



### ***Residence Life and Housing***

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## **Residence Life and Housing Information**

Thank you for your interest in living on campus at Fresno Pacific University. Living on campus is a life-enriching experience that will expose you to ideas and experiences you cannot imagine. Studies have proven that students who live on campus have higher GPAs, become more involved, feel more like a part of a community, and ultimately learn more about life than students who decide to live off-campus. The Residence Life experience at FPU is designed to provide a safe and comfortable environment where you will explore new ideas and grow closer to God and the people around you. Please read this information closely as it contains vital information about becoming part of the Residence Life experience at FPU.

### **Mission and Vision of Residence Life**

Residence Life and housing exists to enhance the learning experience by providing a safe and supportive living/learning community that is Christ centered and student focused. The Residence Life staff seeks to intentionally invest in students, challenging them to grow in character, leadership, faith, responsibility, accountability and good citizenship through a compassionate, restorative and inclusive community. Residence Life will facilitate the development of critical thinking and skills for personal, social, spiritual and academic success by the integration of faith, living and learning through purposeful programs and services.

### **Eligibility and Housing Policy**

All officially admitted, single students under the age of 24 are eligible to apply for campus housing. Students over 23 years of age may apply for special permission to live on campus.

All students are required to live in campus housing unless they qualify for at least one of the following exemptions: (1) living at home with their parent(s) or parental age relative; (2) 21 years of age or older; (3) married or getting married before the start of the semester; (4) are a parent and primary care giver for their child; (5) will be 21 within the first two weeks of the semester; (6) carrying fewer than 9 units; or are (7) accepted to live in an authorized residential ministry programs.

Students must demonstrate compliance with the housing policy, every year before the first day of class, by completing and submitting a *Housing Policy* form. Students who fail to do so will be charged the applicable room and board rate (applied to their student account) until they come into compliance with the housing policy by either moving on-campus, qualifying for an exemption listed below or successfully petitioning to live off campus.

Fresno Pacific University does not discriminate against any student or prospective student on the basis of sex, race, religion, physical disability, or national origin. No application for residence will be denied for these reasons.

### **Application Process**

1. Carefully read the enclosed housing information and requirements.
2. Submit the completed Housing Application & Roommate Match Form and photo to the Admissions office.
3. Submit the Housing Deposit of \$200 by cash, check or credit card number to the Admissions office.

\* To be included in the first housing placement pool, applications must be submitted by June 1st. Applications received after June 1st will be placed on a space-available basis.

**Submit the completed Roommate Match Form, \$200 housing deposit, photo and Name/Address Release Form to:  
Fresno Pacific University, College Admissions, 1717 S. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93702**

If your *Housing Application & Roommate Match Form* and deposit are received by the June 1st deadline, a letter informing you of your room assignment, the name of your roommate and detailed check-in information will be mailed to you prior to your arrival on campus. If you have not received this letter by the second week of August, please contact the Residence Life Office at 559-453-2073. Applications received after the June 1st deadline will be notified either by mail or by phone.



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Special housing requests may be submitted on the *Housing Application & Roommate Match Form*. Because we want you to have a great experience living on campus, Residence Life will do everything possible to honor special requests for roommates and specific locations, however special requests are not guaranteed. If you are requesting a specific roommate, BOTH roommates must state their roommate preference on their form and their application must be received before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Students not requesting a roommate preference will live with an assigned roommate for the entire academic year. No room or roommate changes can occur during the semester without the consent of the Residence Director for that living area. Proper room change and check in/out procedures must be followed.

A significant part of university life takes place in on-campus housing where students have the opportunity to experience community, and learn to live with people different than themselves. Therefore, freshman students are required to live with a roommate. If a roommate moves at the end of the semester, arrangements will be made for another roommate. Freshman may be assigned three to a room. Assignments will be made to students of the same gender.

#### **Accident/Health Insurance**

The university requires all campus residents to carry accident/health insurance. An accident/health insurance plan is provided by the university and will be automatically charged to the student's account if proof of insurance is not provided.

#### **Cancellation**

The application may be cancelled and the deposit refunded upon written request only. Cancellation deadlines are as follows:

June 1	Returning students
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	New fall applicants
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Applicants

**\*Cancellations after these dates will forfeit the housing deposit.**

#### **Contract Period**

The housing contract period is for the entire school year beginning with New Student Orientation in August through to the day before graduation (graduates may stay until noon, the day after graduation). Housing is closed during Christmas break (excluding the houses). (Athletes whose sport is in season and are required to be on campus over the break, international students and essential on campus student workers may *apply* for special housing over the Christmas break.) Students are responsible for finding housing over the Christmas break.

#### **Move-In Dates**

Information regarding specific move-in dates will be sent to residents with their housing assignments. Freshmen and transfer students are required to attend *New Student Orientation* starting on the Thursday before classes begin (fall semester). Detailed information will be sent to students during the summer months.

#### **Internet Services**

All FPU students are given a [Campus Cruiser](#) e-mail account when they register for classes. Since e-mail is a standard way that instructors and classmates communicate with one another, students are expected to check their e-mail regularly. Immediate campus housing (East Hall, Kriegbaum, Krause, Nachtigall, Schlichting, Strasbourg, Warkentine and Witmarsum) has two ports for Ethernet network access in each room. The houses have wireless internet access.

#### **Laundry Facilities**

Laundry facilities are available in the Strasbourg and Kriegbaum basements. East Hall has a laundry room on each floor in each living area. There are four houses that are equipped with laundry facilities that are to be shared among all house residents. Each resident is issued a laundry debit card at the time of registration. Cards can also be purchased or reloaded at

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the WEB machine in the Steinert Campus Center. Laundry machines in need of repair should be reported to the Director of Residence Life and Housing.

