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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

#### Fall Semester 2016
- **Faculty Meeting Days**     August 22 - August 25
- **International Student Orientation** August 24-26
- **New Student Move-In**     August 26
- **New Student Orientation**     August 26-29
- **New Transfer Student Move-In**     August 27
- **Returning Student Move-in**     August 28
- **Fall Registration**     August 29
- **First Day of Fall Classes**     August 30
- **Last Day to Add a Class**     September 6
- **Family Weekend**     September 30 - October 1
- **Fall Break** (begins after last class)     October 7
- **Classes Resume**     October 12
- **Mid-Term Grades Due**     October 21
- **Homecoming**     October 21-22
- **Last Day to Withdraw**     November 8
- **Fall Board Meeting**     November 3-4
- **Thanksgiving Break** (begins after last class)     November 22
- **Classes Resume**     November 28
- **Last Day of Classes**     December 9
- **Reading Days**     December 10-11
- **Exams**     December 12-16

#### Interterm 2017
- **Interterm Begins**     January 3
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**     January 16
- **Interterm Ends**     January 24
- **Interterm Break**     January 25-29

#### Spring Classes Semester 2017
- **Spring Classes Begin**     January 30
- **Last Day to Add a Class**     February 6
- **Spring Break** (begins after last class)     March 3
- **Classes Resume**     March 13
- **Mid-Term Grades Due**     March 24
- **Founder’s Day**     April 4
- **Spring Board Meeting**     April 6-7
- **Last Day to Withdraw**     April 11
- **Easter Break** (begins after last class)     April 13
- **Classes Resume**     April 18
- **Last Day of Spring Classes**     May 9
- **Reading Day**     May 10
- **Exams**     May 11-13
- **Reading Day**     May 14
- **Exams**     May 15-16
- **Baccalaureate**     May 19
- **Commencement**     May 20

#### Summer Sessions 2017
- **Session 1 Begins**     June 5
- **Session 1 Ends**     June 23
- **Session 2 Begins**     June 26
- **Independence Day Holiday**     July 4
- **Session 2 Ends**     August 4

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**Greetings from the Dean of Students**

The student life staff and the College community are pleased to welcome you to Bridgewater College. We look forward to helping make Bridgewater your home for the next four years. Whether you are living on- or off-campus, many exciting opportunities lie ahead, and we hope that your time here will be enjoyable. You are now a part of a community that will aid your personal, social and academic growth and challenge you along the way.

Educational resources and social activities are at your fingertips. If you are a residential student, we encourage you to get involved in your residential community by meeting your RA staff, participating with your neighbors in hall and campus-wide programs, or assuming a leadership role in your building with Hall Council. Doing so will help create a sense of community within your building. Through your involvement, you will develop important life skills that will complement your classroom experiences and college education.

Commuter students are welcomed and encouraged to get involved in the campus community. We offer the same academic and community support to commuters that we provide to our residential students. Joining in campus activities, clubs and organizations helps you achieve a greater sense of community.

The New Student Guide to Campus Life booklet is intended to help ease the transition to college life. We encourage you to read through the information thoroughly. If you have any questions or require assistance with the information provided, our staff is ready and eager to respond to your needs. Please let us know what we can do to assist you.

Welcome, again, to Bridgewater College. Become intellectually curious and actively engaged, and challenge yourself to maximize your BC experience.

Sincerely,

William Miracle
Dean of Students
Residential Living Guide for New Students

Residence life plays an integral part in the development of the whole student. Residential living is designed to unify students’ lives on campus and to provide a congenial setting for the exchange of ideas and opinions among members of the campus community. Because we believe that residence life is such an integral part of a student’s educational experience, we require all students to reside on campus all four years of their college experience at BC. Students who meet specific requirements are eligible to apply to live off campus. For more information on the requirements, please refer to the “Non-Resident Student” section on page 13.

NEW STUDENT HOUSING PROCESS

All new students will use the myHousing website – https://starrez.bridgewater.edu/StarRezPortal/ – to complete the New Student Housing Process. myHousing allows all residential students to complete their housing application, select their roommate and select their room. After you pay your deposit and receive your Bridgewater login and password, you will be able to log into the myHousing website.

