Information for Parents

Why should my son/daughter live in residence halls?

New students are strongly encouraged to live on campus. Living on campus builds a strong connection to the campus community, helps build life-long friendships, increases the student’s independence and provides them with easy access to connections to the academic community such as tutoring center, the library and faculty and staff.

Does my son/daughter have to live in the residence halls?

No, it is not mandatory for all students to live on campus many of our students commute for their homes. However, we encourage students to live on campus. Students living on campus are more likely to graduate and pursue a graduate study. By having your son/daughter live with their fellow students, they develop an academic and social network that reaches beyond the classroom. Our residence halls are much more than just a place to sleep. Living in a residence hall gives them the opportunity to make friends, become involved in your community, learn about different cultures, and explore new ideas. Their next door neighbor could be someone from their hometown or halfway around the world!

Who provides support for the students living in residence halls?

Full-time professional staff such as Residence Hall Directors (RHDs) and other support personnel lives in each residence hall and provide support and assistance to students in adjusting to college. RHDs assist individual residents in developing their personal and academic skills through programming efforts, acting as a role model, creating an environment where students can continue to learning, and being a resource for students about campus activities and opportunities. They encourage students to assume responsibility for their actions, be considerate of others, and develop leadership skills.

My son/daughter is living at home and commuting to school. Do you offer support for commuter students?

Stony Brook University provides many opportunities and support for commuter students. Students are encouraged to attend all events on campus and get involved in clubs and organizations. The Office of Commuter Student Services contributes directly and indirectly to the enhancement of the educational experience of all undergraduate commuter students at Stony Brook University. Commuter students can also seek any support or guidance they need for our Counseling and Psychology Services (CAPS). Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers free and confidential services available to currently enrolled students taking at least six credit hours. To find out further information about the Office of Commuter Student Services visit http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/css/index.shtml
My son/daughter has a disability and needs specific housing accommodations. What do I need to do to make that possible?

Campus Residences will make every effort to meet the medical needs of students. Every residential community does have a small number of ADA accessible rooms for students who utilize wheelchairs. If you believe that your son/daughter needs a single room for medical reasons must contact Disability Support Services at 631-632-6748. They will meet with your son/daughter to discuss his/her specific needs, and if appropriate, s/he will make a referral to the Division of Campus Residences.

Where does my son/daughter select their room preferences for the Fall?

Your son/daughter can locate all the information they need to know during room selection on the campus residence website by clicking on the room selection icon. To choose their room they need to log onto Solar using their 9 digit ID, follow instructions, and complete the entire process.

Can my son/daughter change their preferences for the room in the Fall?

Once selected, you are unable to change anything except preferred roommate.

My child was placed in a triple. How long will it take until my child is detripled?

Our goal is to offer every resident of temporary housing a permanent space by the start of the Spring semester. That said, there may be a small number of students who return for the spring semester and are still assigned to a tripled room.

My child was placed in a triple. How does it work in terms of sharing a desk (i.e. there are only 2 desks in the room for 3 people)?

All room furnishings in a triple will be color coded to ensure that each resident has an equitable share of furnishings within the room. Residents of temporary housing will also need to be good time managers, practice open communication and successfully share resources.

I am worried about my child sharing a room with 2 other students. What can I do to help my child?

First year students who have been tripled reported no differences in attitudes or behaviors than first year students placed in a standard double. Many students report enjoying the experience and have formed life-long relationships with their roommates. When spaces are available student will have the option of being placed out of a triple. Support and encourage your child to make the best out of the situation and we will work to detriple them as soon as possible.

Does my son/daughter receive any accommodations for having to share a room with two other students?

All residents of temporary housing will receive a $5 per day credit to their University account for every day that they reside in temporary housing. This credit will be applied once the room is reassigned or at the end of the Fall semester, whichever comes first. The maximum credit to be offered is $565.00 per resident. Students only receive the credit for everyday they are living in a tripled room.
Is the office of Campus Residence accessible to the students? Can my son/daughter switch if they don’t get along with their roommate, and how long does that process take?

