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New Student Guide to Living on Campus





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If you have any questions that are not answered in this booklet, check out our website at www.oswego.edu/reslife

Feel free to call Residence Life and Housing at (315) 312-2246, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Questions can also be emailed to reslife@oswego.edu.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Our Mission

Residence Life and Housing provides secure, welcoming and engaging living environments that encourage and support the academic and personal success of residential students.



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**CAMPUS
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Welcome to life on campus...

Congratulations!

We are so glad you have chosen to make SUNY Oswego's Residence Life and Housing your home away from home. We look forward to having you join our on-campus residential community.

Residence hall living creates an opportunity for students to feel a sense of belonging in a comfortable, educational, diverse, and caring community. Our Student Learning and Success Programming incorporates over 400 programs that blend knowledge and experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

We encourage you to take advantage of our live-on experiences. Get involved, meet others in your hall, join hall government, get a job in the halls. We'll help you to make connections and create a sense of community.

We invite you to explore this guide and our website to learn more about living options on campus, what you can and cannot bring to campus, and employment opportunities.

We are ecstatic that you will be attending SUNY Oswego. We are anxiously awaiting your arrival to campus this fall.



Sincerely,

Shaun N. Crisler

Shaun N. Crisler,
Director for Residence Life and Housing

WHO LIVES ON CAMPUS?

The College believes that immersion in the educational environment is the preferred experience for new students. Therefore, all full-time undergraduate students who will need to establish an Oswego-area residence in order to attend the College are required to live on campus to the extent that facilities are available and utilized*.

Students generally exempted from this requirement are those who:

- will continue to reside with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s);
- will continue to reside in their official residence, which is separate from that of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and at which they had resided for at least three consecutive months prior to their acceptance of the admissions offer from the College;
- are married; or
- are twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 1 for fall admission or January 1 for spring admission.

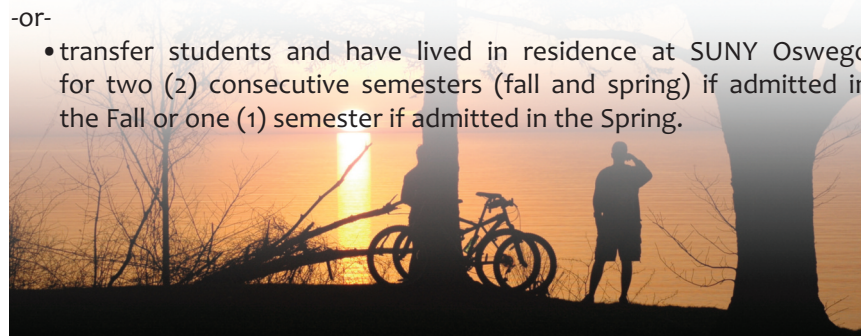
Students in these categories must submit a *Request for Exemption* form available on the Department's web site and at 303 Culkin Hall.

*Due to current facility availability, students who fulfill specific criteria will be considered as having fulfilled the Housing Requirement and would no longer be required to live in College Housing; these students are those who first enrolled at SUNY Oswego as:

- first year students and have lived in residence at SUNY Oswego for four (4) consecutive semesters (fall and spring) if admitted in the fall or three (3) semesters if admitted in the spring.

-or-

- transfer students and have lived in residence at SUNY Oswego for two (2) consecutive semesters (fall and spring) if admitted in the Fall or one (1) semester if admitted in the Spring.



ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

At this point, you should have logged into **myHousing.oswego.edu** to accept the terms of the Residence Life and Housing License and complete the New Student Housing Application including any roommate requests and preferences for specific residence halls. After the majority of new student room assignments are made (July), you can access the info at **myHousing**; you'll be able to see your actual room assignment and the name and email for your roommate! We encourage you to contact your roommate(s) to become acquainted and start planning what each of you will be bringing for your room. Although entering students (first year, transfer and readmitted) are given no guarantee of assignment to a specific building or room, every attempt is made to honor students' requests.



The Department of Residence Life and Housing will attempt to honor roommate requests when all students involved have requested each other (electronically or in writing) before any of the involved students have been assigned to a room.

