Accepted Students Day
Virtual Brochure

First Year Housing Options  The Residential Experience

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WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Living on campus has social & academic benefits:

1. Higher quality social interactions than commuters
   Easier to meet new people & create friendships

2. Easier access to campus events & programs
   Get involved with student organizations for outside classroom experience

3. On campus seniors were more engaged with advisors & faculty than off-campus peers.

4. High quality interactions between students & peers or students & faculty

BETTER Academic engagement & success

Easily form study groups to support academic success & peer socialization
Lakeside

The Lakeside complex, consisting of ABE (Allen, Brewster, Ely), Norsworthy, and Centennial Halls, is situated along the campus loop with a view of Lake Sylva.

These halls are the nearest to the Library and Atrium at Eickhoff.

Learn more on pages 6-8.

Cromwell

Cromwell offers suite-style living to first year residents. A specialty of this residence hall is that each suite shares a bathroom.

This hall is also home to Umoja, the Multicultural Housing Community.

Learn more on page 9.

Towers

Travers and Wolfe Halls are two interconnected, ten story halls that offer a dining facility and aerobics center.

With one of the most popular communal spaces, residents are at the hub of various programs and events.

Learn more on page 10.
Accepted Students Day:
Campus tours of all first year residence halls available!

Miss a tour?
Virtual tours of first year residence halls available on individual building profiles.
This residence offers standard **double** and **single rooms** with a **communal bathroom**, accommodating around 150 students. Built in 1931, it features three lounges, one of which includes a baby grand piano and pool table.

Each room boasts a unique layout and the residence is conveniently located near the Library and Eickhoff Atrium.
This residence offers standard **double** and **single rooms** with **communal bathrooms**, accommodating 214 students. Built in 1955 and renovated in 2012, it features three lounges: a study lounge, social lounge, and game room equipped with a pool table, piano, and air-conditioning.

Known for its spacious rooms, it is conveniently located near the Library and School of Education.
This residence offers standard **double** and **single rooms** with a **communal bathroom**, accommodating 166 students. Originally built in 1932 and renovated in 2014-2015, it features a main lounge (with air-conditioning) and game room equipped with a kitchen and ping pong table.

Each room features a distinct layout, and the residence enjoys a convenient proximity to the Library and the Atrium at Eickhoff.
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Each room features a distinct layout, and the residents enjoy a convenient proximity to the Library and the Atrium at Eickhoff.
This residence offers standard doubles and single rooms, all featuring communal bathrooms. Built in 1971, each tower can house up to 500 students, fostering a vibrant community atmosphere.

There’s a main lounge boasting floor-to-ceiling windows and air-conditioning, lounges on every floor, and laundry rooms conveniently located every other floor.

The ground floor hosts late-night, a/c dining at T-Dubbs.
At the College, we follow a cohort-based model for housing. Students are classified into cohorts, with each cohort living within certain residence halls.

**Sophomore:**
First time, first year students who entered the College in Fall 2023 or Spring 2024, or transfer students who have fewer than 16 units by the close of the Spring 2023 semester.

**Upperclassmen:**
- First time, first year students who entered the College before Fall 2023.
- Transfer students who have 16 units or more by the close of the Spring 2023 semester.
- Transfer students entering the College with an Associate’s Degree.

Housing for transfers is processed on a rolling basis; interested students are encouraged to apply for housing once their TCNJ credentials are live. When students are able to access TCNJ systems with their login, they can apply with these steps:

1. Log into **MyHousing** with your TCNJ email.
2. Click on the application for the upcoming academic year.
3. Fill out the personal profile, emergency contacts and additional information pages.

For any questions regarding your application, email **housing@tcnj.edu**.
HOUSING AMENITIES

In your room

- Twin XL bed
- Dresser
- Wardrobe (or closet)
- Desk
- Chair
- Vending machines
- Wi-Fi

In your hall

- Lounges
- Free laundry facilities
- Wi-Fi
1. First years and sophomores are guaranteed housing as long as they apply by the deadline.

