RESIDENCE LIVING

Residing in College housing provides students the opportunity to experience living in a community dedicated to the academic and personal development of each member. College housing is guaranteed for the first two years for students accepted as resident freshmen. All students residing in college housing must be enrolled with a minimum of twelve credits.

Residence facilities are an integral part of the College, not only in the size of the resident population, but also in the educational experience which takes place therein. On average, approximately 70% of full-time undergraduates will live in College housing.

The buildings used for College housing vary in size and character, from traditional residence high-rise facilities to townhouse apartments. The range of housing accommodations includes rooms located along a common hallway with a common bathroom, suite style rooms with a shared bathroom and single rooms in new apartment residences. More information describing college housing facilities is available on the Housing and Residential Life webpage.

In order to provide an environment conducive to academic and personal development, a code of conduct and a corresponding norms structure are strictly enforced. The professional and paraprofessional staff is responsible for enforcing the code and norms in the residence halls. The Director of Housing coordinates the entire operation of the residence halls; the Assistant Directors and Resident Directors have the responsibility of managing the daily operations of the residences; Assistant Resident Directors and Resident Assistants have the responsibility of seeing to the smooth running of the designated wings, floors, or apartments, primarily by enforcing the norms, acting as role models and leaders through developmental and recreational programming.

Residence assignments are, as a rule, made on the basis of double occupancy. The College reserves the right to require any student to live on campus.

Dining Services

Campus dining services offer high-quality foods and beverages with excellent service through retail, residential, and campus catering dining facilities. The dining plans at Marist College offer the utmost in flexibility and value, with convenient, affordable, customizable options for all students, from resident freshmen to resident upper-class students to commuters.

Dining locations on campus open as early as 7:15 a.m. and close as late as 1:00 a.m. The main dining hall offers a wide variety of freshly prepared meals, utilizing local and regional ingredients when available. Retail locations offer convenient prepared meals and made-to-order takeout, with a variety of novelty and beverage items. Campus catering is also available for student groups, residence halls, and special events throughout the academic year.

For inquiries or information, we encourage you to contact our Dining Services Office at (845) 575-5100 or visit www.maristdining.com. Managers are on site seven days per week to answer your questions.

Participation Opportunities

Campus residence and class level determine which dining plan options are available to students. All resident freshmen are required to participate in the Carte Blanche Plan. Students returning as a sophomore, junior, or senior and residing in college housing are assigned to a campus dining plan based on their residence location. All residents housed as sophomores, excluding Marian and Mid-Rise halls, will be pre-enrolled in the Apartment 15 Meals Plus $150 Thrifty Cash for the semester and must remain at a minimum in this plan. Residents of Mid-Rise and Marian Halls are required to participate in the Carte Blanche Plan.

All junior and senior students residing in College apartment housing will be assigned to the Apartment 15 Meals Plus $150 Thrifty Cash, but have the option to withdraw from the plan if they choose to. Students residing in apartments may also select any dining plan beyond the minimum dining plan assigned to them.

Commuter and off-campus students also have the ability to select any dining plan offered.

RECREATION

Athletics

Marist’s spacious campus includes a number of athletic facilities. On the south end of campus is the James J. McCann Recreation Center. This recreational facility was opened in 1977 and is the focal point for the majority of our athletic teams. The $3 million renovation and addition to the facility, completed in September 1997, has made the McCann Center one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the East. Adjacent to the McCann Center is the McCann Baseball Field and practice field. Marist College features a new bulkhead and dock system, scenic river walks, renovated green space, a gazebo, and new landscaping. Renamed Longview Park, this 12-acre parcel along the banks of the Hudson River benefits the Marist men’s and women’s crew teams along with members of the community. Leonidoff Field is a stadium that provides seating for over 3,200 for home soccer, lacrosse, and football contests. The Garland Commons Playing Fields are located behind the Garland Commons. This ten-acre area serves as intramural fields for the students.

In December of 2000 a new sports medicine facility opened its doors, offering Red Fox student-athletes the best treatment available with top technological advances in equipment and modalities. This addition was made possible through a generous donation from Team Physician and Orthopedist Dr. Michael Maynard. A 500-square-foot taping and equipment room in addition to a 1,600-square-foot treatment center is located at the back of the McCann Center.

Along with the sports medicine facility, a 1,600-square-foot academic area opened its doors on the second floor of the McCann Center. This area houses the Director of Academic Advisement for Student-Athletes and her staff and provides the athletes a state-of-the-art academic complex. This center is also used extensively for the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program which began in the Fall of 2001.