The College will assign roommates for students who do not express roommate preferences. In general, entering students are assigned rooms in accordance with the date on which the College receives their housing intent. **The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation in these assignments.**

A note about room assignments:

If you have not received your room assignment by August 8th or have questions, please contact the Residence Life and Housing Office at reslife@oswego.edu or call (315) 312-2246, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



YOUR ROOM

Residence hall rooms are furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, desk chair, and closet for each resident. Room furnishings also include a floor lamp, wastebaskets, one mirror, and blinds. While this setup is standard, by the start of classes each room will begin to develop its own "look." Coordinating the furnishings and arrangements for your room is a good opportunity to become better acquainted with your new roommate(s). Some things you may want to discuss are:

- sharing belongings
- social and academic expectations and desires
- study and sleep habits
- who is bringing a TV (cable-ready), electronic equipment, etc.

Internet and WiFi

All residential communities are part of the SUNY Oswego Wireless Network. In addition, all resident rooms have ResNet, Oswego's Residential Network, which provides a dedicated wired connection to the campus network. One data connection is provided to each resident. If you have further questions, please contact the CTS Help Desk at help@oswego.edu.



What telephone service is available?

The College does not provide active phone lines in individual residence hall rooms. If you would like phone access in your room, contact the Campus Technology Services (CTS) Help Desk at help@oswego.edu. By default, this phone service provides on-campus service only. If you would like to place off-campus calls, you will also need to arrange for long distance services.

What television service is available on campus?

Each residence hall has at least one television lounge with cable service and a large-screen TV. Student (bed)rooms are also equipped with cable TV service, but students must provide their own TV and coaxial cable. SUNY Oswego recently upgraded the channel line-up received from our service provider, Spectrum. Most channels are high definition digital, and the service does not require a set-top box cable receiver; however, your

TV must be equipped with a QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation) tuner. Most TVs purchased after 2010 have QAM tuners but refer to your TV's specifications to be sure. The complete channel line-up and more information can be found at <https://www.oswego.edu/cts/cable-tv-setup>.

What should I bring?

• Clothing



Oswego weather can be unpredictable so pack for the seasons! Given that dresser and closet space are limited, consider bringing clothes that can be layered as the seasons change from summer to fall to winter. Over winter break you can plan to change your seasonal wardrobes.

Average monthly temperatures in Oswego are:

September.....mid 60°s	Marchmid 30°s
October.....low 50°s	Aprilmid 40°s
November.....low 40°s	Maymid 50°s
Decemberlow 30°s	Junemid 60°s
Januarymid 20°s	Julylow 70°s
February.....mid 20°s	August70°s

• Bed and bath linen

You will need to bring your own pillow, pillowcases, mattress pad, sheets, blankets, bedspread, towels and washcloths. All SUNY Oswego regular residence hall mattresses are 80 inches long, 6.5 inches deep and 36 inches wide; they require “extra long” twin sheets.

What else might I want to bring?

While shopping, please use the SUNY Oswego approved checklist found at: www.oswego.edu/reslife/what-bring

NOTE! Lists provided at stores may include items that are **prohibited** in our residence halls. The items below are a sample from our approved list:

- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Area rug
- ☐ Boot tray
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Clothes hangers
- ☐ Coffee maker/Keurig

list continued...

- ☐ Compact refrigerator*
- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Crates/storage bins
- ☐ Dishware/utensils
- ☐ Electronic equipment
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Hot pot or electric kettle with automatic shut-off
- ☐ Laundry supplies & iron
- ☐ Approved power strip (see below)
- ☐ Recreational equipment
- ☐ Stamps
- ☐ Towels (hand & shower)
- ☐ TV coaxial cable

*Compact refrigerators must not exceed 6 cubic feet and operate on no more than 2.0 amps. Residence Life & Housing has refrigerators for rent. Visit our website at:

www.oswego.edu/reslife/forms

What if I bring something that's prohibited?

The following items are prohibited. If found in the residence halls, they will be confiscated and disciplinary action may be taken.

- air conditioners
- candles/wax burners
- cinder blocks/bed risers
- extension cords
- hoverboards
- lamps: oil burning, halogen, lava, torchiere/tree-style, multi-head or “octopus-style,” & lamps with outlets
- incense
- microwave/micro-refrigerator
- toaster/toaster oven
- Flags, banners, tapestries
- other cooking appliances, such as: sandwich makers, grilling machines, hotplates, slow cookers, crock pots, rice cookers

Confiscated items will not be returned!



Please note!
The list of prohibited lamps above and examples are for reference only and are not intended to show every possible lamp that is prohibited.

