Continue on Route 18 North.
- For Livingston Campus Residence Halls take the second exit marked "Metlars Lane, Livingston Campus, Rutgers RAC." (click link to view exit sign)
- At the traffic light continue straight to the next traffic light and make a right onto Suttons Lane.
- Livingston Apartment A residents continue on Suttons Lane and turn right on Hospital Rd; following signs to Livingston A building. Livingston Apartment B and C residents and turn right on Avenue E and follow signs to the buildings.

From Route 287 (North or South)

- Turn off at Exit 9 "River Road, Bound Brook, Highland Park."
- Proceed East on River Road toward Highland Park.
- Continue on River Road and you will pass the Rutgers Football Stadium on your left. Go under Route 18 and take your first left hand turn onto Route 18 North Metlars Lane.
- For Livingston Campus Residence Halls take the second exit marked "Livingston Campus, Rutgers RAC."
- At the traffic light continue straight to the next traffic light and make a right onto Suttons Lane.
YOU MUST PARK IN ASSIGN PARKING LOTS FOR YOUR BUILDING.

Livingston Apartment
RESIDENT

__________________________
CELL PHONE NUMBER

__________________________
LIVI APARTMENT ROOM NUMBER

REQUIRED FOR MOVE IN - DISPLAY ON DASHBOARD UPON ARRIVING TO CAMPUS
ASSIGNMENTS & ROOMMATES

Room and roommate assignments are sent to new incoming students during the first week of August. Campus placements are made on a first come, first served basis. Students should complete their housing application as soon as possible to get an early completion timestamp in the system. Changes to the application can be made until July 1 without modifying this timestamp.

Residents can choose their roommates by each resident indicating the RU ID # of their intended roommates. Residents can learn about their assigned building by looking at the hall descriptions found at http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/facilities.

It is critical that you take time to communicate with your roommate about your expectations and your living preferences when sharing a room. Set up a time that is mutually convenient before moving in to talk. Try to avoid having this conversation online, via email, or by text message.

IMMUNIZATIONS

In order to obtain your room keys, NJ State Law requires all incoming students demonstrate compliance of the meningitis vaccination prior to moving onto campus. For more information about the meningitis vaccine as well as other immunization requirements, please visit http://health.rutgers.edu/who-are-you/incoming-students/pre-entrance-immunizations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the policy regarding guest visitation?
A: Guests are allowed in the room with the approval of all occupants of the room/suite/apartment. Overnight guests must be approved to be in the room by both roommates, and they can stay for a maximum of three consecutive nights. Guests in the halls must sign in with the RA.
To read the full guest policy, please follow ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/policies.

Q: What security measures are in place in the residence halls?
A: All entrances and exits are equipped with cameras that are linked back to the Rutgers Police Department. These cameras are also monitored by campus police. All buildings require students to swipe their ID cards to enter, and only residents of a building have access to swipe into that building.
MAIL & PHONE

Mail - Rutgers students living on campus can get a mailbox provided to them through Mail Services. Students may opt into a free service to have delivery notices sent via e-mail or text. Learn more about these services and how to opt in by visiting the Mail and Delivery Services website.

Telephone - Rutgers does not provide land line telephone service in student residences. Students can contact an outside service provider if they are interested in land line telephone service. In every residence hall, Resident Assistants or Apartment Assistants will provide a cell phone to any students to make a call during an emergency, if the student does not have a phone.

RU-tv

Rutgers campus cable television network consists of more than 100 channels (including some in HD!) of educational, news, public affairs, entertainment, and commercial programming, including productions by students, faculty, and staff. For more information about RU-tv services, including connecting to the cable system and programming options review: http://rutv.rutgers.edu/index.php.

Connecting an HD Flatscreen TV - Please note that not all HDTVs are created equal. RU-tv broadcasts most of its channels using the QAM256 standard. Therefore, make sure your HD television specs specifically state it includes an integrated QAM256 tuner. For more information about how to connect to RU-tv, please visit the website: http://rutv.rutgers.edu.

Students are responsible for bringing their own coaxial cables for connecting their television sets to the cable outlets in the rooms.

