



# Welcome To Our New Residents!

# Welcome Back To Our Returning Residents!

## Move In Day!

Move In Day is always a bustle of activity both inside and outside the residence halls and campus apartments. Our staff will be here to help things run as smoothly as possible, but your patience and cooperation are important and appreciated.

### MOVE IN DAY SCHEDULE

**New Student** move in will be:

- Friday, January 19 from 4pm—9pm **AFTER** Orientation activities. Check out the new student orientation schedule of events at <http://intranet.bloomu.edu/orientation-new>

**Returning students** can move in:

- Saturday, January 20 from 8am—8pm
- Sunday, January 21 from 8am—8pm

### TIPS & FAQs

We have selected some important Residence Life information/reminders for you, and placed it in this newsletter.

As you prepare for your arrival don't forget to review this newsletter for:

- ⇒ What to Bring
- ⇒ What **NOT** to Bring
- ⇒ Tripling and other FAQs

Again welcome to the Residence Life Community! We look forward to meeting and greeting you upon your arrival!

### FIRST MEAL

The first meal will be on Friday, January 19 with dinner at the Scranton Commons between 4pm—8pm. Husky Lounge will also be open from 7pm—midnight on Friday, January 19.

Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21 the Scranton Commons will be open for brunch from 10am—2pm and dinner from 4:30pm—7pm.

### FIRST RESIDENCE HALL FLOOR or APARTMENT MEETING

- All residence hall students will have a wing meeting on Sunday, January 21 at 9pm.
- Apartment residents will have a chance to meet their CA on Sunday, January 21 after 7pm when staff visit each apartment.

### HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS & UPDATES

Be sure to check MyHousing **often** for any changes to your housing and roommate assignment. Also check MyHusky for room change rate adjustments prior to and throughout the semester.

Residence hall rates could vary between rooms and room types. Campus apartment rates and associated utility fees also differ from one complex to another.

Moves between residence halls and apartment complexes will result in rate changes and will show on your MyHusky account shortly after the move occurs.

### WHERE AM I?

On move in day, you will find the residence halls and apartments by following directional signs. Parking close to the halls for unloading is VERY LIMITED, so it is important that you unload quickly, then move your vehicle to a parking area so others may unload. After parking you can arrange your room and visit with family and friends.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

#### **New Students:**

Upon arrival you should have family/friends begin to unload the vehicle while you go to the lobby of your assigned hall to complete the check in process.

Students assigned to Kile apartments will check in at Schuylkill Hall.

Students assigned to MPA, MOA, and JKA apartments will check in at the JKA Community Building before moving into their apartment. There you will check in and receive a mailbox and/or apartment key.

If you have a BU ID card, bring it with you. If not, you will receive a temporary ID card to move in and will need to exchange it for a permanent ID card at the BU Card Center, ground floor of Elwell Hall, on Saturday, January 20 between 11am—3pm or Sunday, January 21 between 11am—3pm.

#### **Returning Students:**

All residence hall students must check in at the lobby of their building to have their ID encoded for room access. Kile apartment residents check in at Schuylkill Hall. MPA, MOA, and JKA apartment residents check in at the JKA Community Building. MPA, MOA, JKA residents will have their ID encoded for room access. If your apartment assignment changed from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, you will also need to pick up a new mailbox key.

For more information about Residence Life go to: <http://reslife.bloomu.edu>



## Hall and Apartment Amenities

The amenities vary from hall to hall and apartment complex, but each hall or apartment generally has:

### Residence Halls

- Quiet Study Lounges
- Lounges
- Laundry Services
- Wireless Internet Access
- Housekeeping/Maintenance Services

### Apartments

- Air Conditioning
- Carpeted Living Rooms and Bedrooms
- Kitchens
- Laundry Rooms at each complex
- Wireless Internet Access

### As You Begin To Pack Please Note That The Following Items Are Prohibited:

- ⇒ Non-University drapes
- ⇒ Cooking elements
- ⇒ Hot pots/plates
- ⇒ Coffee maker with a heater/ burner element (Keurig's are approved)
- ⇒ Toasters/toaster oven
- ⇒ Candles/Incense
- ⇒ Stand alone microwaves
- ⇒ Window air conditioners (Floor AC units under 10,000 BTU are permitted)
- ⇒ Foreman or similar style grills
- ⇒ Fireworks of any kind
- ⇒ Pets (other than fish)
- ⇒ Octopus type plugs w/o surge protectors or extension cords
- ⇒ Decorative alcohol bottles
- ⇒ Weapons of any kind (including soft pellet guns, knives, throwing stars)
- ⇒ Bed-risers
- ⇒ Space heaters
- ⇒ All-In-One-Laundry Sheets (i.e. Purex 3-in-1)
- ⇒ Electric blankets
- ⇒ Halogen/sun lamps/Lava lamps



Please do not bring this lamp to campus! There have been some issues with the plastic light bulb coverings melting, which can be a fire hazard.