Marist offers a comprehensive intercollegiate athletic program. Men’s varsity teams are offered in football, soccer, cross country, baseball, basketball, swimming and diving, crew, track and field, tennis, and lacrosse. Women’s varsity teams are offered in volleyball, tennis, cross country, softball, basketball, track and field, crew, soccer, water polo, swimming and diving, and lacrosse. All of the varsity teams participate at the NCAA Division I level.

Numerous club sports are offered, including ice hockey, skiing, rugby, cheerleading, dance team, fencing, men’s volleyball, racquetball, equestrian, and bowling.

The intramural program offers a variety of activities, including basketball, volleyball, softball, flag football, soccer, racquetball, tennis, running, women’s lacrosse, dodgeball, and ultimate frisbee.

Throughout all levels of the physical education and athletics programs, the College emphasizes the physical, social, and recreational benefits to be gained through active participation. With these educational values in mind, the College fosters a program that encourages as broad a student participation as possible in the physical education programs as well as in the intercollegiate, intramural, and club sports offered.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for student government at Marist College. SGA strives to maintain a positive working relationship with all groups and members within the College community through its clear articulation of student concerns, issues, and priorities. The SGA office is located in Student Center 347. The responsibilities of the SGA are:
1. Representing the student voice by making decisions, which may affect the entire campus or any one student group or organization.
2. Enhancing communication between students and College administration.
3. Granting or removing charters of clubs and organizations.
4. Appointing students to positions on the Executive and Judicial Boards and campus-wide committees.
5. Appointment, guidance, and oversight of the Financial Board. The Financial Board is responsible for appropriations to student activities funds for clubs and organizations.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
The Student Body President acts as a student ombudsman who represents the interests and opinions of the student body to the College administration. In addition, he/she presents the views of the administration and faculty to the Student Body while striving to maintain mutual cooperation and understanding among students, faculty, and administration. The Student Body President acts to protect the rights of students and strives to make the Marist Community a place where people live and work with respect for each other. The Student Body President is responsible for investigating problems, complaints, and issues affecting students. The Student Body President serves as the Chair for Student Senate and Executive Board SGA meetings and is the student representative to the Board of Trustees.

SGA consists of three branches of government: the Executive Branch (Executive Board), Legislative Branch (Student Senate), and the Judicial Branch (Judicial Board).

EXECUTIVE BRANCH (EXECUTIVE BOARD)
The Executive Branch serves as an advisory board to the SGA President. The positions on the Executive Branch are appointed by the Student Body President and are confirmed by the Student Senate (Legislative Branch). The positions consist of: the Student Body Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, Director of Public Relations, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President for Student Life, Vice President for Student Programming, Programming, Vice President for Club Affairs, Vice President for Academics, Vice President for Athletics Affairs, Elections Commissioner, and Parliamentarian.

Council of Clubs is the total number of clubs and organizations recognized by SGA. There are six advisory councils including Co-curricular, Greek, Honorary/Professional, Production/Performance, Social/Service, and Sports.

Financial Board is responsible for the oversight of the distribution of the Student Activities Fee to chartered clubs and organizations. Financial board members are appointed by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and approved by the Student Senate. In addition to the CFO, the Financial Board has an Assistant to the CFO, four appointed students, and one College administrator appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Public Relations is responsible for disseminating information from the Student Government Association to the Marist Community. Public Relations utilizes all campus media outlets: Marist College radio, TV, and the campus newspaper. In addition, Public Relations is responsible for press releases, polling, and designing flyers for SGA-sponsored events.

Student Academic Council (SAC) establishes firm lines of communication between the academic schools and the student body and explores avenues of curricular growth and development. Students are able to voice their concerns and/or suggestions through their SAC school representative in reference to academic programs, proposals, and changes in curriculum.

Student Life Council (SLC) consists of members from each of the resident and commuter student councils. The SLC promotes activities to provide unity among commuter and resident students. The SLC consists of members elected from each residence area and from the commuter population.

Student Programming Council (SPC) provides quality programming and entertainment to students and the Marist Community. SPC programming includes a variety of lectures, performing arts, comedy nights, coffeehouses, novelty performances, Broadway trips to NYC, and major concerts. The SPC Executive Board is responsible for program selection, marketing, advertising, ticket sales, and promotions. SPC membership is open to all students.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (STUDENT SENATE)
The Legislative Branch is responsible for all SGA legislation. The Legislative Branch, also referred to as The Senate, meets on a weekly basis to decide on approving SGA operations, appointments to SGA positions, and to act upon campus-wide student initiatives. The Legislative Branch consists of the four duly elected class presidents representing the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes; four campus-wide elected resident student senators; and two campus-wide elected commuter student senators. Legislative members may be appointed to campus-wide committees and are able to chair SGA committees.