How much electric/electronic equipment can one room handle?



Keep in mind that overloading of electrical circuits is a common cause of electrical fires. In order to ensure a safe environment, **the use of electrical extension cords is strictly PROHIBITED in residence halls and academic buildings on campus.** However, circuit-breaker-protected multi-outlet power strips that are UL or ETL-approved can be used. “Daisy chaining” (connecting one or more of these power strips to each other) is not permitted.

Should I insure my belongings? Yes, definitely!

The College assumes no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to personal property, even if that loss was caused by the failure of a College mechanical system such as a pipe bursting. We strongly encourage you to have insurance coverage before you begin residency. Typically, such coverage may be provided by extension of a homeowner’s policy, renter’s insurance or insurance specifically for college students. Many vendors offer low cost insurance specifically directed to the college environment. Two such vendors are: College Student Personal Property Insurance (www.nssi.com) and CSI (www.CollegeStudentInsurance.com).

What size is my bed?

The standard bed setup is 35 inches high and allows for 28 inches of storage space below the bed (see below). Mattresses are XL twin providing more room to be comfortable.

Students my bring additional storage totes or drawers to place under the bed or in the closet.



Photo courtesy of Camry Liddle

What size are the rooms?

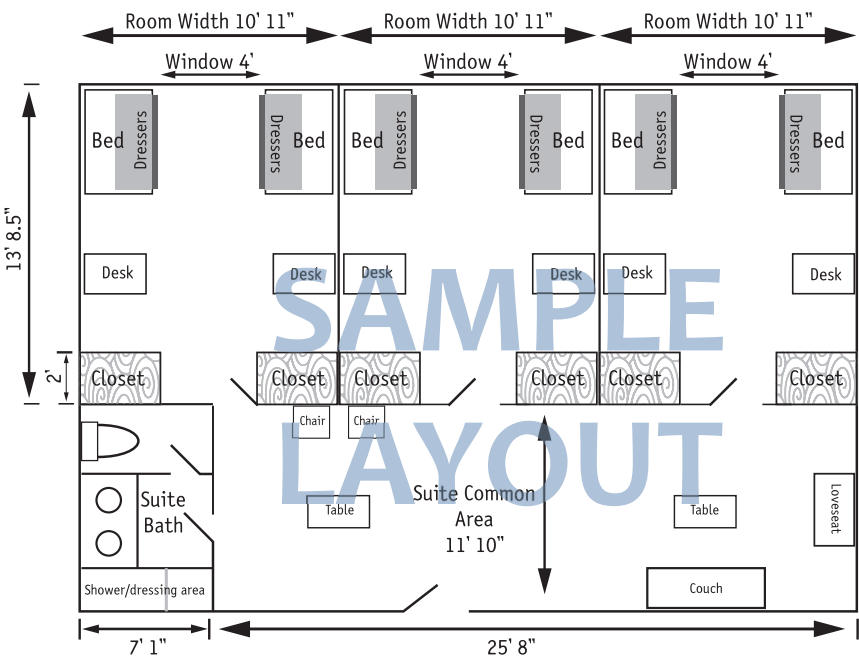
Although the actual dimensions of rooms vary from building to building, the average square footage is 185. In order to plan for the set up of your room, we have provided diagrams and measurements of rooms in each residence hall below.

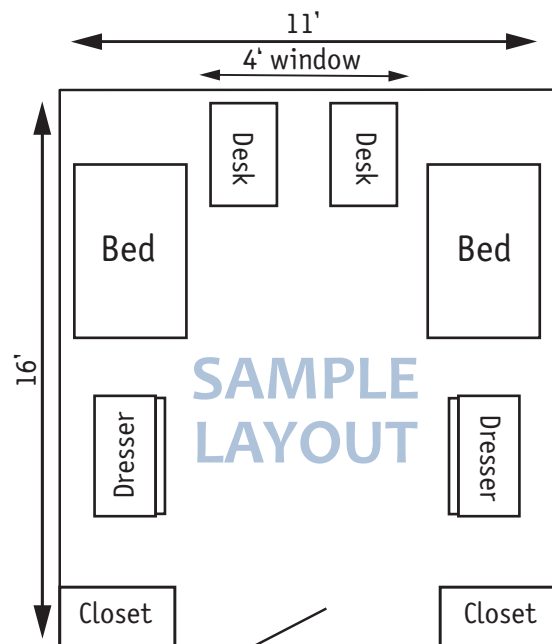
• West Campus Halls

Onondaga Hall*

- 600 Residents
- 10 Floors - Suites (Upper-class students only)
- Window Frame = 51.25" x 63.75" (1st floor)
- Window Frame = 51" x 58" (2nd through 10th floors)
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
 - width = 41"
 - depth = 21"

*Onondaga is our “suite style” residence hall. There are primarily 3-room suites and a few 2-room suites in the building. Suites are unique in that they have a private bathroom and common living area that only the suitemates share.

