Residential Life and Housing

New Student Orientation 2024
Here at VCU we have Residence Halls not “dorms.”
Today's Topics:

- Residence Hall Staff
- Safety in the Residence Halls
- Residential Hall Policies

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- Amenities
- Residential Hall Mail & Packages
- Roommates

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Staffing

- Resident Assistant (RA)
- Area Administrative Assistant
- Hall Director (HD)
- Hall Staff
Safety in the Residence Halls

- Information Desks are staffed 24 hours/day
- Single entrance to all residence halls
- Card Access
- Guest Policy
- Health and Safety Inspections
- Smoke Detectors/Fire system
- Text Alerts: alert.vcu.edu/signup
- LiveSafe Mobile App
Fire Safety in the Residence Halls

● RLH is required to complete four fire drills each year
  ○ One must be completed within ten days of the start of the semester
  ○ One must be before sunrise or after sunset
● False Alarms cannot count as part of these drills
● All residents must evacuate during every alarm
● Residents may be held accountable for alarms that are caused by policy violations
Immunization & Student Health

• VCU Student Health Service is open to all students and insurance is not required to be seen at VCU Student Health.

• It is recommended all students be fully vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19 (primary series and boosters). Documentation for these vaccines may be submitted to the Student Health Web Portal.

• Full-time students should complete the electronic VCU Certificate of Immunization Form posted to their student health web portal AND upload proof of required vaccinations. Failure to do so WILL generate a registration hold that will prevent students from registering for the next semester.

• Residents must follow Student Health’s guidance on isolation and quarantine. Residents are highly encouraged to go home to isolate or quarantine except in cases where public transportation would be required for travel.
Residence Hall Policies

- Student Code of Conduct
- Guide to Residential Living
Guide to Residential Living

Prohibited Items List
Renter’s Insurance

- Renter’s Insurance is highly recommended, as VCU is not financially liable for damages or loss that occur to the personal property of students.
- Check to see if your student is covered by your homeowner’s insurance policy.
- Renter’s Insurance through GradGuard is offered in the housing application.
Amenities

Rhoads, Brandt, Honors, and Gladding Residence Center
- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Microfridge in each bedroom
- Wi-Fi and ethernet

Gladding Residence Center III
- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Microwave and Refrigerator in each suite
- Wi-Fi and ethernet

West Grace North and West Grace South
- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Refrigerator and stove in each apartment
- Wi-Fi and ethernet
Streaming Services

**Rhoads, Brandt, Honors, Gladding Residence Center III, West Grace South, and West Grace North**

**Streaming Service:**
Cable is not provided. Residents can access movie services at [movies.vcu.edu](http://movies.vcu.edu), and any personal streaming services on a computer or mobile device, or on TV via a student-provided Roku device, Apple TV, or smart TV connected to the wireless network.

**Gladding Residence Center ONLY**

**TV Service:**
Watch cable TV with no additional equipment required, via a student-provided coax cable.

**All Residence Halls**

All halls have internet movie services available to stream at [movies.vcu.edu](http://movies.vcu.edu). Apple TV, Alexa, Rokus (any model) are allowed on the wireless network.
Residence Hall Mail & Packages

- Mail is delivered to each Mail & Package Center on campus and processed by RLH staff.
- **Mail & Package Center Locations:**
  - Rhoads/Brandt
  - Gladding Residence Center/Gladding Residence Center III
  - 207 N. Laurel Street
- Mail and packages must be addressed properly for timely delivery.
- When a package is ready for pickup, the resident will receive an email from reshallmail@vcu.edu.
  - A delivery notification from a carrier (USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL) or a vendor (Amazon, etc.) does not mean that the package is available for pickup, it must be processed first.
- **Questions?**
  - Visit housing.vcu.edu/help/mail or email reshallmail@vcu.edu.
## Residence Hall Mailing Addresses

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<td>Room #</td>
<td>710 W. Franklin St.</td>
<td>23220-4106</td>
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Brandt, Rhoads, GRC & GRC III packages & mail are delivered directly to each hall.

Honors, WGN, WGS packages & mail are delivered to the Residence Hall Package Center on campus.
Residence Hall Schedules

**Brandt, Gladding Residence Center, Gladding Residence Center III, Honors, & Rhoads**

**Fall Break:** Closes Saturday, November 13, 2024 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Winter Closing:** Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.

**Spring Break:** Closes Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 10 a.m.

**West Grace North and South**

Remains open for **Fall Break, Winter Closing, and Spring Break.**

**All Halls**

**Spring Year-end Closing:** Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.
Partnering For Success

Roommates
- Roommate Agreements
- Healthy Communication is key

Roommate Conflicts
- Remember, it’s normal!
- Students can reach out to the RA or HD for assistance
Leadership Opportunities

- Community Council
- Residence Hall Association (RHA)
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
- Residence Hall Student Worker Positions
  - Conference Assistant
  - Desk Assistant
  - Diversity Ambassador
  - Facilities Assistant
  - Front Office Assistant
  - Mail Assistant
  - Resident Assistant
Returning students who wish to live in on-campus housing after their first year can apply for housing when the process opens in January. Students are encouraged to review all their housing options, which will be listed in an informational booklet sent to their home address over winter break.

Currently, the demand for on-campus housing is greater than the supply and on-campus housing is not guaranteed. Rising sophomore students are given preference in the housing assignment process.
Residence Hall Move-in

What to expect...

- 15-Minute Unloading Zones for drop off
- On-campus parking deck for long-term parking
- Long wait times and lines for elevators
- We cannot accommodate earlier arrivals

Move-in Dates

- Friday, August 16
- Saturday, August 17

Students will receive information about signing up for a move-in time slot later this summer.
Check out our interactive map!

GO.VCU.EDU/MAP/MOVEIN
Residence Hall Move-in

Move-in Tips

Do’s:

- Bring a cart
- Bring the essentials in one vehicle
- Coordinate items with roommates
- Bring your ID
- Streets & curbs are for unloading only
- Label items (name, room #, & contents)
- Wear comfy clothes and shoes
- Be prepared to be outside in the heat
Move-In Tips

Don’ts:

- DO NOT bring trailers or U-Hauls
- DO NOT bring pets (unless service animal or ESA)
- DO NOT bring prohibited items
- DO NOT arrive before 9 a.m.
- DO NOT bring more than 3 guests per resident
- DO NOT skip lines
Our Website

The Residential Life and Housing Website is your resource for important information, policies, helpful tips, and more!

HOUSING.VCU.EDU
check it out!
The Help Center

The Help Center is located at the bottom of each page of the housing website.

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