The New Student Housing Process has three parts:

PART 1. COMPLETE THE HOUSING APPLICATION

After logging in, click on “Housing Selection,” then complete steps 1 through 8 to complete your Housing Application. The deadline for completing the Housing Application is May 15, 2016. Please remember that if you do not complete your Housing Application by May 15, you are not guaranteed housing or enrollment at Bridgewater College for fall 2016.

It is imperative that the student (not the parent or any other individual) complete this information as thoroughly and honestly as possible to ensure the best possible roommate match and housing assignment.

After you have completed steps 1 through 8, you should receive a confirmation email at your Bridgewater email account indicating that your Housing Application is complete. If you do not receive this email, your application has not been completed. Please log back into myHousing to complete your application. Completing the Housing Application is the first step in the housing process.

PART 2. SELECT YOUR ROOMMATE

Beginning on May 16, 2016, all students who completed their Housing Application by the deadline will have access to the Roommate Request page. This will allow you to search for a specific roommate(s) or choose one (or more) based on preferences. There are a limited number of triple and quad rooms, so you may choose more than one roommate if you wish. Roommate requests must be mutual, meaning that if you request a roommate that person or persons must also accept the request. Please request and accept roommate(s) by July 10, 2016.

You are not required to request or accept a roommate to receive housing, but you are HIGHLY encouraged to do so. All spaces on campus will be filled; thus, if you do not select a roommate, a roommate will be assigned to a room with you.

Students who have one or more accepted roommate(s) will have the ability to select their own room. Students who do not have an accepted roommate will be paired with one or more roommates based on your Housing Application responses and assigned to a room by Residence Life staff.

Please communicate with all potential roommates to ensure the best roommate match and the smoothest process possible.
PART 3. SELECT YOUR ROOM

For students who have selected a roommate(s), you will receive a selection timeslot via your Bridgewater email, which will inform you as to when you are able to select a room. This selection timeslot will be based on when your Housing Application was completed, so please complete the Housing Application as early as possible. Only one person from the roommate pairing or grouping will need to select the room. Again, it is important to discuss with your roommate where both of you would like to live.

If you have not selected a roommate(s), Residence Life will assign you a roommate based on your housing preferences and will assign you to a room. You will be informed when the room selection process will occur at a later date.

If you have any questions about the housing selection process, please email reslife@bridgewater.edu.

STAFFING

Bridgewater College is dedicated to ensuring your residential experience is both educationally and socially developmental. All residential areas are supervised by a full-time professional staff member (Area Coordinator). The primary role of the Area Coordinator (AC) is to establish a community in which students feel ownership and acceptance. ACs are available to students to personally assist with the diverse concerns that arise during the course of the year.

Aiding the ACs in attending to students’ needs are Senior Resident Advisors (SRAs) and Resident Advisors (RAs). SRAs and RAs are upperclassmen students who have been carefully selected and trained to assist students and to help oversee the residential areas.

The residence life staff provides the needed support in the personal development of students in a community setting. They are responsible for providing learning and growing experiences for residential students. The staff provides growth opportunities for the residents through Hall/Area Councils, programming and the Community Living Agreement. These are all opportunities for the student to become involved and take part in leadership within their community.

CONVENIENCES OF EVERY RESIDENCE HALL/ROOM:

- Lounges for socializing/studying
- Fully-equipped kitchens
- Public restrooms in all residences
- Laundry room in each building that is free to all residents
- Vending machines
- Heating unit in each room and either air-conditioning or a ceiling fan
- Small recycling bins for rooms are available upon request and larger bins are located in each building
- Desk and chair, dresser, closet or wardrobe, and a single bed that takes extra-long, twin sheets (36” x 80”)
Residential Buildings for Freshmen

COED RESIDENCE HALLS

**Dillon Hall**
- Capacity: 178
- Average room size: 17’ x 10’
- Average window size: 38 x 43 (corner rooms)
- Air conditioning: Yes
- AC Charge: $300/year

- Bathroom type: Hall (10 rooms)
- Laundry: Basement
- Study lounge: 1
- TV lounge: 1
- Men: Basement and 2nd floor
- Women: 1st and 3rd floor

**Geisert Hall**
- Capacity: 173
- Average room size: 11’ x 15’
- Average window size: 39 X 49 (upper floors)
- Air conditioning: Yes
- AC Charge: $300/year

- Bathroom type: Community (3-4 rooms)
- Laundry: Basement
- Study lounges: 1 per section
- TV lounges: 2
- Kitchen: 1 per section
- Men: Basement (freshmen) and 2nd floor (upperclassmen)
- Women: 1st (freshmen) and 3rd floor (upperclassmen)

