

Frequently Asked Questions About Housing – For New Undergraduate Students

- **What are my housing options?**
 - ✓ Freshman – Florence West, Sawhill Hall, and Hodge Hall. You will be able to choose your building when you click on the link in an email that you will receive AFTER your orientation day. The email will provide you with a link to the online housing site and instructions on how to complete an online housing questionnaire.
 - ✓ Transfer Students – You can request housing in any of our residence halls (including freshman buildings) but please note that apartments and townhouses are typically not available as returning students select housing in April 2021. You will receive an email following your orientation day with more information (see “Freshman” above).
- **How do I apply for housing?**
 - ✓ Check your Thiel email (you must activate it first!) AFTER you attend a registration day. All instructions and housing information will be sent to your Thiel email.
- **Do I need to submit a housing deposit?**
 - ✓ NO, all new students pay a registration/tuition deposit....your housing deposit is included in that cost. No need to send an additional check!
- **Is living on campus mandatory?**
 - ✓ YES, Thiel College requires that all students live in college housing and participate in a meal plan throughout their enrollment at the College, excluding summer sessions. Exemptions to this requirement include:
 - Commuting to school from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) home address, determined by zip code, within a radius of 35 miles from Thiel campus.
 - Veterans with one or more years of active service
 - Age 23 and older
 - Married
 - Single Parents
 - Have previously lived on campus for 8 semesters, excluding summer sessions
 - Can demonstrate other acceptable extenuating circumstances (in writing and submitted to the Vice President of Student Life at least 2 weeks prior to the semester for which the request is made.)
- **Are residence halls supervised?**
 - ✓ YES, all buildings are staffed with Residence Life Staff Members: RD's (Resident Directors) and RA's (Resident Assistants) will greet students on move-in day and reside in the buildings. Our Public Safety police officers are also available 24/7.
- **What does my room come furnished with?**
 - ✓ All dorm rooms are slightly different but all are approximately 11x12 or 9x14 in size.
 - ✓ All rooms have two beds with twin XL mattresses, two dressers, two desks, two chairs, and two closets or wardrobes.
 - ✓ All beds are Twin Extra Long: be sure to purchase bedsheets accordingly. For your convenience Thiel partners with a linen company called RHL and orders can be placed here <http://www.rhl.org/thi>
- **What items should I bring (or not bring)?**
 - ✓ A full list of items can be found at http://www.thiel.edu/campus_life/residence-life
- **Should I bring a carpet for my dorm room?**
 - ✓ We recommend that you do NOT purchase a carpet/area rug until students arrange their rooms. Beds can be lofted and/or bunked which will determine the floor space.



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- **Does my room come with an AC unit?**
 - ✓ Our residence halls do not have central air. Air-conditioned rooms are limited and only assigned to students with a documented medical need for AC. If you need AC, **you must submit a Medical Request for Air Conditioning completed by your physician and submitted to the Student Life Office by July 1, 2021, for returning students** and by **August 23, 2021, for new students** (available on the Thiel website under Campus Life > Residence Life and Housing). Also, please request AC on the online housing application as early as possible. However, if you choose an AC room and do not submit the required documentation by the due date, **a \$300 fine will be added to your account**. Units will not be removed during cooler weather and must not be operated when it is below 50 degrees outside. Students without a medical need may request an AC room, but it will be subject to availability and they will be charged \$300 for the year.
- **May I request to live with someone I know?**
 - ✓ YES, there will be a space on the online application to identify a roommate. Please note that BOTH students need to request each other in order to be placed together. Coaches and staff members may make suggestions, but due to NCAA rules and regulations, students must make the specific request for themselves on their online housing application. Make sure that you and the student you want to live with discuss sleep habits, study habits, room cleanliness, sharing items, etc., to ensure you are compatible. If you do not request someone, you will be matched based on the answers on your online housing application.
- **May I reserve a private room?**
 - ✓ Private rooms are limited and are assigned based on medical/disability needs first. Students requiring a private room should contact the Office of Disability Services (Jodie Witherite) at 724-589-2053 and start the process by completing an online self-disclosure form at https://www.thiel.edu/campus_life/campus-resources/disability-services. For full consideration, please submit medical documentation for housing accommodations by June 30. Private rooms requested for non-medical reasons have a significant upcharge and requests are subject to financial approval by the Student Accounts Office (724-589-2810) and space availability. Determinations on space availability are made at the end of July.
- **When will I get my housing information/roommate assignment?**
 - ✓ All housing information will go to your Thiel email account by the end of July at the latest. Changes may be requested for one week after the email is sent. After that, changes cannot be made until after the first 10 days of classes.
- **When do I move in?**
 - ✓ Move-In day information will arrive with your housing and orientation information. Continue to check your Thiel email throughout the summer for updates!