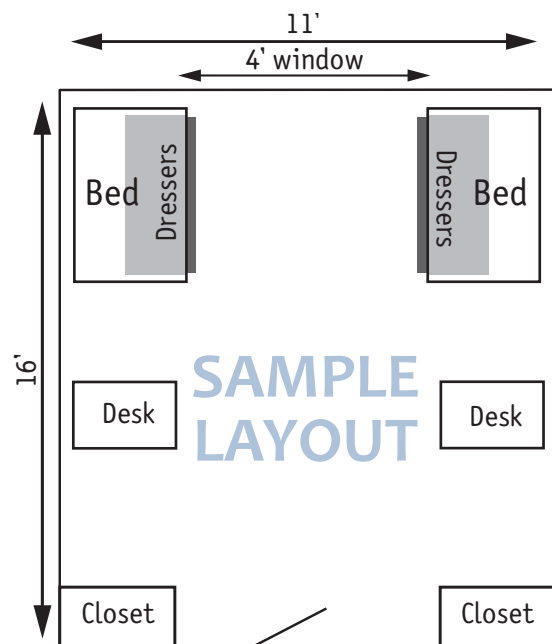




• West Campus Halls (continued)

Cayuga Hall

- 400-500 Residents
- 4 Floors
- Window Height = 64"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
width = 43"
depth = 23.5"

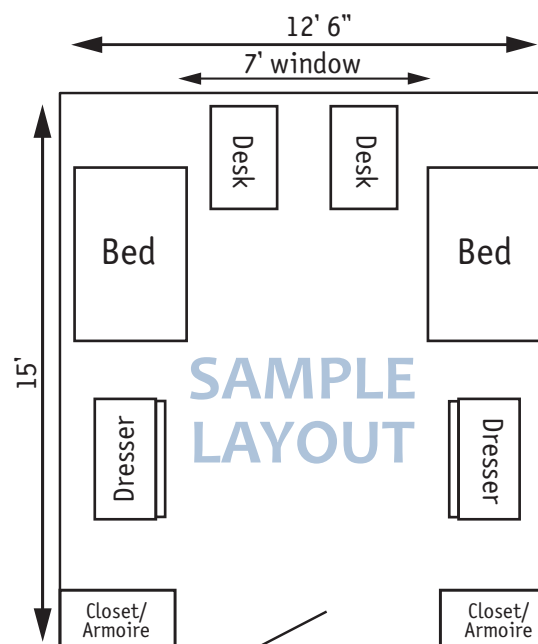


Oneida Hall

- 400-500 Residents
- 4 Floors
- Window Height = 56"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closet
width = 43"
depth = 23.5"

Seneca Hall

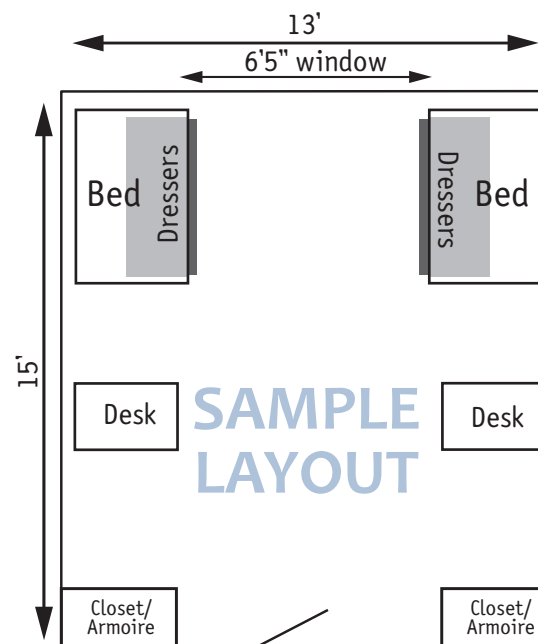
- 600 Residents
- 10 Floors
- Window Height = 64"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closet
width = 43"
depth = 23.5"