RUID CARDS

Your RUconnection card serves as your access card to your residence hall, meal plan and your RU Express debit account. It can also be used at university libraries, recreation centers and computer labs. RU Express is the student debit program on the Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway and Camden campuses. RU Express is a cash free alternative that works like a debit-card. RU Express is accepted at many on-campus locations as well as many off-campus locations. Deposits may be added to a student’s RU Express account anytime throughout the semester. For additional information, visit: http://food.rutgers.edu.

New students will begin receiving their RUconnection cards in the mail by Mid-August, 2015. If you have not been to campus to have your picture taken, you will receive a temporary RUID card. For more information, visit: http://ruconnection.rutgers.edu.

PARKING

If students plan on bringing a car to campus, they must purchase a parking permit from Transportation Services. For more information about parking permits, or to purchase a parking permit, please visit: http://rudots.rutgers.edu/.

Parents and families do not have to purchase a parking pass for Move-In Day.
KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE!

Transportation: Rutgers Buses – [http://parktran.rutgers.edu/](http://parktran.rutgers.edu/)

**Campus Safety** - For any on-campus emergency, dial **911** from your room, or (732) 932-7211 from your cell phone. For safety tips visit: [http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu](http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu)

**Fire Safety** - All on-campus residences are equipped with a sprinkler system and fire-safety equipment; however, students are expected to review the list of items that are prohibited in the residences and understand the behaviors which may place themselves or others at risk. For a complete list, please review: [http://rues.rutgers.edu](http://rues.rutgers.edu)

SHOPPING CENTERS NEARBY

**CENTENNIAL SQUARE** - 1297 Centennial Ave Piscataway Township, NJ (Walmart, Asian Food Mart, Lowes, Panera, etc)

**HADLEY CENTER** - 4899 Stelton Road (at Hadley Center Dr), South Plainfield, NJ 07080 (Target, Kohls’s, Dicks, Regal Movie Theater)

**THE SHOPPES AT NORTH BRUNSWICK** - 522 Shoppes Blvd North Brunswick, NJ 08902


**HERITAGE PLAZA ON RYDERS LANE** - 260 Ryders Ln, Milltown, NJ (Cleaners, Chicken Holiday, etc)

**RYDERS CROSSING** - 400 Ryders Ln, Milltown, NJ (Target, Home Depot, Applebee’s, etc)

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR APARTMENT?

Submit a Work Order: [https://hsgapps2.hars.rutgers.edu/maintenance/sc/login.php](https://hsgapps2.hars.rutgers.edu/maintenance/sc/login.php)

HELPFUL SITES:

Assignments Office: [https://oncampus.rutgers.edu/studentweb/Login.asp?TargetPage=Default.asp](https://oncampus.rutgers.edu/studentweb/Login.asp?TargetPage=Default.asp)
848-445-0750

Internet: [http://resnet.rutgers.edu/](http://resnet.rutgers.edu/)


Cable TV: [http://rutv.rutgers.edu/channel-guide](http://rutv.rutgers.edu/channel-guide)

Immunizations: [http://health.rutgers.edu/who-are-you/incoming-students/pre-entrance-immunizations](http://health.rutgers.edu/who-are-you/incoming-students/pre-entrance-immunizations)

Rutgers ID Cards & RU Express: [http://ruconnection.rutgers.edu/](http://ruconnection.rutgers.edu/)

Find a student organization: [http://getinvolved.rutgers.edu/organizations/find-an-organization](http://getinvolved.rutgers.edu/organizations/find-an-organization)

GAIA: [http://global.rutgers.edu/](http://global.rutgers.edu/)

For safety tips visit: [http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu](http://publicsafety.rutgers.edu)

Fire Safety - students are expected to review the list of items that are prohibited in the residences and understand the behaviors which may place themselves or others at risk. For a complete list, please review: [http://rues.rutgers.edu](http://rues.rutgers.edu)
MOVE IN DATES

August 2015

Friday, 14th
RESOURCES & CONTACT INFO

General Questions and Feedback
Phone: (848) 932-4371
Email: resident@rutgers.edu

Student Support & Accommodations
Phone: (848) 932-4371
Administrative Services Building III

Assignments and Administration
Phone: (848) 445-0750
55 Bevier Road (Buell Complex)

Community Standards Office
Phone: (848) 445-1362
Richardson Community Center, 185 Bevier Rd.

Busch Campus
Student Service Offices
Phone: (848) 445-2561
581 Taylor Road

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/resknights  @resknights

Learn about the policies that keep your experience memorable by visiting http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/policies.