

Student Status Packet

Greetings from the Student Life Office!

The Student Status Packet is an important part of enrolling as a student at Concordia College. All first-year students must declare a status: either as a resident or a commuter. We believe that living on campus is an important part of the overall student experience. Concordia College has a first-year residency policy requiring all students entering college for the first time to live on campus for their first two semesters. For more information, please refer to the housing section on the next page.

For students wishing to commute, exemptions to the first-year residency requirement are available. For more information, please refer to the exemption section on the next page.

Regardless of your decision, all students will need to submit one of two forms: either the Housing Application or the Request for Exemption to Residency Requirement. In addition, resident students interested in participating in the First-Year Learning Community should also submit that application.

If you have any questions regarding the Student Status Packet or any of the enclosed forms, please do not hesitate to contact us at ext. 2123 or at studentlife@concordia-ny.edu.

Important Information and Instructions

Housing 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, learn, and develop friendships through the supportive communities that are formed.

Concordia is pleased to offer new students a variety of housing options in one of the four campus residence halls. Bohm and Sieker Halls 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 have “section style” arrangements where students share bathrooms within a section of ten rooms. Romoser and Rippe Halls house both men and women separated by floor and section.

All students planning to live on campus must complete the Housing Application included with this packet. It is important to be very detailed and honest when completing the form so that we can find each student the best possible housing environment. Students will be assigned a room and roommate according to the date of receipt of their Housing Application. It is best to submit the application to the Admission Office as soon as possible. Housing information letters will be sent to students’ permanent addresses during the first week in August. A guide to living in the residence halls will also be mailed with the housing information.

First-Year Learning Community

The First-Year Learning Community at Concordia College provides an opportunity for incoming first-year students to join a residential community that supports their academic success and transition to college life. Through research and our own experience, we know that students who participate in learning communities are more likely to have higher grades, to find opportunities to interact with faculty, to get involved in campus activities and events, and to report greater satisfaction with their overall college experience. This is because the learning community allows students to live and learn in an environment designed specifically for success on campus and beyond. Students in the learning community live together in the same residence hall (men and women are separated by floors and sections) and take the First-Year Seminar class together. The seminar is a required class for all first-year students and is designed to help them understand the importance of a liberal arts education. Topics covered include college adjustment issues such as time management, academic integrity, social pressures, study skills, and discussion of current world issues. In addition, students accepted into the learning community will receive a \$500 voucher to help pay for books during their first semester.

To apply for the First-Year Learning Community, please complete the application included with this packet. Students must also complete the Housing Application as described above. The learning community is limited to 30 first-year students. Participants will be selected based upon their answers to the application questions. Notifications will be sent with your housing information during the first week in August.



Exemptions to the First-Year Residency Requirement

Commuting students are an integral part of the campus and student body at Concordia. While anyone can choose to live on campus, certain students qualify for an automatic exemption to the residency requirement. Automatic exemptions include the following:

- Students who live with a parent, legal guardian, or international host family within a 30-mile radius of campus
- Students who will be 22 years of age prior to the first day of classes
- Students with primary custody of a minor child
- Students who are in a marriage recognized by the State of New York
- Students who have served in the military as verified by a discharge certificate
- Students enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours

Students who would prefer to commute and qualify for an exemption listed above must complete the Request for Exemption to Residency Requirement form included with this packet. The purpose of the residency requirement is not to deter anyone from coming to Concordia College. If a student believes that he or she has reasonable circumstances for wanting to commute not included above, these can be indicated by checking the “extenuating circumstances” box on the form.

The completed form should be returned to the Admission Office as soon as possible. Once a student pays his or her tuition deposit, the request will be forwarded to the Student Life Office for review. If a request is denied, the student will be contacted immediately. Otherwise, the student status will be listed as a commuter and the exemption process will be complete.



Housing Application

Please read the information packet before completing this application.

Personal Data

Legal name _____
Last/Family First Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

Nickname (if preferred) _____

Home address _____
Number and Street

City or Town _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code or Postal Code _____

Home phone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____
Area Code Number

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Age as of the first day of classes _____

Citizenship: U.S. citizen other (specify) _____

I plan to enter Concordia: Year _____ Fall Spring

Academic Status: I am a first-year student enrolling at Concordia
 I am a transferring from: _____ I will be a FY SO JR SR at Concordia

Preferences

Residence Halls:

- Bohm (women only)
- Sieker (men only)
- Rippe (women and first-year men separated by floor)
- Romoser (women and men separated by floor)

I would like the opportunity to:

- live in a first-year learning community (please submit application)
- live in a single room (additional charges will apply)
- live with an international student

Do you smoke? Yes No

Would you mind living with a person who smokes? Yes No

Describe any special conditions which will influence your housing assignment:

(application continues on reverse)



(Office use only)

Admission Office: Concordia ID#: C00 _____ Date Received: ___ / ___ / ___ Deposit Paid

Residence Life Office: RH _____ RM _____ SA _____

About You

Please check the characteristic in each of the four columns that best describes you:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late-night person | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet, reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat housekeeper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early-morning person | <input type="checkbox"/> Active, involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Not so studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Messy housekeeper |

Indicate the types of music you prefer (select no more than three):

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Classical/Jazz | <input type="checkbox"/> Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Pop/Top 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rap/Hip Hop |

Do you...