**Heritage Hall**
- Capacity: 194
- Average room size: 10’ x 17’
- Average window size: 74 X 44 (corner rooms)
- Air conditioning: No
- AC Charge: $120/year, medical documentation required

- Bathroom type: Hall (10 rooms)
- Laundry: Basement
- Study lounge: 1
- TV lounge: 1
- Men: Basement and 2nd floor
- Women: 1st and 3rd floor

MEN’S RESIDENCE HALL

**Wakeman Hall**
- Capacity: 101
- Average room size: 15’ x 11’
- Average window size: 43 X 39; C,D,E & F Sections 59 X 40
- Air conditioning: Yes
- AC Charge: $300/year

- Bathroom type: Community (3-4 rooms)
- Laundry: Basement
- Study lounges: 1 per section
- TV lounges: 1
- Kitchen: 1 per section

WOMEN’S RESIDENCE HALL

**Daleville**
- Capacity: 106
- Average room size: 16’ x 12’
- Average window size: 72 x 54 (typical window); 71 X 53 (corner rooms)
- Air conditioning: Yes
- AC Charge: $300/year

- Bathroom type: Suite (2 rooms)
- Suite Charge: $100/year
- Laundry: Basement
- Study lounges: 1
- TV lounges: 1
- Kitchen: 1 per floor

**FLORY HONORS PROGRAM HOUSING**

For the first time this year, we are offering a special living community for incoming members of the Flory Honors Program (Flory Fellows). A section of rooms in the newly air conditioned, co-ed Dillon Hall will be set aside specifically for honors students. This will give Flory Fellows the opportunity to build relationships and live with other students who have a strong academic focus.

If you are a member of the Flory Honors Program and wish to live in this community, please indicate that on your Housing Application; there will be a question specifically about this opportunity. You will also need to room with another student who is in the Flory Honors Program and wants to live in this community, so please check that information when selecting your roommate. You may also allow Residence Life to select a Flory Fellows roommate for you based on your preferences. You will not need to select your own room if you wish to live in the Flory Honors community; Residence Life will assign you to one of the rooms in the section set aside in Dillon Hall. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Brandon Marsh (bmarsh@bridgewater.edu).
Residential Buildings for Transfer Students

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Packing Checklist

Items you could bring that will make your room more like home:

- Pillows and Bedding (XL Twin Size 84” x 36”)
- Towels
- Toiletries
- First Aid Kit with Personal Medications
- Bath Tote or Bucket
- Wastebasket
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent (for high efficiency washing machines, no pods)
- Laundry Bag or Basket
- Clothing Drying Rack, Ironing Board & Iron
- Desk and/or Floor Lamp (no halogen lamps)
- Alarm Clock
- School Supplies
- Dry Erase Board for Door
- Microwave (800 watt maximum, only 1 per double room or 2 per triple or quad)
- Refrigerator (4.3 cubic feet maximum, only 1 per double room or 2 per triple or quad)
- TV (cable ready, recommended 1 per room) & Cable Wire
- Computer
- Surge Protector Power Strip
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Carpet or Area Rug
- Handi-tak (or other poster-hanging product that will not damage paint)
- Fan (Geisert Hall and Wakeman Hall are air conditioned)
- Bike and Lock (if desired)

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:

- Candles and Incense
- Appliances with an exposed heating element (hot plate, George Foreman grill, etc.)
- Full-size Refrigerators
- Space Heaters
- Pets (fish are welcome)
- Amplifier
- Weapons, including all firearms (airsoft and paint-ball guns included), knives with blades longer than 3 inches, metal-tipped darts, slingshots (hunting guns must be registered and stored with Campus Police)
- Fireworks
- Large Pieces of Furniture
- Air Conditioners (unless required for medical reasons, see Guidelines on page 8)
Guidelines for Air Conditioners

If after receiving your housing assignment, you are housed in a building without central air (Heritage Hall) and you require an air-conditioned environment due to medical reasons, please have your medical practitioner complete the Air Conditioning Request Form. The Air Conditioning Request Form is located at http://www.bridgewater.edu/files/Air-Conditioner-Request-Form.pdf. Print the form, have your doctor complete the pertinent information and fax it to 540-828-5693 or mail it to Attn: Air Conditioners, Office of Student Life, Bridgewater College, 402 E. College Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812

Only small, portable window units (115 watts and between 5000-8000 BTU) that use regular room outlets may be used in the residence halls. It is the responsibility of the student to provide the air conditioning unit. The College requests that students bring window units that are Energy Star approved. A service fee of $120 (assessed for installation, energy usage and removal) will be charged to your College account for the installation. Please note that is a non-refundable fee.