• Lakeside Halls

Johnson, Riggs, Scales and Waterbury Halls

- 200 Residents per hall
- 4 Floors
- Window Height = 53.5"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Armoire with mirror
width = 42-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84-86"



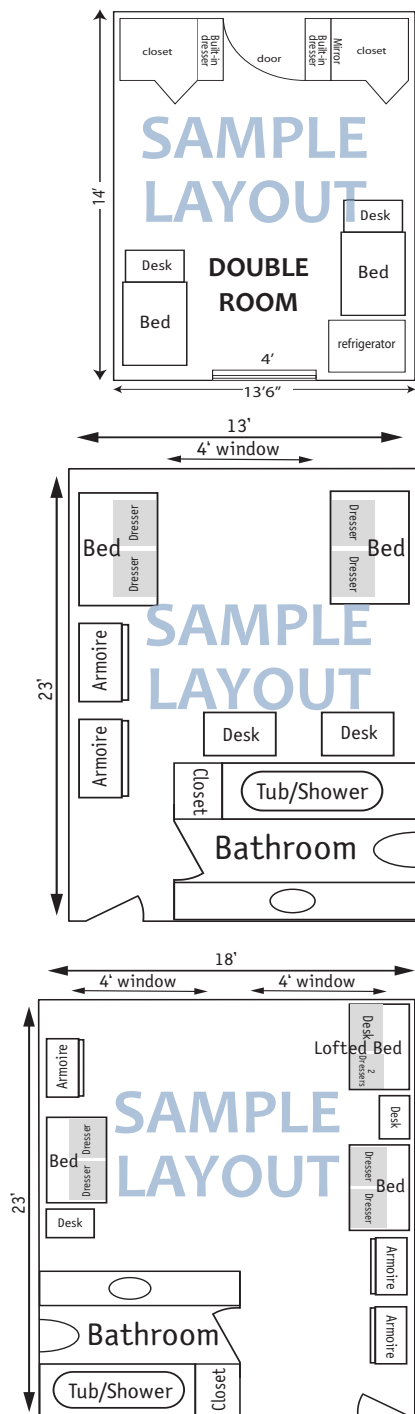
• Central Campus Halls

Hart Hall

- 336 Residents
- 9 Floors
- Window Height = 52.5"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84"

Funnelle Hall

- 400 Residents
- 9 Floors
- Window Height = 53"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
width = 52"
depth = 26"



• East Campus

Lonis Hall (single rooms for upper-class students only)
Moreland Hall

- 75-150 Residents per hall
- 3 Floors
- Window Height = 53.5"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
width = 34-36"
depth = 23-24"

Sheldon Hall (upper-class students only)

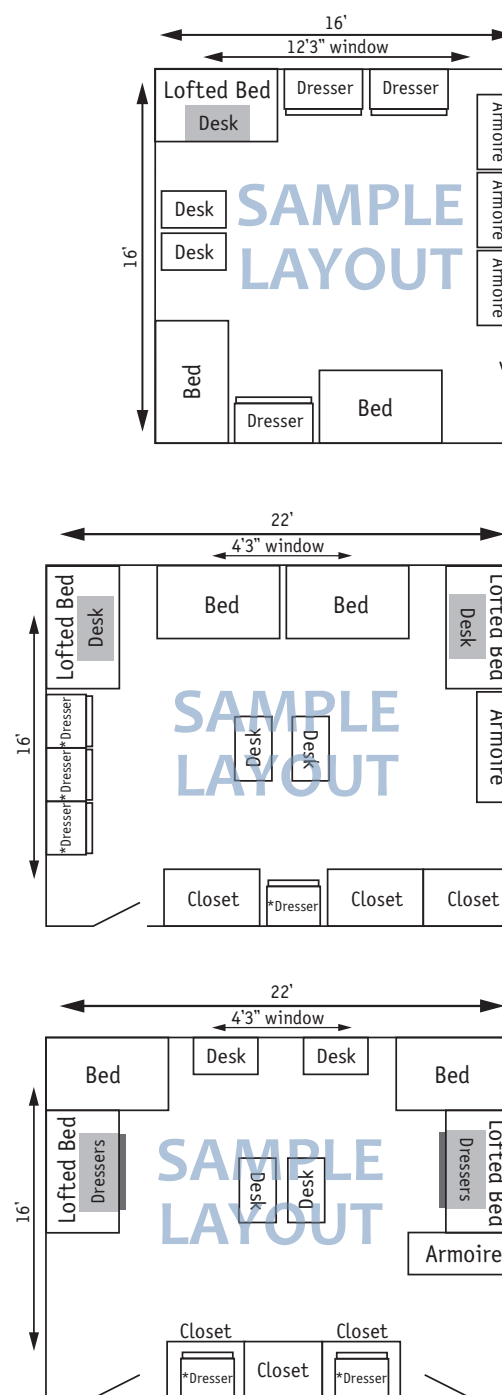
- 70 Residents
- 2nd and 3rd Floors of the east wing

