

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are my housing options/costs?

Student housing for 2015-2016 falls into **four categories**—**residence halls, theme housing** (Greek Life, clubs, and organizations), **apartments, and townhouses**. All residence halls are co-ed by floor. Apartments and townhouses are co-ed by building not by rooms within an apartment.

Freshman: Florence West, Hodge, and Sawhill Halls will be available to new freshman students only.

Upperclassmen: Davis Square Apts, College Ave. Apts, and Townhouses, as well as Bane Hall, Stewart Hall and Harter Hall are available for Fall 2015. Theme Houses are available by application only (Due 3/18/15).

Costs of housing can be found on the Residence Life section of the Thiel website

2) How do I apply for housing?

Speak with your admissions representative to ensure that you have completed all paperwork necessary to apply for housing. We will be using an online software program called “**Simple Campus Housing**”. Much of your housing process will be done online and notifications will be sent via your Thiel Email address **AFTER** you attend a registration day.

3) 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 can be found in the Student Handbook: www.thiel.edu/campus_life/parents-and-families

4) What does my dorm room come furnished with?

All Dorm rooms are slightly different.

All students receive a bed, mattress, dresser, desk, desk chair, and closet/wardrobe space.

A more detailed description of each room can be found on the Residence Life section of the Thiel Website.

5) What items should I bring (or not bring) to my dorm room?

A full list of “What to Bring” can be found on the Residence Life section of the Thiel Website.

6) When will I get my housing Information/roommate assignment?

The Residence Life Staff and Housing Office will send you your housing information **via your Thiel EMAIL account** (you must be a registered student to receive your email account and log-in information). We do our best to get you this information as quickly as possible. **Students that attend Admissions Registration Days first, get first priority on their building preferences (based on capacity)** and will also receive their housing information first. Our goal is that all students receive their housing assignment by mid-July. Once students receive their assignment, they will not be permitted to make any changes until after the first two weeks of the semester. We feel that this gives them ample time to get to know their roommate and other students on campus.

7) Can I request to live with someone I know?

Yes! However, please keep a few things in mind. **BOTH** you and the other student need to request each other when completing online housing forms. Thiel College will not house you with a requested student unless they also request you back.

Coaches/Staff members may make suggestions to you on who to request...but coaches/staff themselves are not permitted to place you with another athlete/student. Follow the above step to ensure your request is submitted.

Make sure that you and the student you are requesting to live with have similar living habits, study habits, sleep habits, etc. These are all things you should discuss before deciding to be roommates.

If you do not request someone, the housing office will be happy to pair you with someone with similar characteristics and living habits.

8) Does my room come with an Air Conditioner or Central Air?

No, unfortunately our buildings are not equipped with central air. Air conditioned rooms are only assigned to students who produce a medical note stating that there is a medical need for an Air Conditioner (AC rooms are limited). **Even with a medical excuse** AC units cost \$275 for the 2015-2016 year. Be sure to request your medical AC unit when you complete your online housing questionnaire on Simple Campus Housing.

9) Can I reserve a private room?

Private rooms are **VERY limited** and are assigned on a Medical need basis (first come-first serve). Students requesting private rooms for medical needs should contact the Office of Disability Services (Tami Micsky at 724-589-2063 and complete an Accommodated Housing packet.

10) When do I move in?

Move-In day information will arrive with your housing information and also with your orientation information. Continue to check your Thiel email for updates!

11) Should I bring a carpet for my dorm room floor?

We recommend that you do NOT purchase a carpet/area rug until after the students move in (if you prefer to do so). All rooms can be arranged differently depending on the student's tastes. Most beds can be lofted or bunked which may change the amount of floor space.

12) Are my buildings supervised?

Yes, all buildings are staffed with Residence Life staff members who include Resident Directors (RD's) and Resident Advisors (RA's). Students will meet these staff members on move-in day. Some buildings also have House Managers. Our public safety officers are also available 24-7.

Residence Life Staff hold several programming events/activities for each floor, wing, and building. Students are encouraged to attend these events!



Residence Life and Housing FAQ's

For more information on
Housing
(rules, regulations, and procedures)
please visit:

[www.thiel.edu/campus_life/
residence-life](http://www.thiel.edu/campus_life/residence-life)