JUDICIAL BRANCH
The Judicial Branch is responsible for administering all hearings concerning and pertaining to student governance with the exception of cases involving suspension, dismissal from college, or criminal charges. The Judicial Branch consists of the Chief Justice, one commuter and one resident student appointee, two students elected campus-wide, one appointed administrator (by the Office of Student Affairs on a case-by-case basis), and one faculty member. In addition, the Judicial Branch is responsible for the management of student parking appeals.

HONOR SOCIETIES
Marist maintains a strong affiliation with national honorary societies. The College has active chapters with Alpha Chi (all disciplines), Alpha Delta Sigma (Advertising), Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice), Alpha Sigma Lambda (Part-time Students), Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems), Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Administration), Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Kappa Chapter, International Honor Society in Education, Lambda Pi Eta (Communications), Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics), Phi Alpha Theta (History), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Psi Chi (Psychology), Sigma Delta Pi (Hispanic), Sigma Tau Delta (English), and Sigma Zeta (Science and Mathematics). Student’s induction into these honorary societies is based on standards of academic merit and accomplishment.

STUDENT SERVICES
Campus Ministry
Campus Ministry seeks to provide for the religious and spiritual needs of all members of the Marist Community, which includes students of many faith traditions. The staff and the students who are active in planning Campus Ministry programs encourage all on campus to take part in community service programs, small faith groups, discussions, retreats, and social activities sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Two Catholic Masses are celebrated on Sundays and four weekdays in the Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Interfaith services are held there or at other sites on campus. Clergy of various traditions are invited to campus, and the staff networks with local churches and synagogues to provide opportunities for students to attend services.

The Campus Ministry center on the south side of campus is Byrne House, located behind Champagnat. The Ministry Center for the north campus is in Kirk House. Students and other members of the Marist Community are welcome there at any time.

STUDENT HEALTH
Overview
Marist Health Services (MHS) is located in Room 350 of the Student Center. Services are available to all full-time undergraduate Marist College students. Health Services visits are covered by the student health fee paid with each semester’s tuition.

MHS is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., and from 12 noon to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday when classes are in session. Staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, secretaries, and clerical student-assistants, MHS provides evaluation and treatment of common problems such as acute illness and minor injuries. Students are seen on an appointment basis. Every effort is made to deal with urgent issues promptly. Emergencies or problems that are beyond the resources of MHS are referred to Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Department (see below). Please call (845) 575-3270 for an appointment or information.

MHS can refer students and families to community health resources such as medical specialists, physical therapists, and dentists. Student health fees do not cover such visits. If you anticipate the need for special care, it is most efficient to begin by checking with your health insurance plan about coverage and any “preferred” or “in-network” providers in the Poughkeepsie area. MHS does not provide routine physical examinations or physicals for sports or activities.
Excuse Policy
Marist Health Services does not provide excuses for routine illnesses, injuries, and mental health problems that may lead to missed classes, labs, studios, exams, or deadlines. This policy resembles those of most other colleges and universities and is consistent with the recommendation of the American College Health Association.

Marist College expects that students will be honest with their professors regarding their ability to complete work, and professors are expected to work with students on these issues. Academic advising staff are available to provide assistance to student or faculty members who have concerns about attendance issues.

Absence of 4 days or longer
If a student has an illness or family emergency that will result in 4 or more days of absence, the student should contact individual professors as soon as possible, as well as the Center for Advising & Academic Services (CAAS), Donnelly Hall, Room 224, 845-575-3500 / 845-575-3502 Fax. www.marist.edu/academics/advice.

CAAS will need the student's CWID, the start and anticipated end date of absence, the reason for absence, and contact information. The office will send notification of absence to the student's professors and advisor.

Pharmacy services
MHS maintains a stock of medications for emergency use. Students can fill prescriptions at the pharmacy of their choice. Contact information for several pharmacies accessible from campus is available in the Health Services Brochure at www.marist.edu/healthservices. Common over-the-counter medications are available for purchase at the Book Store on the ground floor of the Student Center.

After-hours care
Resident students requiring medical care after MHS hours should notify the Resident Advisor, Resident Director, or Marist Security. Students are referred to Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Department, 241 North Road, (845) 431-8220, which is across the street from the campus. Such visits will be billed to the student's insurance.