Yes, Campus Residences is open and welcoming to students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We hope your child is happy in their assigned space. If not, there may be an opportunity to change their room after the Room Freeze ends on September 12th. If they decide they want to change rooms they can submit a room change request on the Campus Residences homepage (www.stonybrook.edu/housing ) on or after September 12, 2012. Since occupancy is expected to remain beyond capacity for the entire Fall semester, room change requests are not guaranteed. However, we'll do our best to accommodate requests. Please note that first year students may only change rooms within their assigned Undergraduate College and that room change requests will only be considered to like type spaces (double to double, single to single, etc). For more information contact your Quad Office.

When will my son/daughter receive their Fall assignment?

Early- to Mid-August

What does my son/daughter do if they don’t want to live on campus anymore?

First they must check out through their Quad Office or by using an Express Checkout box (located outside of each college office). They will be reimbursed a given amount derived from the days left in the semester (roughly $35.00 each day).

For off-campus housing listings, contact Off-campus Housing Office 631-632-6770

Note: First year students and returning residential students are the only ones guaranteed housing. Moving off-campus makes it EXTREMELY difficult (if not impossible) to move back on campus, and this usually takes at least a semester of being on the waitlist to accomplish.

Will my son/daughter be able to receive Summer Housing if they are not a Stony Brook student?

Your son/daughter needs only to have a Stony Brook ID number to register for Summer housing. Thus, they do not need to be enrolled for Summer or Fall classes.

Note: for Intersession Housing, the applicant MUST be taking classes for the Fall semester.

How does my son/daughter apply for Summer Housing?

An application must be filled out. The application is located on the Campus Residence portion of the Stony Brook University Website (Housing Applications -> Summer Housing)

If my son/daughter cancels their Summer Housing, will they still be billed in full?
Students are only billed for the days that they stay in the summer residence halls. If your son/daughter never moves in or checks out early (returns key to Quad Office or through Express Check-out), they must E-mail the summer housing coordinator to be reimbursed.

**If my son/daughter has a problem who should they contact?**

The first step should be to contact their Resident Assistant (RA) and explain the problem they have been experiencing. RA’s are effective student administrators, caring mentors, thoughtful academic and personal health resources and fair policy enforcers that work to support fellow students living in their building. If the RA is not able to resolve your conflict, or if the answer is seemingly unsatisfactory, please make an appointment with your Residence Hall Director (RHD).

**My child seems upset and stressed since moving away to college. Is this normal? What can I do to help?**

Many students feel homesick the first few months they are away. They are adjusting to a new life style, are away from friends and family, and are going through a major life change. Encourage your child to maintain a positive attitude, make friends, allow themselves time to adjust to their new life. Let your child know that it is normal to feel upset and stressed during your first few months away at school. Students are in good hands at Stony Brook, and we strive to create an environment where students are challenged to think independently but feel supported by their community.

**What are the hours at the student health center on campus?**

During the fall and spring semesters the Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m to noon and 1-5 p.m., Tuesday until 7:30 p.m. The GYN (Gynecological) Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m to noon and 1-3:30 p.m., Tuesday until 7:30 p.m. During the Summer Sessions and Intersessions the Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m to noon and 1-4 p.m. The GYN Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m to noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

For further information visit: [http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/shs/index.shtml](http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/shs/index.shtml)

**How can I help my son/daughter prepare themselves for life at a large university?**

It's a good idea to help your son/daughter know their campus before attending. Make an effort to tour their campus and know the safety programs and resources that the campus offers. Take the time to discuss being aware and involved in crime prevention on and off-campus. Students can view the Campus Residence website for more safety tips about living on campus.

Visit: [http://www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res/security.shtml](http://www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res/security.shtml)
Does the school provide escorts to accompany my son/daughter when walking home late at night?

