
WHAT TO BRING

Because you will be sharing a rather small space with others, it is best to limit the items you bring with you to Concordia. For many of these items, it's a good idea to contact roommates about what they are bringing in order to avoid duplication in the room.

Suggestions for what to bring include:

- Linens (80-inch twin sheets, pillowcases, pillows, blankets, and bedspread)
- Towels
- Laundry bag or basket
- Desk items
- Wastebasket
- Ironing board
- Clothes hangers
- Small appliances (i.e. alarm clock, coffee pot)
- Desk lamp
- Computer
- Backpack
- TV /DVD Player
- Radio/stereo
- 3.0 (or less) cubic-foot refrigerator
- Floor coverings (rugs, carpets)
- Small fan
- Photo album
- Camera
- Plastic drawer storage units
- "Cushy" chair
- Laundry detergent
- Flip-flops for the shower
- First-aid kit
- F3M Command Adhesive Strips (poster size)

Items NOT to bring include:

- Pets (except fish in 10 gallon tank or less)
- Alcohol or alcoholic containers for display (for students under 21)
- Candles, incense, and fuel jel products
- Guns, knives, fireworks, and other weapons
- Duct tape or masking tape
- Halogen lamps and multiple-arm spider lamps
- Microwaves and air conditioners
- Extension Cords (only power strips and surge protectors are permitted).
- Cooking Appliances. The **ONLY** cooking appliances allowed are hot pots, coffee makers with automatic shut-off, and popcorn poppers

ROOM DECORATIONS

Students are encouraged to decorate and personalize their rooms. However, there are guidelines. Resident students pay a security deposit of \$200.00 to cover student-initiated damages and the key deposit. All or part of the security deposit is refunded upon graduation or when a student officially withdraws from the College.

- **CARPET.** Many rooms have tiled floors. You may place area rugs or carpet remnants in these rooms, but you may not adhere them to the tile floor.
- **FURNITURE.** All lounge, hall, and public area furniture and College owned equipment must remain in its designated area. No public area furniture or equipment may be used or stored in student rooms. Likewise, **room furniture cannot be removed from student rooms.**
- **WALLS.** Thumb tacks, nails, and staples are not to be used to hang decorations except on bulletin boards or wood strips provided for that purpose. As a general rule, students should not place anything on a wall that will mar its surface upon removal. 3M Command Adhesive Strips (poster size) are the only approved adhesive material permitted for use in the halls.
- **POSTERS.** Displays of posters, photos, etc. are expected to reflect respect for all residents and must be appropriate for anyone to view. Profanity and pornography are absolutely prohibited.

RECEIVING MAIL

Letters should be addressed to students using the format below. It is preferred to put the mailbox number in the lower left hand side of the envelope as shown.

STUDENT'S NAME
Concordia College
171 White Plains Road
Bronxville, NY 10708
Box # _____

NEW STUDENT RESIDENCE HALL GUIDE CONCORDIA COLLEGE

**Welcome to the Residence Hall
community at Concordia College!**



The Residence Halls at Concordia provide rich living-learning environments where students have the opportunity to share their collegiate experiences with peers. Students study, relax, socialize, learn, become involved, and develop friendships through the supportive communities formed in the residence halls. Living on campus will surely be one of the most important and memorable parts of your Concordia experience.

This guide contains important information to help you prepare for your move to campus. Please read it carefully.

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Each residence hall is supervised by one professional Residence Counselor and specially selected and trained student staff members (Resident Assistants – commonly called RAs).

Residence Counselors are live-in professionals who supervise the student staff, manage the day-to-day operations of the residence halls, and assist students with personal, academic, social, and college transition issues.

RAs are upper-class students who live on each floor and act as a resource to residents by providing information and addressing any questions or concerns that may arise. Other responsibilities of the RAs include facilitating social and educational programs, as well as enforcing hall and campus policies. RAs are crucial in helping to create an environment that is challenging, friendly, and safe.

THE HALLS

Bohm and Sieker Hall have “corridor style” arrangements where students share bathrooms in the center of each floor. Both are single-sex buildings that house women and men respectively. Rippe and Romoser Hall have “section style” arrangements where students share bathrooms within a section of 10 rooms. Romoser houses men and upper-class women separated by floor and section. Rippe houses women and first-year men also separated by floor and section. Each hall has the features listed below.

- **Lounges**

Each hall has a variety of lounge spaces to meet student needs. All halls have at least one main lounge with a flat-screen TV.

- **The Rooms**

At check-in, all residents must sign a housing agreement and complete a room condition report (RCR). Each room contains mattresses, dressers, desks, blinds, chairs, and closet space or wardrobe. Each room also contains telephone connection, cable TV connection, and data connections.

- **Telephones**

Telephones are not provided in student rooms. However, each room has a telephone connection and students are *strongly encouraged* to bring a phone for the room.

- **Telephone Service**

Local and long distance telephone service (both incoming and outgoing calls) is available in all on-campus residence halls at no additional charge. Each residence hall room has one active telephone outlet.

- **Televisions**

Televisions are located in one public lounge in every residence hall. TVs are allowed in student rooms. Each room is equipped with one cable TV jack and basic cable television service is included in the residence hall fee.

- **Internet Access and Email**

Each residence hall room has connections for each student occupying the room to access the Concordia College network, which includes Internet and e-mail service. For more information about these services, please visit the Concordia College Information Technology website. For questions regarding these services, contact Information Technology Services (ITS) at helpdesk@concordia-ny.edu.

- **Laundry Facilities**

Each hall is equipped with washers and dryers for student use. All residents pay a Laundry Service Fee that allows them to use the facilities in their particular hall at any time without coins or debit cards.

- **Vending Machines**

Candy and soda machines are available in each residence hall.

- **Security**

The College provides each student room, section or floor, and outside door with a lock and controls access to these locks with keys or swipe cards. Although these security measures are in place, the halls are secure only if each resident is aware of how his or her actions impact the total security of hall occupants. Every student is expected to take all reasonable precautions to maintain the security of the residence halls.

ROOMMATES

Your roommate will play an important part in your life on campus. Based on your responses to the housing application, we assigned you with an individual who appears to share interests and has living habits similar to yours. Please contact your roommate for next year as soon as you receive your housing assignment letter. Communication is the key to a successful roommate relationship.

Most roommate matches work out well. Some do not. Students who wish to move to different rooms must talk with their RA. The staff will first try to help you and your roommate work out your differences. Typically, roommate conflicts arise as a result of communication problems and the staff will help facilitate open dialog. This process may take awhile; developing open communication does not always occur quickly.

After students have made a good faith effort toward resolving the conflicts, room switches may be available. These moves may also involve a wait depending on the availability of housing or the individual's particular preferences for qualities in their new roommate. No room changes will occur before September 30 of every academic year.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Concordia College does not carry insurance on personal property of students and is not responsible for loss of or damage to such property. It is strongly encouraged that students check their family insurance for coverage and, if necessary, purchase personal property insurance from a reliable private company. A brochure describing a student personal property fire and theft insurance policy is available from the Student Life Office.