Please Note:
New York State Public Health Law 2165 requires College students to demonstrate proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). Students will not be permitted to register for classes or remain on campus unless this information is provided to Health Services. Students are also required to complete the mandatory meningitis response form, which must be on file in Health Services.

COUNSELING SERVICES
The Marist College Counseling Center is dedicated to providing quality psychological services to our students. Our mission evolves from that of the College and the Division of Student Affairs. The staff at the Center believes that intellectual and personal growth are inseparable and vital to the realization of the individual’s full potential. The three essential functions of the Counseling Center are providing counseling services; facilitating groups on various topics such as grief, eating issues, and stress management; as well as providing education, training, and wellness programs for students and staff. In addition, the Center provides confidential advocacy and support services for survivors of sexual, physical, or relationship violence.

For personal counseling, students are encouraged to phone ext. 3314 or come to Donnelly Hall 226 to arrange an appointment.

The first session with a counselor is usually spent in a thorough exploration of the student’s presenting problem as well as other areas of the student’s life that are likely to be affected. A determination is then made as to how best to meet the needs of the student. If needed, community resources can be utilized. There is no charge for any services offered in the Counseling Center, nor is there a fixed number of sessions beyond which a student cannot be seen. However, due to limits of staff time and the academic calendar, counseling tends to be short-term.

The Counseling Center also provides confidential advocacy and support services to survivors of sexual or relationship violence.

Any information given in counseling, as well as the fact that the student has been seen at the Center, is kept strictly confidential. Disclosure to any person or agency requires prior permission of the student. However, should the life or safety of the student or someone else be in imminent danger, the counselor may be obligated to notify appropriate persons.

FIRST-YEAR PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
As part of Marist’s commitment to the successful transition of traditional-aged first-year students into the college community, The Office of First Year Programs and Leadership Development (FYP & LD) offers undergraduate students a unique personal support structure centered on helping students reach academic, social, and personal goals which are critical to their success. To assist students in navigating their way through their first year of study, FYP Coordinators reside in the first-year residence halls providing live-in mentoring services. The Assistant Director of FYP & LD provides mentoring services for our commuting students. The Assistant Director’s Office is located in the Student Center to offer commuters convenient access. Students benefit from academic consultation, life-skills training, social networking, and other support services provided by the individual mentoring approach of their Coordinator.

ORIENTATION
Coordinated by the Office of FYP & LD, Orientation is the initial step in the first year experience at Marist. The program is designed specifically to help new students begin a successful academic and personal transition to college. First Year Programs staff, with the assistance of student orientation leaders, educates students and parents about the wealth of opportunities and resources available at Marist from the moment they step on campus. These one-day Orientation sessions take place during the first two weeks in June for traditional-aged undergraduate students entering in the fall semester. Orientation sessions are also provided for students new to the Marist campus in August and January. Orientation activities continue throughout the first year with a full Welcome Week of activities and other ongoing programs.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) provides opportunities for traditional undergraduate students to gain the skills necessary to become influential leaders and develop into well-balanced citizens of the Marist and world community. Students can earn an annual non-credit certificate of completion by participating in a variety of programs and workshops designed to help them define, discover, and develop their leadership style. Marist also has an active chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success on campus for ELP participants who want to further their leadership training.

STUDENT CONDUCT
The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for developing and administering a Code of Student Conduct that supports the College’s values, goals, and priorities. Marist College is committed to providing an environment that promotes academic learning, institutional and personal integrity, justice, and equality. The College considers all Marist students as partners in the responsibility of creating and maintaining that environment.

Utilizing an educational philosophy, the program informs students of their responsibilities as members of the community; involves students, faculty, and staff in administering the disciplinary process; and assists all members of the campus community to live and learn in an environment that is orderly, peaceful, and supportive of individual growth and development.

The Code of Student Conduct is distributed to all entering students. Copies are also available in the Office of Student Conduct, the Housing and Residential Life Office, Student Affairs, Student Government Association, and the Library. In addition, this document is on-line at the following address: www.marist.edu/campuslife/studentconduct/. Amendments to the Code of Student Conduct are made via the above-mentioned website. Although changes are rare, students are responsible for the information contained in this document. Therefore, students are advised to check this website on a regular basis for the latest information.