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in sporting events | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Not care for sporting events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in musical events | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend musical events | <input type="checkbox"/> Not care for musical events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in religious worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend religious worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Not care for religious worship |

List the programs of study at Concordia in which you are interested:

List your personal interests and hobbies:

Describe any situations in which you have lived away from home:

What do you typically do on a Friday or Saturday night?

Briefly state your main reason for coming to Concordia:

List three adjectives that others would use to describe you:

Please comment on the most important thing(s) we need to know about you in placing you with your roommate-to-be:

Describe your ideal roommate:

Describe your far-from-ideal roommate:

Do you have a specific roommate request?

Please remember that requests must be mutual—future roommates must request each other on their applications in order for us to honor the requests.

Last Name

First/Middle Initial

City/State

Required Signature

My signature below indicates that I am willing to respect the rights of roommates and other residents in terms of noise, privacy, and space. My signature also states my willingness to accept and abide by the policies of Concordia College and the Residence Life Office.

Signature _____ Date _____

First-Year Learning Community Application

Please read the information packet before completing this application. The First-Year Learning Community is a residential program that requires participants to live on campus. As such, it is only available to resident students.

Personal Data

Legal name _____
Last/Family *First* *Middle (complete)* *Jr., etc.*

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Age as of the first day of classes _____

Application Questions

- 1) Please tell us why you are interested in being part of the first-year learning community:

- 2) What do you think it means to be part of a community?

- 3) Please describe any relevant experiences you have that would make you an ideal candidate for the first-year learning community (such as honors, awards, co-curricular activities, volunteer work, study abroad, etc.):

- 4) How would you be an active member and contributor to the first-year learning community?

Community Agreement

My signature below indicates that I agree to uphold the expectations of the first-year learning community if I am selected to live there. I further agree to participate in all learning community activities and take an active part in establishing goals for the community. I understand that if I do not meet these expectations, I will relinquish my space in the learning community and be reassigned elsewhere.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form as soon as possible to: Admission Office, Concordia College, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

(Office use only)

Admission Office: Concordia ID#: C00 _____ Date Received: ___ / ___ / ___ Deposit Paid

Residence Life Office: Application Approved - RH _____ RM _____

Request for Exemption to Residency Requirement

CONCORDIA COLLEGE
NEW YORK

Please read the information packet before completing this form.

Personal Data

Legal name _____
Last/Family First Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

Home address _____
Number and Street

City or Town _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code or Postal Code _____

Home phone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____
Area Code Number

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age as of the first day of classes _____

Citizenship: U.S. citizen other (specify) _____

I plan to enter Concordia: Year _____ Fall Spring

Reason for Exemption Request

I am requesting an exemption to the **first-year residency requirement** based upon the following qualification:

- My permanent local residence is with my parent(s), court appointed legal guardian(s), or international host family and is within a 30-mile radius of the Concordia College campus. *(Please staple a copy of any utility bill or parent/guardian/host's driver's license/state identification to this form.)*
- I will be 22 years of age prior to the first day of classes. *(Please staple a copy of your driver's license, passport, or birth certificate to this form.)*
- I have primary custody of dependent child(ren).
- I am in a marriage recognized by the State of New York. *(Please staple a copy of your marriage license to this form.)*
- I have served in the military. *(Please staple a copy of your discharge certificate to this form.)*
- I will be registered for fewer than 12 semester hours and have part-time student status.
- I have extenuating circumstances that I would like the Residence Life Office to consider (i.e. medical condition, financial hardship, disability, etc.). *(Please staple a detailed explanation to this form.)*

Required Signature

My signature below indicates that I am requesting an exemption to the first-year residency requirement based upon the qualification indicated above and that I have attached any required documentation. My signature also indicates that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form as soon as possible to: Admission Office, Concordia College, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

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Admission Office: Concordia ID#: C00 _____ Date Received: ___/___/___ Deposit Paid

Residence Life Office: Application Denied Application Approved - Local Address _____

Concordia College Office of Admission – Contact Information

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