## General Room/Apartment Info.

- **Housing**— If you have any questions about your housing assignment, call Residence Life at 1.800.287.7543.
  - **Room Furnishings**— residence hall rooms have beds, desks/chairs, two closets or bureaus, Microfridge. Soltz hall suites have beds, closets, desks/chairs, a medium size refrigerator, microwave, and small table and chair (s). Apartments have living room furniture, kitchen table and chairs (excluding MOA), refrigerator, oven and stove, beds, desks/chairs, wardrobes or closets.
  - **Cable Television** — not all television makes and models function fully. See website for details at <http://reslife.bloomu.edu/tv.php>.
  - **Window Treatments**—Windows have roller shades. All University window treatments are fire-resistant and therefore, additional window treatments are not permitted.
  - **Carpets/Rugs**— Residence hall room floors are tile and rugs are permitted; each room is approximately 12'x16'. It is best to bring a smaller carpet or rug because some of the furniture is not movable. Soltz Hall suites have carpeted bedrooms and common areas. MPA, JKA and Kile apartments have carpeted living rooms and bedrooms. MOA has carpeted bedrooms.
  - **Lighting**- Each room/ apartment has overhead lighting. However, it is a good idea to bring your own lighting in addition. Desk lights and floor lamps are great additions.
  - **Bringing Your Own Furniture**- You may bring additional furniture; just keep in mind, you must take it with you when you move out. And you cannot obstruct egress within the room. (i.e.– futons, your own desk chairs and so on)
- Standard university provided furniture cannot be removed from the rooms! For example, if you decide to bring your own desk chair we cannot store the provided desk chair; it must remain in the room!

**For information more specific to your room/building, check out:**

<http://reslife.bloomu.edu>

**(click on Residences)**

### Maximum Rug Sizes:

Columbia Hall, 15' x 9'  
 Elwell Hall, 14' x 7'  
 Luzerne Hall, 13' x 7'

Lycoming Hall, 15' x 12'  
 Montour Hall 16' x 9'

Northumberland Hall, 13' x 12'  
 Schuylkill Hall, 16' x 9'



## When You're Packing Don't forget:

### Residence Halls

- Bedroom Slippers/Shower Shoes
- Personal Hygiene items (soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Shower caddy
- Hair dryer/hair brush
- Laundry bag/detergent/dryer sheets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Rainwear/umbrella
- Hangers
- Iron
- Drinking glasses, bowls, plates, utensils
- Dish soap
- Dish drying rack/pad
- Can Opener
- Sheets/Comforters
- Mattress Pad
- Blankets (non-electric)
- Pillows
- Desk Supplies
- Stationary/stamps
- Surge protector
- Scissors/staplers
- Crates/organizers
- Masking tape  
*Duct tape is not permitted*
- Notepad for door
- Cellphone/charger
- Laptop/charger
- Personal documents (social security card/checks/passport/etc.)
- Swimwear
- Lamp (non-halogen)
- Fan
- Alarm Clock
- Storage containers
- First-Aid kit
- Trash can
- Paper/pens/pencils/erasers/notebooks
- TV, power cord and cable cord
- Single-serve coffee (Keurig)
- 3M Command Hooks

### Apartments

- Bathroom
  - Shower Curtain(s)
  - Bath mat (s)
  - Garbage can
  - Toothbrush holder
  - Towels
  - Bathroom/shower caddy
  - Personal Hygiene items
- Bedroom
  - Standard Twin Sheets
  - Pillows
  - Blankets (non-electric)
  - Garbage Can
  - School Supplies
  - Hangers
  - Laundry bag
  - Detergent/Dryer sheets
- Living room
  - Surge protector
  - Lamp
  - TV and cable cord
- Kitchen
  - Plates/Bowls/Utensils/Glasses/Cups
  - Dish Drainer
  - Dish soap
  - Dish drying rack/mat
  - Garbage can
  - Microwave
  - Coffee maker
  - Toaster
  - Pots/Pans
  - Cooking Utensils
  - Dish towels
  - Any other small kitchen appliance you may want
- Other
  - Vacuum
  - Cleaning supplies
  - Toilet paper
  - Paper towels
  - Dishwasher detergent (for JKA apartments only)

Apartments must use bulletin boards ONLY. Do not nail anything in the walls. Nothing can be hung on the walls... only bulletin boards can be used. Damage to the walls will generate a bill.