Typical Double Room

- Ceiling Height = 12'
- Closet
width = 31"
depth = 30"
height = 93"
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84-86"

Typical Triple Room

- Ceiling Height = 12'
- Closet
width = 69"
depth = 2'
height = 93"
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84-86"



• Student Lounges as Bedrooms "S-rooms"

Cayuga Hall Lounge

- 3 Residents each
- Window Height = 42.5"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84"

Oneida Hall Lounge

- 4 Residents each
- Window Height = 56"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
width = 3'-4'
depth = 2'
height = 88"
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84"

Seneca Hall Lounge

- 4 Residents each
- Window Height = 58.5"
- Ceiling Height = 8'
- Closets
width = 44"
depth = 2'
height = 94"
- Armoire with mirror
width = 44-48"
depth = 2'
height = 84"

SERVICES

Front Desk

Each residence hall has a front desk, typically located in the main lobby. The desk is open Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 12 noon to 10:00 p.m. Students are employed as Desk Attendants to provide information and services, such as the following: processing mail and packages; providing residents with temporary keys if they are locked out of their rooms; loaning of board games, sports equipment (i.e., pool cues, ping pong paddles), cooking supplies, vacuum cleaners, snow shovels, brooms, and dustpans.

All halls have DVD players and DVDs available for loan; some halls also have current video game systems available at the front desk. Each hall also has a microwave oven for resident use.

Mail

Each resident is assigned a mailbox located near the front desk of each residence hall. Mail is received and sorted at the front desk Monday through Friday. Mail delivery will work most efficiently if mail is addressed as indicated below.

Return Address

Student Name (last name is very important!)

_____ Hall, Mail Box (or Room*) # _____

Street Address (see next page)

Oswego, NY 13126

In most halls, each student has their own mailbox; in these halls (Cayuga, Hart, Johnson, Lonis, Moreland, Riggs, Scales, Sheldon, Waterbury and The Village), the mailbox number is different from the room number. To send mail to students in these halls, be sure to include the student's mailbox number in the address.

*In Funnelle, Oneida, Onondaga and Seneca Halls, roommates share a mailbox; in these halls, the mailbox numbers are the same as the room numbers. To send mail to students in these halls, please include the student's room number in the address.

Please note that the College cannot be responsible for cash or valuables sent through the mail.

Residence Hall Street Addresses

The current 911 street addresses for each of the residence halls on campus is as follows:

- Cayuga Hall20 Cayuga Circle
- Funnelle Hall25 Union Road
- Hart Hall15 Union Road
- Johnson Hall20 Rudolph Road
- Mackin Complex
(Lonis Hall and Moreland Hall)53 Sheldon Avenue
- Oneida Hall10 Onondaga Circle
- Onondaga Hall20 Onondaga Circle
- Riggs Hall28 Rudolph Road
- Scales Hall34 Rudolph Road
- Seneca Hall47 Cayuga Circle
- Sheldon Hall72 Sheldon Avenue
- Waterbury Hall30 Rudolph Road
- The Village A-F90 Iriquois Trail
- The Village G-L80 Iriquois Trail

Packages

Packages sent to residents are received at the front desk of each residence hall. If a package comes for you, you'll receive an email instructing you to pick up your package at the desk. Shipping via US Postal Service is available at the Oswego Post Office.

Laundry

Each residence hall is equipped with laundry facilities. Cost for use is pre-paid as a fee on the student's College bill.