2. Our office has been able to house all transfer and upperclassmen students who requested housing.

3. **Dates for New Students**
   - **June 1**: Deposit deadline
   - **June 5**: Applications live for 2024-2025!
   - **June 19**: Applications close
   - **June 27-July 7**:
     - First year students will be allotted timeslots to select into their own rooms. They will have the ability to create roommate groups, if so desired.
   - **July 24-August 21**: Drop & Go appointments are live on MyHousing.
   - **August 16-21**: Drop & Go
   - **August 22**: New student move in for Welcome Week.

4. For a general idea of what is and is not permitted in the residence halls, please refer to the [Guide to Residence Living](#).
5 Room Rates

Rates are determined by the Board of Trustees in July 2024, finalized room and meal plan dates will be available then.

Starting Fall 2024:
- Doubles will have a discounted rate and single occupancy rooms will be more expensive. This will allow students agency around financial planning.
  - *We anticipate a $500 per semester rate difference between singles and doubles.*

6 Meal Plans

All residential students are required to have a meal plan. They are eligible to select from a Meals per Week plan.

Components of a Meals per Week plan:
- **Weekly** swipes into the Atrium at Eickhoff (10, 15, 19)
- **Semester** deposit of flex points to other eateries on-campus
  - Meal plans with more swipes are balanced with less points.
  - *Points can be used at the Atrium, Student Center, Traditions, Fresh Pride, C Store, Ed Cafe, STEM Cafe, Lib Cafe, and T-Dubbs.*
- **Weekly** meal equiv swipes
- 2 guest swipes

All plans come with a minimum of $100 in Campus Town dollars that can be used at participating locations.
Residential Education and Housing works in conjunction with the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) to accommodate students with documented disabilities.

**Do I need accommodations?**
Accommodations may be needed across multiple college functional areas: academic, classroom, housing, parking, dining, etc.

With limited single rooms and air-conditioned spaces for first year students, we encourage students with a medical need to affiliate with ARC. For more information regarding their services, you can refer here.

**Dates for New Students**

- **June 1**: New incoming first year students can begin registering through ARC after June 1, 2024.
- **June 21**: Deadline for students affiliating with ARC for housing accommodations.
- **June 24-26**: Staff process ARC Housing Accommodations request and send notification to students.
SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING

Residential Education and Housing provides various living communities that students can choose to be a part of. Each community has a separate application process, in addition to the Housing Application students complete.

Gender Inclusive Housing
GIH is an accommodating and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of gender identity/expression.

Students will be housed in double rooms (with students of any gender identity or assigned sex) and will have access to gender neutral communal bathrooms.

Learn more about GIH here.

Umoja
Umoja (Swahili for ‘Unity’) provides an intentional space for first year students to around the experience of being Black Indigenous Persons of Color at a predominantly white institution.

This is an opportunity to explore values and share knowledge and experiences.

Learn more about Umoja (Multicultural Housing Community) here.

Lion’s House
Lion’s House is a substance-free residential program for TCNJ students who identify with, and are committed to, recovery. Students that participate in the Lion’s House program have the opportunity to live with other students in recovery within TCNJ’s Substance Free Residence Hall.

Learn more about Recovery Housing: Lion’s House here.
WHAT IS ON-CAMPUS LIFE LIKE?

Educational Priority

The Department of Residential Education and Housing develops engaged scholars and fosters caring communities by focusing on cultural competence, responsible citizenship, identity, and the development of wellness practices.

Res Ed Curriculum Goals

Wellness

Responsible Citizenship

Cultural Competence

Identity Development

https://housing.tcnj.edu/
STAYING HOME WITH US

Students are able to complete a wellness plan.

CAs provide support through
- resource referrals
- connecting peers with similar goals
- community events

70+ events
In the residence halls. Events that help students connect & feel like TCNJ is their home away from home.

CAs have formal individual conversations with each resident, multiple times a year.

Intentionality with goal setting and resource allocation.

CAs host floor meetings for relevant resident resources & information.
OUR GOAL

To build strong communities and help students develop skills that help them live effectively in communities. Resources and processes help students manage conflict, a natural part of living in a community.
WHO’S IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

CAs
Community Advisors

CAs are undergraduate student employees with more than 100 hours of training in topics like:
- community development
- cross-cultural competence
- listening skills
- campus resource referral
- conflict management
- crisis response

Each floor has 1-2 CAs.

