



## First Year Students' Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q. When will I find out where I'll live?**

A. Housing assignments will be available online August 5, 2009 on the Marist College Housing & Residential Life webpage or by directly connecting to <http://www.marist.edu/housing/assignments.html>. After clicking on the "Check My Housing Assignment" link at the bottom of the webpage you will be asked to supply your Marist email and password. You will then be able to access information regarding your housing assignment including the building, room number, phone number, and the name and contact information of your roommate(s). Should you have problems logging into your Marist Access account, contact the Marist College Help Desk at 845-575-4357.

**Q. How do I apply for a special interest floor?**

A. Applications are available online at <http://www.marist.edu/studentlife/firstyear/specialapp.html>. Applications must be submitted by June 7, 2009. You will be notified of your application status by June 29, 2009.

**Q. Can I request to live with my friend?**

A. Your first year will be both challenging and exciting. Marist holds the ideal that the experience of living with someone whom you have not known before is both invaluable and beneficial to one's growth. Therefore, we do not allow friends from home to live together as we have found this to hinder student's growth.

**Q. Will I be able to switch roommates if we don't get along?**

A. Every effort is made to work with roommates to ensure they are able to peacefully co-exist in the same living environment. Resident Assistants, Mentors and Resident Directors are all available to assist roommates who may have conflicts. Taking into account the transition period for all first year students, roommate changes are strongly discouraged in the first semester.

**Q. What should I bring?**

A. We encourage you to bring pictures, posters, books and letters - anything that will make your room comfortable and an expression of who you are. You will live in this room for approximately nine months, so be sure to bring things that will make you feel at home. Please refer to our website <http://www.marist.edu/housing/personal.html> for a complete list of suggestions.

**Q. Which items should I leave at home?**

A. The possession and use of halogen lamps, hot pots, hot plates, broiler ovens, fry pans, popcorn makers, space/portable heaters, coffee urns, immersion heaters, toasters, air conditioners, and similar portable equipment is prohibited. Due to fire safety regulations, extension cords are also prohibited, although each student is allowed UL rated surge protectors. If you have questions regarding a specific item not mentioned please feel free to contact the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

**Q. What size sheets should I bring?**

A. Twin extra-long sheets are the appropriate size for the beds in our residence halls. The mattresses measure approximately 36" X 80" and are also known as College Standard.

**Q. What size carpet should I get for my room?**

A. We recommend a 9' x 12' carpet for all four of the first year residence halls.

*Carpets and linens can be ordered from these vendors:*

*Carpets: <http://www.weareqps.com/>*

*Carpets are delivered to your room prior to your arrival!*

*Linens: [www.rhl.org/mar/linens.aspx](http://www.rhl.org/mar/linens.aspx)*

*Proceeds from these sales go to resident student leadership programs.*

**Q. What about appliances?**

A. First year students will have access to microwaves in the common areas of the residence halls, and are allowed to have a microwave (700 watts maximum) in their rooms. Each room may also have one refrigerator (3.6 cubic ft maximum). You will also have ample time to order a microwave and/or refrigerator before you move on campus in August. After you receive your room assignment we recommend that you contact your roommate(s) and coordinate who is bringing shared items to your room. Refrigerators and microwaves can be rented from QPS marketing at <http://www.qpsmarketing.com/>. They will be delivered to your room prior to check-in.

**Q. Are there cable, phone and/or Internet connections in the rooms?**

A. Marist provides one cable and one phone jack in each room of its traditional residence halls. Since Marist operates on a digital phone network the College provides each room with a phone that is compatible with this unique system. In order to connect to the College's cable system students will be expected to either bring a cable cord for their television from home or purchase one on campus the day of move-in. Moreover, Internet access is guaranteed for each first year student. In addition, all of our buildings are wireless.

**Q. Can I smoke in my room?**

A. Smoking is not allowed in any of Marist's residence halls, however, there are designated smoking areas outside of each residence hall.

**Q. What kind of security do the buildings have?**

A. The residence halls are secure twenty-four hours a day. From 3pm to 6:30am there is an entry officer who monitors the main entrance of each building. All students are required to swipe their ID card to prove that they are a resident of that building or must sign in with the entry officer if visiting a residence hall other than their own. Between 6:30am and 3pm, the doors to the building are locked and students must swipe their ID card to gain access to the building. In addition, there is always a Resident Assistant on duty each evening from 7pm to 8am, in order to assist with any problems, concerns or questions that a resident student may have.

**Q. What kind of support services are offered in the residence halls?**

A. Each area is staffed with a Resident Assistant (an upper-class student staff member) on each floor who builds community by implementing programs, enforcing college policy, and acting as a peer mentor to residents. In addition, the first year areas also have at least two professional staff members who live in the building; the Resident Director who is responsible for the overall operation of the area, and the Mentor(s) who assists residents in academic and emotional adjustment.

**Q. What is the food like on campus?**

A. Sodexo offers a wide variety of options to choose from in the dining hall. They are known to work with students with special dietary requests to better accommodate their needs. In addition, there are a number of cafes and coffee shops on campus where students can use their Thrifty cash/Marist money to grab a bite before classes. For more information visit the Marist College Dining services homepage at <http://www.maristdining.com/index.html>

**Q. When can I start planning to study abroad?**

A. You can start planning for your Marist Abroad experience as soon as you get here. Students study abroad as early as first semester sophomore year. The Marist Abroad Program will help you decide where you want to go and how to get there and your academic advisor can help you plan your courses. For more information you can contact the Marist Abroad Program at (845) 575-3330 or visit their website at <http://www.marist.edu/international/>.

**Q. What if I have a question that is not on this sheet?**

A. We'd love to hear from you! We understand that as a First Year student you will have many questions. If you are wondering about something that is not on this sheet, please do not hesitate to call us at the Department of Housing and Residential Life at (845) 575-3307 or send us an e-mail at [Housing@Marist.edu](mailto:Housing@Marist.edu).