Note: Approved window air conditioners must be installed by the facilities department only. Improper installation may not only result in damage to the window and air conditioner, but may also cause personal injury. You will be notified when your completed request form is received and approved, and your air-conditioner unit should be installed within a few days of your arrival on campus. Once air-conditioning units are installed, they will remain installed until the end of the academic year, at which time the unit will be uninstalled by the facilities department and will return home with the student. Area Coordinators will spot-check rooms throughout the year to ensure air conditioners are properly installed and recorded.

Guidelines for Lofts

Some students wish to loft their beds to give more floor space in the room. Most lofts purchased from reputable furniture companies will meet the College's standards. However, if you are in doubt or are thinking of constructing your own, the following regulations must be followed to ensure that lofts are safe and in compliance with safety and fire codes:

- Your loft should be constructed from non-pressure-treated wood. (Pressure-treated wood is designed for outdoor use only and can create serious health hazards in an enclosed environment.)
- Lofts must be free standing and self-supported, which means they may not be attached to the wall, floor or ceiling or supported by any College furniture.
- The sleeping surface (top of the mattress) can be no higher than 6 feet.
- Lofts should be no more than 40 inches wide and 84 inches long. (Please note that the College-provided mattress is 36"x80").
- Lofts may not obstruct the functioning of windows or interfere with maintenance or access to any part of the room for routine maintenance.
- Lofts may not be used in conjunction with the College-provided bed frame. Students are responsible for storage of the College bed frame, which may be stored in residence hall storage rooms, if space is available.
- Lofts should have means of safe access (i.e. ladder).
- Electrical wiring, fixtures or appliances may not be attached or incorporated into the sleeping surface.

Occupants of rooms where a loft is located acknowledge that the College is not responsible for any accident, injury or damage to the occupants of the room, guest or personal property as a result of construction, design, installation or presence of the loft. It is strongly suggested that before building/designing your own loft, you try out the College-provided furniture first and then decide if you want a loft. If you decide to build your loft ahead of time, please be prepared to make adjustments to the loft upon your arrival to campus.
Building a Successful Roommate Relationship

Part of the college experience of growth and development is learning to live in a community setting with another person. The roommate relationship is the most eagerly anticipated aspect of the freshman collegiate experience. It is exciting to meet the person with whom you’ll be sharing your room and life for the next eight months. Here are some tips on how to build a successful relationship with your roommate:

1. The first step in the roommate relationship is identifying what your habits and values are and thinking about how they may affect another person. When you complete the Housing Application, you will answer questions about your sleeping, cleaning and social habits. You will also be asked what qualities you would like in a roommate. Please take time to carefully consider your responses to these questions and be as honest as you can. Remember, answering these questions honestly and thoughtfully lowers the likelihood that you may have to deal with a conflict later.

2. You have the ability to select your own roommate(s), and we highly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity! You know best what is most important to you in selecting a roommate, and with myHousing, you have the ability to search for and request a roommate based on the most important qualities or characteristics to you. It is not generally recommended that you live with someone who is already a good friend. Before doing so, seriously consider the fact that a roommate conflict could have severe implications for your friendship. In addition, just because someone is a good friend, that doesn’t mean they are necessarily a compatible roommate match. Before selecting a roommate, regardless of whether you are already friends, make sure that you are a good match regarding what is important to you, whether that be cleanliness, noise level, guests in the room, etc. If you do not select your own roommate, Residence Life staff will pair you with a roommate based on your responses on the Housing Application.

3. Once you have selected or been assigned a roommate(s), the next step is communicating. We recommend your first interactions be over the phone. We understand technology has provided many means of communication, and you may opt to use those instead. Facebook can be valuable in learning about your roommate; however, we do not advise you to use this as your only source of contact. We would also strongly encourage you not to make judgments about your roommate based solely on Facebook or other forms of social media.