#### **Meal Plans**

Required meal plans vary according to different housing options and class standing. Further information can be found on the Residence Life web page at <http://www.fresno.edu/studentlife/Housing/>. Meal plan exemptions are solely based on dietary issues. A doctor's note detailing the special dietary needs of the student is required and then approval for a meal plan reduction or exemption must be approved by the Director of Food Services. Pioneer Food Services can potentially accommodate special dietary needs providing the student meets with the Director of Food Services. Requests for Meal Plan exemptions or reductions must be submitted in writing with the necessary documentation to the Director of Residence Life and Housing.

#### **Parking for Residents**

The university provides gated on campus parking. Residents may park in the Steinert lot free of charge. Other campus parking lots are not available for residents. Residents are encouraged to register their car with Campus Safety by filing out a registration form at the Cashier window in McDonald Hall. Security is a concern for everyone at FPU. Doors and windows must be closed whenever a room is empty or not in use. Walking alone at night is discouraged.

#### **Personal Property**

The university does not carry insurance on personal property belonging to students and therefore assumes no liability for loss of personal items resulting from theft, loss, or damage due to fire or flood. Students should make sure that any valuable personal property is recorded on their parent's homeowner's insurance.

#### **Resident Responsibilities**

As a Christian institution, Fresno Pacific University offers an alternative to a secular university. Students who choose to make use of that alternative by attending this university are expected to observe the Christian morals and standards of conduct outlined in the Student Handbook located on-line at: [http://www.fresno.edu/dept/student\\_life/handbook](http://www.fresno.edu/dept/student_life/handbook).

Fresno Pacific University believes in the importance of community. In choosing to attend FPU, one chooses to participate in community as it is described in the "Fresno Pacific University Idea" found at [www.fresno.edu/about/fpu\\_idea.asp](http://www.fresno.edu/about/fpu_idea.asp). Community implies a sense of care and concern for one another and needs to be understood in both smaller and larger contexts. Within community interpersonal relationships are a part of the learning process. Individuals become more responsible for each other and accountable to one another. As they live out their lives in community they are able to better understand themselves, make thoughtful commitments to God, themselves, the church and the world.

One of the aims of FPU's community life is that all members strive to nurture right relationships with God and with others. This requires choosing a lifestyle of Christian discipline through accountability, which begins with self-examination and self-control and includes personal and communal responsibility. Discipline at FPU is an expression of the practice of community.

#### **Restorative Discipline at FPU**

Discipline is expressed with a "centered" rather than a "bounded" perspective. The "centered" approach focuses on Christian theology and values and behavior. A "bounded" approach focuses on rules and regulations. Primary attention is focused on the center, on becoming more Christ-like. Discipline molds or perfects in the likeness of Christ. It provides accountability and encouragement. Although discipline is "centered," it does recognize boundaries. Carefully chosen and administered, these boundaries help alert the individual that she or he may not be in the right relationship with standards established by and for the community. The university has established a set of lifestyle standards which reflect its understanding of biblically-directed behavior. Students may choose to attend FPU without making a commitment to

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Christ. However, attendance is subject to the student's willingness to live within the community guidelines which are established by the university.

#### **Managing Conflict**

Residence Life at Fresno Pacific University is intended to provide opportunities for personal growth and development within a Christian environment. The Residence Life staff seeks to establish an environment that promotes self-discipline and group responsibility. It is inevitable that conflict will occur in any relationship. It is best to manage conflict in a way that upholds the dignity and health of all involved. If you have a problem with another resident, approach that person directly to discuss the differences between you. If a conflict cannot be resolved in this way, ask your Resident Assistant to help you resolve the problem. Situations that cannot be resolved through the steps outlined above should be taken to the Residence Director for that living area.

For more information on lifestyle guidelines ([www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/student\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/student_handbook.pdf)) and description of the Restorative Discipline Process ([www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/restorativediscipline.pdf](http://www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/restorativediscipline.pdf)) please refer to these two documents, the Student and Restorative Discipline handbooks.

#### **Telephones**

All residence rooms and campus apartments have a phone line. Students are expected to provide their own phones. Students may make free on-campus and local phone calls. No collect calls will be accepted. Many students utilize calling cards to make long distance calls. The *houses* are not equipped with a phone line.

#### **Security and Campus Safety Department**

The university has a Campus Safety Department that runs a staff 24/7. Campus Safety officers patrol the campus, and outlying area around the university. The Campus Safety dispatch can be reached by calling 453-2298 for any safety or security questions or emergencies. Campus Safety also provides lock out services (\$25 per incident) for residents who get locked out of their housing.

#### **University Furnishings**

The university provides a bed (regular twin size), desk, chair, drawers, closet/wardrobe, and blinds for the windows. The desks are equipped with a shelf and a desk light. They are designed specifically to accommodate a computer monitor and keyboard. Extra long beds may be requested for students over 6 feet tall. Requests must be directed to the Director of Residence Life and Housing.

Students may decorate their room, but may not permanently alter the state of the room such as painting or remove screens from the windows. No fixtures can be attached to the walls, ceiling or floor. The use of nails or screws is strictly prohibited. The university is able to provide bunked beds, as supplies last, upon request once the student arrives. Homemade lofts are not allowed in any campus living environment.

To access the entire Student Handbook and all of the Residence Life and Housing policies please visit the Student Hand book web page at [www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/student\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.fresno.edu/sharedmedia/studentlife/student_handbook.pdf).

For a detailed list of housing options please visit the Residence Life web page at [www.fresno.edu/studentlife/Housing/](http://www.fresno.edu/studentlife/Housing/).

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the items above, please feel free to contact the Residence Life office at 559-453-2073. We look forward to meeting you during move-in.

Sincerely,  
Pam Schock

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