

University Housing and Dining

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# Hawkeyes in the Halls: Family FAQs

**Summer 2025**

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# Agenda

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**Prepping for  
August Arrival**



**Meal Plans**



**Tips &  
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**Your Questions**



# Preparing for August Arrival





# Room Selection

- Room selection time slots:
  - Based on room selection number
  - Sent by email to students who applied by May 1 & registered for SOAR by May 15
- Students in LLCs will be preassigned to their seminar & pre-assigned a room
- Room selection happens through June
- New students live in all halls (exception: Parklawn)
- Flexibility is key to success in the process; encourage students to be open to many possibilities
- Over 1,100 Hawkeyes will live in a triple or quad room



# ADA Accommodations

- UHD supports students with room and dining accommodations
- Student Disability Services supports students with academic accommodations
- May 1 was the priority deadline to submit an accommodation form
- Can submit a request form by going to our website: [housing.uiowa.edu/accommodations](https://housing.uiowa.edu/accommodations)
- If students are offered an accommodation, they will find out by email and will need to accept the offer





# Renter's Insurance

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- Reality check: fires and floods happen
- The University does not cover damage to your student's belongings
- Verify any current insurance policies you may have to see if your student would be covered or if it includes renter's insurance
- Students can learn more about our partner Grad Guard during the room selection process



# Finances & Billing

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- Charges for room, meal plan, dining dollars, and laundry dollars will be billed in full in August for fall semester, January for spring semester
- Communication will be directly with your student
- We do not have guest accounts for University Housing and Dining
- Check with your student, first, about any u-bill charges in question





# Meal Plans





# Meal Plan Options

Meal Plan	Estimated Meals/Week	Dining Dollars	Guest Meals	Cost per Semester
Unlimited	21	\$150	5	\$2,350
Block 160	10	\$450	5	\$2,150
Weekly 14	14	\$350	5	\$2,250
Block 50*	3	\$250	0	\$850
\$750 Dining Dollars*	~5	\$750	0	\$750

\*only an option for students with a university-supplied kitchen

# Meal Plan Information

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- Dining Dollars come with all meal plans and carry over from the fall semester to the spring semester. They expire in May.
- Block Meal swipes expire at the end of each semester, while the Weekly 14 swipes reset every Sunday. Unused swipes do not carry over from week to week.
- Meal plans can be used at all University Housing and Dining food locations on campus.
- Additional Dining Dollars may be purchased through the online portal.





# Student Employment with University Dining

- Know that your student will need a job on campus? Encourage them to work for University Dining!
- Flexible schedules
- Leadership opportunities
- Build a network, make connections
- Free meal per shift
- Variety of areas to work:
  - Market places
  - Retail locations
  - University catering
  - Culinary services
- Learn more at:
  - [dining.uiowa.edu/work-with-us](https://dining.uiowa.edu/work-with-us)





# Tips & Recommendations for supporting your student





# Supporting your student through concerns

- Roommate agreements: encourage your student to take it seriously
- Issues will arise on the floor or with their roommate, support your student in taking responsibility for their actions
- When a conflict arises, support your student in talking directly with those they are conflict with
  - Ask them if they have talked to their Resident Assistant as well, RAs are a great support to work through conflict
- If they break a policy... help them reflect and learn from it
- Hawk Talks: a great chance to talk with their RA one on one & to learn about resources



# Prepping for move-in

- Important documents: send those with your student (employment needs, health insurance, immunization records, etc.)
- Encourage your student to talk to their roommate(s) before they arrive to campus
  - Important to plan who is arriving when, who is bringing what for the space, and get to know one another
- Check out the move-in page to ensure you're not bringing any prohibited appliances
  - [Housing.uiowa.edu/move-in](https://housing.uiowa.edu/move-in)
- We recommend that your student take the lead on packing, but find ways that they want your support, such as creating the packing list together





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## Your Questions

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