First Year Students' Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. When will I find out where I'll live?
A. Housing assignments will be available online during the first week of August in the MyHousing area of the MyMarist portal, available at http://my.marist.edu. 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 MyMarist account, contact the Marist College Help Desk at 845-575-4357.

Q2. How do I apply for a special interest floor?
A. Applications for Science Floor Housing and Honors Program Housing are available online in the MyHousing area of the MyMarist portal. Applications must be submitted by June 17, 2016. You will be notified of your application status by July 22, 2016 via your Marist Foxmail account.

Q3. 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 to live together as we have found this to hinder student's growth.

Q4. 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.

Q5. What should I bring?
A. We encourage you to bring pictures, posters - 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.

Q6. 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. Beds are adjustable up to a height of 36 inches.

Q7. What size carpet should I get for my room?
A. We recommend a 6’ x 9’ carpet for all five of the first year residence halls.

Linens can be ordered from this vendor:
Linens: http://www.rhl.org/mar
Proceeds from these sales go to resident student leadership programs.

Q8. Which items should I leave at home?
A. The possession and use of candles, halogen lamps, hot pots, hot plates, broiler ovens, fry pans, popcorn makers, space/portable heaters, coffee makers (Single brewer coffee makers (Keurigs) are permitted), immersion heaters, toasters, air conditioners, and similar portable equipment is prohibited. Due to fire safety regulations, extension cords are also prohibited, although students are allowed UL listed surge protectors that feature a reset button. If you have questions regarding a specific item not mentioned please contact the Office of Housing and Residential Life.
Q9. What about Microwaves and Refrigerators?
A. First year students will have access to microwaves in the common areas of the residence halls, and are allowed to have one microwave (700 watts maximum) per room. 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 through a college sponsored vendor at mymicrofridge.com. They will be delivered to your room prior to check-in.

Q10. Are there cable and/or Internet connections in the rooms?
A. Marist provides one cable jack in each room of its traditional residence halls. In order to connect to the College’s cable system, students will need to bring a cable cord for their television. Wireless internet is available in each room and common area of all buildings. Students who prefer a wired connection will need to bring an Ethernet cable and request that the port be activated once you arrive on campus.

Q11. Can I smoke in my room?
A. Smoking, including electronic smoking devices, is not allowed in any of Marist’s residence halls. It is Marist College policy that smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of any College building.

Q12. 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 they 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 an emergency, Marist Security can always be reached at (845) 575-5555.

Q13. 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) assigned to each floor who builds community by implementing programs, enforcing college policy, and acting as a peer mentor to residents. A Resident Assistant is on duty each evening from 7pm to 8am, in order to assist with any problems, concerns or questions that a resident student may have. 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 with academics and emotional adjustment.

Q14. 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/

Q15. 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 International 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 International Program at (845) 575-3330 or visit their website at http://www.marist.edu/international/.

Q16. 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 Office of Housing and Residential Life at (845) 575-3307 or send us an e-mail at Housing@Marist.edu.