4. The next step is working at the relationship. Just like any other relationship, you will have ups and downs. The only difference in this relationship is that this person shares a room with you. You will need to learn when to speak your mind and when to compromise. This means accommodating each other’s needs at times. Communication is vital. Let your roommate know what your needs are, and ask them what they need.

5. If you have attempted to work at this relationship and still find yourself having problems, you will need to see your Resident Advisor and/or Area Coordinator. The RA and/or AC will assist you with your conflict or mediate a conversation with your roommate. The key to this process is asking for help early!
Moving In & Welcome Week

Welcome Week begins August 26, 2016.

To aid in your transition to college life, the department of student life provides the next step of orientation called Welcome Week. Welcome Week is a week of activities to help you learn more about our campus community, as well as provide opportunities to begin making new friends. You will complete the registration process and meet faculty and staff who will assist you in learning about your new home. Welcome Week begins for new freshman students on Friday, August 26, 2016 and new transfer students on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

- The residence halls will open on August 26, 2016 at 8 a.m. for freshman students and 8 a.m. on August 27 for transfer students.
- When you arrive on campus, you simply need to find your residence hall. Your residence life staff will be there to check you in. There are a number of steps you will go through in order to complete the check-in process.
- You will be asked to sign the Room Condition Report. This form documents the condition of the room at the time you move in. It is important to check out your room and report any damages not listed on the RCR to your Area Coordinator.
- Once you have signed your RCR, you will receive your room key.
- If you will have a vehicle on campus and have completed the parking registration process, you will receive a parking decal.
- A link to the Welcome Week schedule will be available over the summer, and you will receive a schedule once you arrive on campus in August.

*The Eagle* (student handbook) is available online at [http://www.bridgewater.edu/files/EagleStudentHandbook.pdf](http://www.bridgewater.edu/files/EagleStudentHandbook.pdf). Please make sure you read over and understand the policies and procedures of Bridgewater College. If you have any questions regarding the information in *The Eagle*, please see your Residence Life staff. You are responsible for knowing the information in the handbook.

The morning of move-in can seem hectic, but Bridgewater makes every effort to help you in the transition. BC Police and Safety officers will be there to direct traffic and answer questions you may have regarding parking. Other staff, administrators and alumni will be there to help you move in and make sure you get settled. Please make sure all of your belongings are marked with your name and room number.
Resident Students – Frequently Asked Questions

How and where do I complete the Housing Application?

After you pay your deposit and receive your Bridgewater login and password, you will be able to log into the myHousing website – https://starrez.bridgewater.edu/StarRezPortal. After logging in, click on “Housing Selection,” then complete steps 1 through 8 to complete your Housing Application. The deadline for completing the Housing Application is May 15, 2016.

Please remember that if you do not complete your Housing Application by May 15, you are not guaranteed housing or enrollment at Bridgewater College for fall 2016.

It is imperative that the student (not the parent or any other individual) complete this information as thoroughly and honestly as possible to ensure the best possible roommate match and housing assignment.

After you have completed steps 1 through 8, you should receive a confirmation email at your Bridgewater email account indicating that your Housing Application is complete. If you do not receive this email, your application has not been completed. Please log back into myHousing to complete your application. Completing the Housing Application is the first step in the housing process.

How are my roommate and room selected?

Beginning on May 16, 2016, all students who completed their Housing Application by the deadline will have access to the Roommate Request page. This will allow you to search for a specific roommate(s) or choose one (or more) based on preferences. There are a limited number of triple and quad rooms, so you may choose more than one roommate if you wish. Roommate requests must be mutual. Please request and accept roommate(s) by July 10, 2016.

You are not required to request or accept a roommate to receive housing, but you are HIGHLY encouraged to do so. All spaces on campus will be filled, so if you do not select a roommate, a roommate will be assigned to a room with you. Students who have one or more accepted roommate(s) will have the ability to select their own room. Students who do not have an accepted roommate will be paired with one or more roommates based on your Housing Application responses and assigned to a room by Residence Life staff.

Please communicate with all potential roommates to ensure the best roommate match and the smoothest process possible.

You will receive a timeslot via your BC email which is when you are able to go back into myHousing and select a room. This selection timeslot will be based on when your Housing Application was completed, so please complete the Housing Application as early as possible. Only one person from the roommate pairing or grouping will need to select the room. Again, it is important to discuss with your roommate where both of you would like to live.