Storage

Luggage rooms are available in some residence halls to provide limited storage space for small items such as empty trunks and suitcases. Plan to put any items of value in your room where they will be most secure. Fire regulations prohibit storage of cardboard boxes in luggage rooms. In determining how much to bring to school, bear in mind that the College will not store student belongings over the summer; you will need to take all your belongings with you in May.

Early shipment of belongings

We do not accept shipments prior to our announced arrival date for residents. If you must make shipments to campus, please plan accordingly and include your full College address (see page 16).

Recycling

SUNY Oswego participates in the mandatory Oswego County recycling program. All students are required to routinely bring all recyclables and trash to a Recycling Room located in the basement of each residence hall.

Computer Labs and Rooms

Hart, Oneida, Scales, and Waterbury Halls have a computer lab that is open to residents of the hall. This in-hall facility allows ready access to computers, printers, and the campus network. All other halls have a printer available at the front desk.

Security

In order to ensure reasonable security, there are policies and procedures in place to govern access to the buildings, locking and unlocking of building doors, and monitoring of visitors and guests. The specifics of these procedures (and all other policies and procedures) are listed in the **Resident Student Handbook**, available on-line.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE AND HOUSING

The Residence Life and Housing program at Oswego strives to provide students with a safe, well-maintained, and attractive living environment supportive of the educational mission of the College. Students living in residence have the opportunity for informal learning through contact with peers, staff, and faculty. The residential experience provides students with ready access to the intellectual and social events and organizations that are a vital part of the liberal arts college environment.

Residence Hall Staff

Each residence hall is staffed by a team of professional, student and custodial employees. Together with the residents and other College personnel, they work to provide the positive living experience at the core of our department’s mission.

Each hall has a Residence Hall Director, a full-time professional who lives in the residence hall. Additionally, buildings of 400 or more residents and Johnson Hall have Assistant Hall Directors (graduate students who also

live in the hall).

Each hall also has Resident Student Staff (RSS) who are RAs (Resident Assistants), RMs (Resident Mentors) or GRMs (Graduate Resident Mentors). These undergraduate and graduate students are employed and trained by the Department of Residence Life & Housing to provide a quality living and learning experience for residents. They live directly on the resident floors and serve as role models, helpers, counselors, administrators and mentors.

Furthermore, RSS enforce College policies to ensure that the health, safety and rights of all individuals are maintained. In addition, RMs (Johnson Hall) and GRMs (Hart Hall) have academic duties related to the special programs in their respective buildings. The front desks, recycling rooms, and computer labs (if applicable) are staffed by student employees. The Desk Attendants and Recycling Technicians (otherwise known as Student Operations Services Staff or “SOS”) play a very important role in the functioning of the hall. Many halls will be hiring to fill vacancies in these positions in the fall.

Our residence halls are also staffed by custodians seven days per week throughout the fall and spring semesters. Together with Facilities, Maintenance and Operations staff, they ensure the cleaning and maintenance of our halls are in compliance with a schedule of standards and routines. Copies of these standards are available at each residence hall front desk and the Residence Life and Housing Office, 303 Culkin Hall.

Departmental Staff

The staff who work directly in the residence halls are supported and supervised by the Department’s Central Office Staff and the Leadership Team, which includes the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing, Associate Directors, Assistant Director, and Community Development Specialists. Each of these professionals has served as a residential educator in college environments for many years. They are committed to student growth and development as well as the training and enhancement of our professional and para-professional staff. We also have a Staff Assistant for Financial and Occupancy Operations.



Fitness Centers

Residence Life and Housing operates two on-campus fitness centers. Cooper Fitness Center is located between Hart and Funnelle Halls, and Glimmerglass Fitness Center is located between Oneida and Onondaga Halls. Under the direction of a full-time manager and two assistant managers, the centers are staffed by over 65 well-trained undergraduate students.

Both Fitness Centers are equipped with state of art free weights, Cybex circuits, cardiovascular equipment (including treadmills, elliptical trainers, etc.), and offer a wide variety of group exercise classes. Free Personal Training services are also available and Fitness Center staff plan and facilitate several fun special events and presentations throughout the academic year.

