

STUDENT SUMMER HOUSING GUIDE

Pacific Lutheran University

INTRODUCTION

The Housing Guide is incorporated into and is part of the Student Summer Housing Agreement. Students must read, understand and abide by the requirements set out in this Guide in the same way they must comply with the Agreement and the other Publications identified there. The purpose of the Student Summer Housing Guide is to provide detail in addition to the Student Summer Housing Agreement and its Terms and Conditions.

HOUSING

Living in university student summer housing is an integral part of the educational experience at PLU. Pacific Lutheran University has developed its housing rules and regulations to foster an environment that supports co-curricular learning. PLU reserves the right to determine to whom it will provide living accommodations at any given time. When PLU, in its discretion, determines that any individual (resident or guest) residing in its housing is jeopardizing the educational experience for that individual or any PLU student(s), PLU reserves the right to remove that individual from PLU housing accommodations with or without notice, as circumstances warrant. The legal relationship between Student and the University shall be that of a guest and an innkeeper, respectively, and nothing in this Guide or elsewhere shall be construed to give Student any additional possessory or property rights, including but not limited to, those of a tenant under a residential lease.

Students are not required to reside in University housing accommodations during summer sessions. Eligibility for University student summer housing is restricted to students registered for a PLU summer class, students registered for a PLU class the immediate next Fall semester or students registered for a PLU class the immediate previous Spring semester. Priority for University housing is given to students enrolled in Summer or Fall classes.

A resident student contracts for accommodations in Student Summer Housing, but not for a specific room. All summer housing is for single rooms, unless otherwise arranged with Hospitality Services. The University reserves the right to reassign students to different rooms or residence halls in the event such reassignments are determined necessary. Students currently residing in the hall selected for student summer housing, or assigned to that hall for the next semester will receive priority for their assigned rooms.

Under no circumstances may a student sell, share, transfer, trade, or sublet their contract to any other person, including another student.

A. AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Check-In: Student Summer Housing is available from May 27, 2026 at 10:00 am to August 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Check in is during business hours unless otherwise arranged with Hospitality Services. Call Hospitality Services at 253-535-7204 for availability. Please plan accordingly.

Check Out: Check-out is with the Express Check-Out form. Check-out is official when the Express Check-Out form is submitted to the hall drop spot or to Hospitality Services in AUC 280. Unless other arrangements have been made, building and room access is canceled at 5:00 pm on the day submitted as checkout. Charges will incur until all items are removed from the room and any key is returned. Students checking out after 4:00 pm will be charged for the following day.

All students must be checked out of Summer Student Housing by 4:00 pm on August 13, 2026. Students not removing all items by 4:00 pm on August 13 will be assessed a nonrefundable \$200 late checkout fee in addition to the daily rate.

B. CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF STUDENT SUMMER HOUSING ARRANGEMENT

A student who no longer needs summer housing must cancel their contract, in writing. This may be done by notifying Hospitality Services at summerhousing@plu.edu. There is no penalty for cancelling housing prior to May 27, 2026, however after May 27, 2026 there is a minimum 26-day stay required.

This contract may be terminated under the following conditions and may incur contract cancellation penalties [Reference Cancellation Fee Schedule below].

If a student officially cancels enrollment (with Official Withdrawal Form) at PLU; or

If a student violates the terms of this agreement, University regulations, local, state, or federal laws, the University reserves the right to cancel the Housing Contract with no refund of room payment.

1. CANCELLATION FEE SCHEDULE

There are no fees for early cancellation as long as the student checks out of the room and returns any key(s) to the room. Check-out will not be complete and charges will incur until any key is received by Hospitality Services.

2. CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

a. **Traditional Student Summer Housing Room Rate is \$24.00 per day. South Hall rooms are billed at the current academic year rate.**

Students requesting housing will be billed a daily rate with a 26-day minimum. Charges will begin to accrue the day the student receives access to the room and will continue until the room is vacant, any keys are returned, and the checkout form has been submitted. Students with items in their room, or not returning the room key before 4:00 pm will be charged for the day. Students may check into their room after 10:00 am.

C. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR ROOM USAGE

1. **Alcoholic beverages**— The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on campus and in the student summer housing residence hall (Ordal Hall). The University reserves the right to confiscate and dispose of alcoholic beverages and/or containers found on the premises. Empty alcohol containers and brewing equipment are similarly prohibited.

Alcohol possession and use is permitted in South Hall under the following guidelines. The following policy has been established in recognition of, and coordination with, Washington State law and PLU's university policy on Alcoholic Beverages.

1. Possession of an open container of alcohol and/or consumption of alcohol in South Hall common areas (hallways, lounges, kitchens etc.) is prohibited.
2. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted in South Hall common areas as they are being transported to a resident room where alcohol is permitted.
3. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol in a resident room is permitted if the assigned resident is 21 years of age or older.
4. In resident rooms where alcohol is permitted, all guests present when alcohol is open must be 21 years of age or older.
5. Activities and devices facilitating or promoting excessive consumption of alcohol, including but not limited to: drinking games, funnels, beer bong, common-source containers (kegs, pony kegs, party balls, etc.), are prohibited.
6. This policy is intended to allow for personal, responsible use; therefore, the possession of large quantities of alcohol is prohibited, including, but not limited to: multiple cases of beer, wine or liquor, and stocked bars.

Reported violation of this policy will result in a referral to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students found responsible for violating this policy will be sanctioned and may lose the privilege of university housing. Students who choose to consume alcohol under the terms of this policy are solely responsible for any consequences that may occur as a result. PLU disclaims any responsibility for actions or consequences resulting from individual alcohol consumption regardless of whether consumption is in accordance with or violation of this policy.

Also see:

- Student Code of Conduct, Alcoholic Beverages.

2. **Illegal Drugs** — The use, possession, or distribution – or in any way assisting anyone to use, possess or distribute – any dangerous and/or illegal drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, or acids (as defined by Federal Law and the R.C.W. Controlled Substance Act F) is prohibited in PLU residence halls. Prohibited substances and/or paraphernalia will be confiscated and disposed of by University staff members and/or representative(s) from the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office and appropriate disciplinary action initiated.

Also see:

- Student Code of Conduct, Illegal Drugs

3. **Fire Safety** — The improper use of fire safety equipment is prohibited in the residence halls. This includes but it is not limited to covering/tampering with smoke detectors (subject to fines), using pipes and sprinkler heads for hanging objects, pulling fire alarms falsely, not leaving 18 inches of clearance in all directions of heaters, etc. Campus Life conducts regular fire safety inspections and documents policy violations. Campus Life Staff will check back to ensure that the fire safety violations have been corrected. Failure to correct documented fire safety concerns may result in a student conduct hearing. When the fire alarm system is triggered, all people inside the residence hall **MUST** evacuate the building promptly. Failure to exit the building during an evacuation may result in a student conduct hearing.
4. **Furnishings and Responsibility for Institutional Property** — The University will furnish each student with a single bed, desk, chair, room light, dresser, closet and blinds. Students must provide their own study lamps, linens, rugs, and other furnishings. (See below for prohibited items.) Laundry facilities are available in all residence halls.

University furnishings **may not be removed** from student rooms, lounges or halls. Exceptions to this policy must be approved through the Director of Campus Life or designee. All attached room furnishings must remain attached. Penalties for moving such furnishings may include fines and/or disciplinary proceedings.

Moving into a room without prior approval will result in an improper check-in charge.

Upon check-out, the occupant(s) of the room will be charged if inspection by University staff reveals damages or uncleanliness beyond normal wear to the room and/or its furnishings. At any time, if individual responsibility for damage, loss or defacement cannot be determined, charges may be assessed equally to floor residents for damage to their floor facilities or to all hall residents for damage to hall facilities.

There is no storage available for students living in summer housing.

Non-PLU lofts/bunks are prohibited on-campus. No lofts/bunks are available for check-out for Summer Housing.

Also see:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.5.

5. **Guest & Visitation Policy** — Resident rooms are to be occupied by the student(s) for whom they are reserved except in the case of temporary guests, who must abide by all University regulations. Guests may stay no more than: two consecutive days/nights, any two days/nights out of seven, or any six days/nights during summer housing.