OLs
Orientation Leaders

OLs do not live on the floor, but partner with the CAs to help create community and develop a welcoming experience for first year students.

- They can’t wait to meet you through the summer and during Welcome Week!

25:1 New student to CA ratio

25:1 New student to OL ratio
RDs are **full-time, live-in, professional staff members**, many with master’s degrees in College Student Development or similar academic areas.

RDs maintain different responsibilities throughout the residence hall or complex:

- Oversee day to day management of their area
- Supervise the student staff
- Create educational programming that compliments students’ co-curricular development and provides an *out-of-classroom* educational experience and environment.
- Provide after hours crisis support through a duty rotation

There is **1 RD** for each building or complex.
24-hour swipe access to residence halls via TCNJ ID, only given to students who live and staff who work in the building.

Required guest sign in from 8:00pm-12:00am.

Robust duty staffing after hours

Each residence hall has a student staff member available after hours. In case of an after hours crisis, there is a professional or graduate staff member on site.

Blue Light & Emergency phones in residence halls and throughout campus.

Strong partnerships with Campus Police

AED Machines in all buildings

Over 100 live-in student staff across campus and, up to an additional, 100 hourly staff are trained on safety and security measures. We provide refresher training and practice opportunities throughout the year.
Sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, and fire alarms throughout the residence halls.

Fire drills twice a semester to ensure equipment works properly and residents know how to safely evacuate.

**NJ State Fire Code**

We follow all NJ State Fire Code, especially as it pertains to prohibited items in residence halls.
HELPING YOURSELF STAY SAFE

TCNJ employs quite a few strategies to ensure the safety and security of our residents and buildings, but the BEST safety is protective practices.

Safety requires a partnership with you, our students.

1. Lock your door
2. Don’t let people “tailgate” into the building
3. Make sure your guests know policies that protect our community
4. Report suspicious activity

Know and comply with our policies. They are there to protect our community and to create a space that is both safe and enables students to be successful academically and socially.

All colleges & universities are required to provide campus crime statistics and detail safety practices. You can find TCNJ’s report here.
More than 95% of first year students have never shared a room before.

Living with a friend or acquaintance works for some, but is not always the solution.

Regardless of whom you live with, you may come across conflict. Learning how to navigate this conflict will help you navigate future relationships, challenges, and other conflicts in life.

When considering roommates, think about your...

- Expectations related to guests (for you & your roommate)
- Sleeping & studying needs
- Approach to addressing potential problems
- College class schedule
- Communication style
Within the first couple weeks of moving in, residents will receive access to a Shared Living Agreement. This is a two part process:

- **Personal reflection**
- **Conversation with your roommate, developing the document together, and signing it**

In case of conflict with your roommate, our CAs and RDs advise students to communicate and renegotiate the Shared Living Agreement. We are ready to help either as a coach or mediator during this process.

During each semester, students can request room changes through the MyHousing Portal. If they encounter issues outside of the designated timeline or face a lack of available rooms, they should consult their RD to explore alternative solutions.
8+ different meal plans to fit a variety of circumstances & needs

Dietary restrictions or allergies?

Click here on information regarding specific needs or to connect with the Dietician!

DINING

10 on-campus dining locations

- Atrium at Eickhoff: main dining hall
- Lions Den: food court style
- Traditions: restaurant or to go
- 3 different cafes
- 1855: buffet-style restaurant
- Fresh Pride Cafe: smoothies, soup & salad to go
- Marketplace Convenience Store
RESOURCES
Click to learn more about different campus offices, programs, and protocols.

✦ Residential Education & Housing
  ○ Umoja
  ○ Gender Inclusive Housing
  ○ Lion’s House

✦ Clery / Campus Crime

✦ Student Transitions

✦ TCNJ Dining

✦ Join the Pride: you’ve been accepted...now what?

✦ Follow us on Instagram
Stay Home With Us