If you have not selected a roommate(s), Residence Life will assign you a roommate based on your housing preferences and will assign you to a room. You will be informed when the room selection process will occur at a later date.

May I come to campus earlier than the regular check-in day?

The College will be prepared for you to arrive on the day of new student arrival, August 26 for freshmen and August 27 for transfer students. Only students who are participating in pre-approved athletics or extracurricular activities may arrive early. You will receive this information from your coach or advisor.

Is security provided?

Each residence hall is locked 24/7 and is only accessible with a valid Bridgewater College identification card. Students can access their residence hall by using their ID card at the designated key card doors. The Bridgewater College campus police and safety department is a recognized police agency by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The Chief and Sergeant have full law enforcement authority on campus and can investigate crime, make arrests and enforce all laws. The campus is patrolled seven days a week, 24 hours a day, by campus safety officers. Their responsibility is the security of the campus and the protection of the campus community and Bridgewater College assets.

What are the cleaning procedures?

Students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and suite bathrooms (if applicable). Students are re-
What kind of computer access is in each room?
Wireless Internet is available throughout each residence hall. If you have additional questions, please contact the IT center via email at help@bridgewater.edu or by phone at (540) 828-HELP (4357).

May I have guests visit me in my room?
Yes, residents may host student or non-student guests in their campus housing with the expressed permission of their roommate(s).

The following visitation hours apply (for opposite-gendered guests) when either one or more of the room occupants are freshmen:
Sunday-Thursday: 8 a.m.- midnight
Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m.- 2 a.m.

A freshman resident of a room may have (with roommate’s permission) a same-gendered overnight guest in campus housing no more than two consecutive nights, and may not have any guests overnight for more than a total of four nights per month. Overnight is defined as between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Upperclassman visitation is defined as 24/7 visitation hours for on-campus housing where both /all roommates are defined as upperclassmen. A resident of an upperclassmen room may have (with roommate’s permission) an overnight guest (regardless of gender) in campus housing no more than two consecutive nights, and may not have any guests overnight for more than a total of four nights per month. Overnight is defined as between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

May I smoke in the residence halls?
All Bridgewater College buildings are tobacco-free. College policy dictates no smoking within 25 feet of any building on campus.

May I bring my car to campus?
All students are permitted to have cars on campus as long as the vehicle is properly registered with Campus Police. A registration fee is required to park on campus. Car registration information will be sent to you prior to your fall arrival on campus. You will receive your decal when you check into your residence hall in the fall as long as you have completed the registration process. Students must park in College parking lots designated for students and not along town streets.

May I bring a loft to campus? Where can I get one?
Yes, students may bring and use lofts. See “Guidelines for Lofts” on page 8 for specific instructions. Lofts can be purchased from retail stores or online.

Do I need to have personal property insurance?
Bridgewater College is a safe and caring environment, but, like your home, it still requires proactive planning to protect personal belongings. We strongly advise students to have personal property insurance for their belongings, especially with expensive electronic equipment and other personal items. The majority of students can obtain coverage under their parents’ homeowner’s policy, but all residents should consult an insurance agent to determine their eligibility, or whether a separate renter’s policy is necessary. The College carries no insurance on student property and accepts no responsibility or liability for its security or damage.

If I still have more questions, whom should I contact?
If you have additional questions, please contact the residence life office at reslife@bridgewater.edu.
Guide for Non-Resident Students

ALL FULL-TIME STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO LIVE IN COLLEGE HOUSING EXCEPT:

- Students living at home with their parents or legal guardians if the parents/guardians’ principal residence is in one of the following counties: Augusta, Highland, Page, Rockingham or Shenandoah
- Transfer students who have earned a minimum of 12 post-secondary college credits at the time of matriculation. Students who have dual-enrolled credits are not considered transfer students.
- Students who are married or are a custodial parent
- Students 23 years of age or older
- Current or former members of the armed forces
- Part-time students (taking fewer than 12 credit hours per semester)
- Students who are fifth year seniors (defined as having completed 8 semesters of college work)

Although commuters do not live on campus, they are an important part of campus life. We are committed to providing the services you need to be a successful student at Bridgewater College. If you have questions, please email studentlife@bridgewater.edu and put “commuter” in the subject line or call 540-828-5380.