PUBLICATIONS
The Student Handbook:
Annual publication.
The Code of Student Conduct
The Course Schedule:
A publication listing course offerings for the coming semester, published twice each year, spring and fall, prior to early registration week.
The Reynard:
Marist College Yearbook.
The Circle:
Weekly campus newspaper.
The Marist Journal of History:
Publication of Mu Zeta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

The Mosaic:
An arts and literary magazine published once or more each year by the student body, containing contributions from students, faculty, and staff.

The Generator Magazine:
An appreciation of the arts and entertainment magazine, highlighting student journalism and graphic design, published twice a semester.

The Fox Forum
Student journal for academic discourse published once a semester.

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

SECURITY SERVICES
The Office of Safety and Security at Marist College provides a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week service to the College Community, its visitors, and guests. The Safety and Security Office works as a liaison with local fire, police, and rescue agencies. Among the many services this office provides are as follows:

1. All officers are NYS-Certified Security Officers and have CPR/AED certification.
2. Escorts of students to and from dormitories and classroom buildings during hours of darkness.
3. Motor vehicle registration and issuance of parking permits.
5. Oversees the College’s annual fire inspection by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control.
6. Fire alarm and fire equipment maintenance, conducts fire drills in accordance with New York State law.
7. Lost and Found.
8. Vehicle lockouts and jump starts.

PARKING & VEHICLE REGISTRATION POLICY
The Office of Safety and Security is responsible for the implementation of the parking and vehicle registration policy and the enforcement of its provisions. There is no charge for parking permits.

In order to facilitate traffic flow on Marist College property and to ensure unimpeded emergency response to the needs of the College Community, the following policies have been established:

PERMITS
Parking on campus is limited to those vehicles registered with the Office of Safety and Security and to which a Marist College parking permit has been issued. Permits must be displayed as required by the parking regulations. Vehicles without permits are subject to towing at the owner’s expense.

Vehicles parked in other than the lot designated will be treated as vehicles without permits.

All vehicles must be registered for the current school year.

When applying for parking permits, the following documents are required:

a. Driver’s license
b. Vehicle registration

Marist College provides handicapped parking spaces throughout the campus. A student must have 30 credits or more to be considered a sophomore. Only vehicles exhibiting official state handicapped plates or official local government handicapped parking permits will be permitted to park in the handicapped parking spaces. The official plates and permits are recognized only when the operator of the vehicle is the individual to whom the plates/permits are assigned. It should be noted that handicapped parking rules are enforced by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department as well as Marist College Security.

Freshman resident students are not permitted to have a car on campus. A student must have 30 credits or more to be considered a sophomore. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Safety and Security.

RESIDENT STUDENT PARKING
There is a limited number of parking spaces on campus. Requests for parking permits will be approved on a space-available basis. Students are not guaranteed a parking space in the parking lot closest to their residence hall or townhouse. Vehicles must park only in the lot designated on the permit.

COMMUTER STUDENT PARKING
Commuter student parking is limited to Beck Place and McCann. After 5:30 P.M. on class nights, commuter students may park in staff lots on a first-come, first-serve basis.

VISITOR PARKING
Visitor parking is permitted by display of a visitor’s parking pass issued by the Office of Safety and Security. Visitor’s parking areas are reserved for the use of off-campus visitors only. Please check in at the Office of Safety and Security, Donnelly Hall.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS
In addition to the above, the following parking restrictions apply:

Parking is not permitted in areas other than marked parking spaces. Parking in restricted areas subjects the vehicle to traffic citations, “booting,” and towing at the owner’s expense. Restricted areas include, but are not limited to, fire zones, no-parking areas, crosswalks, fire hydrants, handicapped zones, restricted-permit parking areas, and grass areas.

With the exception of resident-student parking areas, overnight parking is not permitted. PARKING ON ROADS OR SHOULDERS OF ROADS IS PROHIBITED.

Fines must be appealed or paid at the Student Accounts Office within ten days of issue. A schedule of parking violation fines can be obtained from the Office of Safety and Security. Violations of this parking policy may result in revocation of parking privileges.

PARKING APPEALS
The Student Government Association (SGA) has a parking appeals process in place. Appeal forms may be obtained at the SGA Office or the Office of Safety and Security. All appeals decisions are FINAL.

The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide upon request all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. Marist College’s annual campus crime information can be found at http://ope.ed.gov/security/search.asp or http://www.marist.edu/security/student.html or by calling the Office of Safety and Security.

The Office of Safety and Security is located in Donnelly Hall, Room 201, and can be reached by calling (845) 575-3000, ext. 2282 or (845) 471-1822. In emergency only, dial 5555. SNAP Escort Service – dial 7627.