Stony Brook provides students with Residential Safety Programs that enhance safety and awareness in the community. The Walk Service Program escorts students around the campus at night. The Residential Safety Program also provides Building Monitors, who sit in each resident hall to check the ID of all visitors nightly. To find out more information about safety program visit: http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/safety.shtml

What are some safety measures practiced on campus?

Stony Brook residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and "Blue-light phones" are provided across campus for individuals to call for assistance. Stony Brook supports and participates in Crime Stoppers, a program to prevent crime on campus and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) to keep us safe and prepared for any emergencies.

How can I find out more about the meal plans on campus that are offered to my child?

Campus Dining Services strives to create a home away from home experience by providing student with many different dining facilities and food. For all information regarding meal plans visit http://campusdining.org/

What is there for my child to do on the weekends?

Stony Brook offers a great Weekend Life. Weekend Life is designed to highlight events that are happening on campus Friday-Sunday. Our Weekend Life Council consists of 8 students, a graduate assistant, and full time professional who are charged with enhancing the weekend life experience for students through creative programming and initiatives. The Weekend Life Council sponsors various events through the semester with clubs, organizations, and departments to create a vibrant Weekend Life on Campus.

Homecoming/Wolfstock 2012 Saturday, September 22nd - Stony Brook University will host Wolfstock 2012 with activities designed for alumni, students, faculty, staff, and their families, as well as for the extended family of community members. Everyone’s invited to attend the annual Homecoming game as the Stony Brook Seawolves take on the Colgate Raiders. Look for the crowning of our new King and Queen during halftime.

Events on campus last year:

- Laser Tag, SAC Ballroom A, February 3rd
- Indoor Roller Rink, SAC Ballroom A, February 10th
- Condom Casino, SAC Ballroom B, March 2nd
- Zombie Prom & Scary Movie, Union Ballroom, April 13th
- Relax in the SAC, SAC Ballrooms, May 4th

Athletics - www.goseawolves.org  www.stonybrook.edu/wolfstock
Student Activities- www.stonybrook.edu/studentactivities

If you or your child are interested in learning more about the Weekend Life Council contact them at sbuweekendlife@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/sbuweekendlife

**Where can my son/daughter find out information about university parking?**

The Office of Parking Services is located in the 2nd floor lobby of the Administration Building. This office provides information about parking, such as how to obtain a parking permit, or information about parking tickets and payments. To receive residential parking your son/daughter must have U3 or U4 standing, Off-campus employment (if U1 or U2 standing), Medical reasoning (if U1 or U2 standing). All other students must submit a parking petition in order to receive a permit because there are limited parking spaces to park on campus. Petitions are usually processed within the week they are received unless there is information missing from the petition.

To obtain a parking permit please visit: [http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/permits/?resident](http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/permits/?resident)

Information on Tickets: [http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/tickets.shtml](http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/tickets.shtml)

**My son/daughter doesn’t have a car. How can they get supplies and travel off campus?**

*SBU Transit*

Stony Brook University operates SBU Transit, which provides transportation throughout the Stony Brook, Research & Development Park and Southampton campuses. For additional information on SBU Transit transportation services, please see the SBU Transit Map & Schedule:


*Suffolk County Transit Bus Services:* Call (631) 852-5200 for schedules, rates, and routes for commercial bus service between campus and off-campus locations.


*Long Island Rail Road:* The LIRR's Port Jefferson line has a stop on campus. Call (631) 231-LIRR for schedules and rates or check [online](http://www.mta.info/lirr/), SBU bus service is scheduled to closely adhere to the LIRR arrival and departure times, picking up and dropping off passengers at the North P lot bus stop (campus side of the station).

[http://mta.info/lirr/](http://mta.info/lirr/)

*Ferry:* Connecticut car ferries run from Bridgeport to Port Jefferson. Call (631) 473-0286 for information or visit [www.bpiferry.com](http://www.bpiferry.com) for schedules and rates.