Residents and guests are expected to act courteously and abide by campus policy at all times. Hosts are responsible for the behavior of their guests. If the guest or their host refuses to abide by university rules, regulations, notices or directions, as given by the staff members or other authorized notices issued by the University or its staff members, the guest may be required to leave and the resident host may be referred to the Student Code of Conduct process.

The University reserves the right to remove a visitor or overnight guest from the residence hall or the campus at any time it deems that the guest's or their host's behavior is contrary to the goals and objectives of the university.

Students who need assistance addressing an unwanted guest are encouraged to contact Campus Safety at 253-535-7441.

Also see:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.1.
- Student Code of Conduct: Visitation and Guests in Residence Halls

6. **Keys**—Building and room access to traditional Student Summer Housing is with a valid LuteCard only. LuteCards will be required. Access will automatically be canceled at 5:00 pm on the day listed as checkout.

7. **Payment** — Each student is responsible for all charges related to his or her use of the accommodations provided by PLU. Although the student's parents or legal guardian may serve as co-signer with the student, the student remains primarily responsible and legally obligated to Pacific Lutheran University. A student's failure to pay University bills shall release the University from any obligation to continue to provide the applicable educational benefits and services. Such benefits and services include, but are not limited to, statements of honorable dismissal, grade reports, transcripts of records, diplomas, letters of recommendation, pre-registrations, admittance to classes, housing in the residence halls and the use of University facilities. Under certain circumstances the University may apply student paychecks to unpaid balances.

Also see:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.4.
- University Catalog

8. **Personal Property** — The University will make every reasonable effort to protect the personal property of residents, but will not be liable for articles lost, stolen, or damaged by fire, water, heat and/or other natural disasters. When storing goods in University space, students assume the risk of loss or damage.

Students should consider the purchase of insurance to cover the loss of, or damage to, personal property. Students may also be eligible under an extension of parent or legal guardian insurance; verification is solely the resident's responsibility.

Personal items may not be stored in hallways, lounges, bathrooms or any other residence hall common area.

Also see:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.5.

9. **Pets** — Fish are the only pets allowed in University housing. Fish tanks larger than 25 gallons are not permitted. Any resident found with other pets will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Minimum consequences will include immediate removal of the pet, submission to random room checks for unauthorized pets for the remainder of the resident’s occupancy, and restitution for any cleaning charges resulting from having the pet. Additional consequences may include termination of the resident’s housing contract.

Also see:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.8.e.
- Student Code of Conduct, Pets on Campus Policy

10. **Prohibited Possessions** — The following is a partial list of items prohibited in student rooms: space heaters, non-PLU lofts/bunks, exterior antennas, ham radio sets, firearms, weapons and explosives, hot plates, electric blankets, candles with a burned wick, incense, microwave ovens, and toasters.

Hair dryers, heating pads, coffee pots and popcorn poppers with automatic heat control in good condition are permitted for use in residence halls. Irons, ironing boards and toasters may be stored in student rooms but must be used in the designated common area locations. Refrigerators are not allowed except for small units (less than 5 cu. ft.). Prohibited items will be confiscated and students may be subject to disciplinary action.

Also see:

- Student Code of Conduct: Firearms, Explosives and Weapons.

11. **Smoking** — The use of tobacco products is prohibited on the PLU campus.

Also see:

- Student Code of Conduct: Smoking

12. **University Policies** — It is the student’s responsibility to become familiar with University regulations, including, but not limited to, those in this Guide, the University Catalog, the Student Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct, the Housing contract and PLU’s Campus Life and Hospitality Services & Campus Restaurants web pages. Students not abiding by University policies and regulations may be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

See Also:

- Terms and Conditions, Paragraph A.1.
- Student Code of Conduct: Visitation and Guests in Residence Halls

MEAL PLANS

- A. Meal Plans are not available during the Summer Sessions. However, students may purchase Dining Dollars and charge them to their student account at <https://www.plu.edu/dining/meal-descriptions/dining-dollars/>. They can also be purchased without a fee at Old Main Market. Another option is to purchase them with a bank card on the GET app or online at get.cbord.com/plu, however there is a \$2.75 fee for those purchases.
- B. Dining Dollars are sales tax exempt and may be used for food purchases in all campus restaurants. Students are encouraged to order online at get.cbord.com/plu or with the GET app.