Examples of these services are:
- Network access from home
- Wireless access available in various campus buildings
- Commuter lounge with kitchenette, comfortable furniture and room to study
- On-campus parking

DID YOU PLAN TO COMMUTE BUT WISH TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

If you intended to be a commuter and change your mind at any point, you will need to contact residence life. If space is available, we will ask you to complete the online housing selection process. You will need to contact financial aid and the business office, as living on-campus will affect your financial information.

If you receive housing information stating that you are living on campus and you are not, this means we have the incorrect information regarding your status. As this affects your account, please contact the department of student life immediately in order that we correct this information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SENATE:

Although Bridgewater College is primarily a residential campus, it is also a campus that extends its academic and social community into the greater Shenandoah Valley area. With a population of more than 1,800 students, almost one-fifth of that number is commuters. This makes the commuting student a vital and important citizen in our campus community. The commuter is represented in a number of ways on our campus. First, they have two seats on the Bridgewater College Student Senate. These seats are set aside for any commuter who wishes to run for Senate office. Student Senate is the major forum for addressing student concerns on campus. Second, commuters are equipped with their own student group—the BC Commuters. This organization serves to facilitate and conduct activities— on-or off-campus—in the interest of commuters, and membership is open to all commuting students. By the use of either one of these student venues, commuters can bring their concerns to Student Senate.
Non-Resident Students – Frequently Asked Questions

As a commuter, do I have to attend Welcome Week?
Yes! There is a lot more to life at Bridgewater than just attending classes! You will receive a great deal of information and be well on your way to making new friends, learning your way around campus and taking advantage of resources available to you.

As a commuter, may I use the cafeteria and other on-campus dining facilities that the resident students use?
Absolutely! Go to the finance office to sign up for the meal plan that suits you best.

Do I have to pay to park?
Yes. There is a fee for parking. Commuters pay the registration fee and receive a commuter parking decal for their vehicle, which is the same as our residential students.

What’s the best way to get involved with campus activities and how do I get plugged in?
First, read The Eagle Student Handbook. It contains a lot of information about campus organizations (including the BC Commuters), clubs and societies. Second, watch your MyBC! Eagle Productions—a staff and student volunteer-run organization—books weekend entertainment, films, games, parties, dances and many other events. We can’t emphasize enough the importance of using MyBC, the campus portal, and checking your email daily. Also, join the BC Commuters, a club specifically designed for commuting students. Join the group on Facebook.

Are commuters represented on campus?
Absolutely! See the note from Bridgewater College’s Student Senate on page 13—and get involved!

Where is the Commuter Lounge?
The Commuter Lounge is located on the ground floor of the Kline Campus Center near the Post Office. The Commuter Lounge has a refrigerator, microwave, couches, computers and a flat screen television for you to enjoy in between classes.
Dining at BC

Residential students have unlimited access to the main dining hall from 7 a.m. until midnight each day. Come as often as you want. Stay as long as you like.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is “unlimited access”?
All resident students have unlimited access to the Kline Campus Center. This means that you can visit the Kline Campus Center as many times as you would like each and every day. There are no limitations to the number of meals you can have per semester.

Can I take a guest with me into the Kline Campus Center?
Absolutely. You can take a guest by paying cash, using the guest passes included with your plan, or by purchasing Dining Dollars.

How can I find out what’s on the menu?
Digital menu boards are outside the dining hall to let you know about the daily choices.

What are Dining Dollars?
Dining Dollars are used to make purchases in the Crimson Café or to buy a guest a meal in the Kline Campus Center. At the end of each year, unused Dining Dollars are forfeited. Dining Dollars can be purchased at any time throughout the year.

What is the “Take 5” program?
As a convenient alternative to the Kline Campus Center dining hall at breakfast or lunch, residential students are welcome to visit our “Take 5” station in the Crimson Café and select five items from that area to be used as an exchange for their meal in the dining hall.

What if I have special dietary restrictions or a food allergy?
The dining services staff is specially trained to provide a variety of options for every diet, including lactose-intolerant, gluten-free and vegetarian. Both vegan and vegetarian options are offered at every meal in the Kline Campus Center dining hall and at the Crimson Café.

Are there special events during the semester?
Yes, there are special offerings and themed meals every month.

Can I purchase less than the full meal plan option?
No. All residential students have the same full meal plan.

HOOURS OF OPERATION

Kline Campus Center Dining Hall
Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m. to midnight

Crimson Café
Weekdays: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.