## Roommate Relations:

CAs will assist you with getting to know one another when you arrive on campus. However, before you come to campus it is important to find out:

- ⇒ what items each of you are bringing (i.e.– TV/DVD Player/Carpet/extra Furniture...)
- ⇒ what time each of you go to bed
- ⇒ study habits
- ⇒ what your guest policy will be
- ⇒ cleanliness, are you a neat & tidy person, a little messy, or really messy...



Think about and discuss how you would like to share items like TV, stereo, game systems, computers and other items you do not want to share. It is important that you inform your roommate about how you would like your personal items shared/used.

It may seem like common sense, but discussing simple topics such as this can help relieve possible future stressors. Get to know your roommate and give them a chance to get to know you.

If you decide to check your roommate's, "Facebook" or other social media site, PLEASE speak with them prior to making judgments. Room changes cannot be made based on your perception of them online or otherwise.

If you are the first to arrive to the room, remember to be considerate of your roommate(s) and share space.

It is imperative you get to know your roommate and start with open/honest lines of communication. Space is limited in the fall, and room changes are very difficult!

If you ever have any problems, questions, or concerns see your CA, they are there to help you! Please be aware that all roommate/housing problems must be first addressed with your CA before moving forward!

## Mail Call!



Expecting mail from friends and family? Ordering textbooks? Make sure they have your correct address! See below...(do not use words "box" or "mailbox")

Lower Campus:  
John Student  
Room 123 Elwell Hall  
525 East Second Street  
Bloomsburg PA 17815

Upper Campus:  
Jane Student  
9999 Elwell Hall  
525 East Second Street  
Bloomsburg PA 17815

Lower Campus Mail: the university mail hub is located in Soltz Hall.

Upper Campus Mail: USPS mail will be delivered to mailboxes, UPS/Fed Ex mail will need to be picked up at the JKA community building.

# Computing

Refer to the Residential Computing website at <http://rescomp.bloomu.edu>



**\*All students residing in residence halls and apartments (excluding Kile) are provided with access to the University's high speed wireless network at no additional charge.**

## Student Personal Property Plan:

The University assumes no legal responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property due to insufficient or excessive heat, fire, smoke, water, the elements, or actions of third persons.

Resident students are encouraged to carry personal property liability insurance for their personal belongings.

Recommendation: check to see if you are covered under your parents'/guardians' home owners insurance.

You can also rent a safe- [www.mymicrofridge.com](http://www.mymicrofridge.com).

**There is no smoking within the halls or within 25 feet of any doors, windows or ventilation units.**



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q. What sheet size should I purchase?

#### A. Our best advice is...

A regular twin sheet set will fit over all of the mattresses on campus. Some halls do have "long" mattresses, but due to the fact that the campus mattresses are thinner, normal twin sheets will work. If you would like to add a thicker mattress pad or egg crate pad you might want to consider purchasing a "long" sheet set.

### Q. What Rug/Carpet size should I bring?

A. Even though rooms are roughly 12'x16' sizes may vary. It is best to bring small rugs and go from there.

### Q. How do I get a MicroFridge?

A. All residence hall rooms on lower campus will have a University provided MicroFridge installed. Students are no longer permitted to bring their own personal refrigerator when living on lower campus. Students living in on-campus apartments may still have a personal refrigerator/MicroFridge in their room if they so choose.

### Q. Can I come early?

A. Residence Life has prepared a move in schedule to lessen move in congestion. No early arrival requests for reasons of convenience will be permitted.

### Q. Can I change my room assignment?

A. Room change requests will not be permitted before a student's arrival to campus.



## Tips for Check in:

- When you prepare to decorate and bring carpets, additional furniture, etc. **bring the minimum.** It's better to bring less at first and see what you and your roommate(s) have for the room. There is a Wal-Mart, Lowes, and Home Depot close by for those last minute additions.

- If you have a **dolly or hand truck/cart** it is a good idea to bring it! The University has carts for residents to use for check in, but they are limited in numbers.



- **Check in during your assigned day/time!** Residence Life has created a specific schedule for each hall to minimize the number of residents checking in at one time.
- **Parking**— you will be directed to an unloading area near your hall. As soon as the vehicle is unloaded, you will need to move your vehicle to permanent parking. It is imperative to move your vehicle, so other residents can unpack. MPA, MOA and JKA residents may park in the lot next to your apartment. Kile residents can park in the Kile lot to unload your vehicle but must then move your car to street parking.
- **Meningitis Forms!** The Residence Life Staff cannot allow you to move in unless you have submitted all your meningitis shot information!