Non-resident membership costs vary according to the length of time a student lived on campus. The rates for resident students for the 2020-2021 academic year have not yet been determined. For more information, visit us at oswego.edu/fitness or use

#iamoswegofit



Cooper & Glimmerglass
fitness centers

RULES GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Alcohol

The College permits individual consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by individuals who have attained 21 years of age and prohibits consumption and possession by persons under 21. Open containers of alcohol are prohibited in public areas of the residence halls. Refer to the alcohol and drug section of the *Student Handbook* for the complete policy description.

Appliances

All electrical appliances must be UL or ETL-approved and must be in good working order. Prohibited appliances are included in the list of prohibited items earlier in this publication (see pages 7-8). Any prohibited appliance found in the residence hall will be confiscated by Residence Life and Housing staff and will not be returned to its owner. Additional prohibited items are listed in the **Resident Student Handbook**.

Care of Facilities

It is the residents' responsibility to care for the condition of their assigned living units as well as other public areas. Residents will be held responsible for the condition of their assigned living units and assigned contents. Structural modifications to the residential facilities, including the installation of wires or cords outside resident living units, are prohibited. Additional information is listed in the **Resident Student Handbook**.

Drugs

The use, possession, distribution or manufacture of controlled substances is prohibited on College premises. The possession and/or use of small amounts of marijuana in one's room is a violation of New York State law, and any consumption of marijuana in a public area is a criminal offense. Drugs or drug-related paraphernalia can be confiscated and used as evidence.

Pets

The Department of Residence Life and Housing prohibits residents or their guests to bring pets of any kind into the residence halls. The only pets allowed in campus residential facilities are fish in aquariums up to twenty (20) gallons.

Fire Safety

All individuals are required to evacuate the building upon activation of the fire alarm system. Theft or improper use of fire fighting, detection, and/or alarm equipment is prohibited. Setting fire is prohibited. Possession and/or ignition of combustible materials (including, but not limited to, candles, incense and wax warmers) and suspending combustible materials (such as tapestries, curtains, flags, fishnets, etc.) is also prohibited. Additional furniture, decorations and other items that increase the flammability of living units or public areas may be prohibited at the discretion of Residence Life and Housing staff. Examples of prohibited items include: hoverboards; halogen, lava, multi-head/octopus/tree-style, oil-burning and torchiere-style lamps. The complete policy, including all strictly prohibited items and practices, is outlined in the **Resident Student Handbook**.

Guests

Resident students may host guests according to the *Guest Policy* outlined in the **Resident Student Handbook**. Guests are any person entering the residential community to which they are not assigned. Guests and hosts must observe the registration requirements of each residence hall and the resident host assumes full responsibility for their guest's behavior. The presence of such guests shall not deny access to or entry into the room or suite by any resident thereof, nor shall visitation cause any undue hardship on any other resident of the room, suite, or building. No resident is permitted to have a guest(s) without the advance approval of all roommates. Guests are only permitted up to 72 consecutive hours and a maximum of 2 such visits per month. Cohabitation is not permitted.

Guests must be registered online at:

www.oswego.edu/reslife/forms

Noise

Quiet hours are established and observed in all residential facilities. Sunday through Thursday nights, quiet hours begin at 10:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Friday and Saturday nights, quiet hours begin at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and continue until 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Courtesy hours are observed 24 hours per day. Individual halls and living units may extend quiet hours or establish specific additional quiet hours at their discretion and/or through the *Community Living Agreement*. Quiet hours are observed 24 hours per day during the week before and the week of final examinations.

Smoking

SUNY Oswego is a tobacco- and smoke-free campus. Smoking of any kind and other uses of tobacco products is strictly prohibited on campus. Use of other smoking apparatus (such as pipes, hookahs, and e-cigarettes/vape pens, etc.) is also strictly prohibited.

For more information on the College's smoking policy, visit:

www.oswego.edu/clean-air

Solicitation

Sales and solicitation by students or private commercial enterprise is prohibited without the prior approval of the Office of Residence Life and Housing and the appropriate student government.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

Your Future Housing Assignment

Well, at this point, you may not want to think about where you will be living during your second year at SUNY Oswego! So, let us say just this: as a **'RETURNING student' for the fall of 2021**, you will be participating in a Room Selection Process in early spring of 2021. The process will begin with acceptance of the terms of the *Residence Life and Housing License and completion of the New Student Housing Application*.

Good Luck and Have Fun!



Therapy dog's visit. Photo courtesy of Nancy Concadoro

Contact ResLife



Email us

reslife@oswego.edu



Ask us

315.312.2246

