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Parents Quick Glance Fact Sheet 2010-2011

Terms of Housing Contract

The residence contract is for either both the Fall and Winter semesters (September to April), or the Winter semester only (January to April). The residence closes during the winter break and all students must vacate the residence, but they do not have to remove your belongings. Acceptance to residence does not guarantee residence for future years.

It's Included . . .

- All utilities (electricity, gas, water, and sewage)
- A telephone for local calls (long distance calls can be made with a calling card)
- Television with satellite service in every bedroom
- High speed internet and data cable
- Bedroom with extra-long double bed, desk, desk chair, dresser, rolling pedestal, desk lamp, phone, television, extra-large closet, and window blinds.
- 3-piece bathroom (shower curtain included)
- Kitchen with full-size refrigerator, microwave/convection oven, kitchen sink, upper and lower cupboards, kitchen table with 2 chairs (3 in a 3 bedroom unit)

Optional Services

- Parking is available in the residence parking lot located adjacent to the residence for an additional cost. Parking is allocated on a first come first served basis so it is advisable to indicate you require parking when completing your residence application.
- Meal Plans – meal plans are available for an additional cost through the campus food service provider. For further information please contact the food service provider at mealplan@georgianc.on.ca

Items Not Allowed in Residence

- Appliances, including but not limited to: dishwashers, microwaves, freezers, washers and dryers, deep fryers, hot plates or other items with exposed elements and indoor grills are not permitted in the suites. Toasters or toaster ovens can be used in the kitchenette area of the suites
- Candles and incense
- Heaters and heat lamps
- Waterbeds and other furniture
- Bar Fridge
- Barbeque
- Halogen Lamps

What your Son/Daughter will want to Bring

- Alarm clock
- Cell Phone
- Computer/Laptop and Printer
- iPod or other MP3 player
- Backpack
- Digital Camera
- Clothes hangers
- Email addresses of family and friends
- Computer
- Surge protected power bar
- DVD Player
- Pillow, linen, blanket and comforter for an Extra-long Double bed (Queen size sheets will fit, they are just a little wide)
- Hair dryer, curling iron, flat iron, etc
- Health Card, medications with instructions and health insurance info
- Housecoat and slippers
- Kitchen supplies (plates, bowls, glasses, kettle, toaster, microwave containers, cutlery, cookware, etc)
- Laundry bag/basket and detergent
- Pictures and posters (we supply for free removable sticky tabs that won't damage the paint or wallpaper)
- School supplies
- Small stereo and headphones
- Toiletries, towels and soap
- Umbrella
- Toothbrush
- Toilet paper
- Student Card

Move-In Day

Move-in day is a very exciting, but busy day. The process of moving 525 students into residence requires cooperation and patience in order to make the day go smoothly. We start the process at 8:00am and typically have everyone moved in by 3:00pm. There will be moving carts and senior students there to provide assistance. Early in August your son/daughter will receive detailed information about the day.

Account Information – IMPORTANT

The Department of Housing, Residence Life & Conference **does not** send out paper bills or statements. Your son/daughter can access their residence account information through the residence housing portal.

- Residence fees can be paid by VISA, MasterCard, certified cheque, money order, bank draft, cash, debit or paid directly at a financial institution. **NOTE** - If paying at a financial institution make sure you choose "Georgian College Residence" as the payee and the account # is your Georgian Student ID #.
- Interest will be charged on overdue accounts at a rate of 1.5% per month, along with a \$65 late payment charge.

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Important Dates

April 23, 2010 – Deadline to Apply to be considered in 1st Round of Offers

June 1, 2010 – 1st Installment of Residence Fees Due

September 4, 2010 – Move-In Day for Returning Students

September 5, 2010 – Move-In Day for New Students

September 17, 2010 – 2nd Installment of Residence Fees Due

December 18, 2010 – Res Closes at Noon for Dec. Break

January 9, 2011 – Residence Opens

April 23, 2010 – Residence Closes at Noon

Safety Information

The residence front desk is staffed 24 hours/day and the entrance to the residence is locked 24 hours/day. Residents are provided with an electronic key card which will unlock the front doors, your main suite door and your individual bedroom door. For your own safety and the protection of your personal belongings please do not prop your doors open.

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

It is important for you to understand that all College staff must comply with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Consequently, without written permission from the student we can not release information about them or even acknowledge that they live here, even if you are paying the fees. Please make sure you have your son/daughter's phone extension to contact them.

Insurance

Georgian College is not responsible for personal belongings/items inside any area of the residence or on College property. It is strongly recommended that you obtain tenant's insurance to cover all of their personal belongings. Check with your insurance company as often your home owners insurance will cover a child's belongings while attending college.

Guests

Guests or visitors to the Residence have to be signed in at the Front Desk and have to be escorted into the building. To promote the creation of the Residence community, limitations on the number of overnight guests have been put in place as well. You can find more information on the Guest Policy by reviewing the Residence Community Standards which can be found under the "Important Documents" section of our website.

Laundry Room

Coin operated laundry is available on the first floor of the residence. Please make sure the lint tray is clean before using a dryer to ensure maximum efficiency. A change machine is located in the main lobby for your convenience.

Pets

Students are NOT PERMITTED to bring into or keep pets in the residence.

Residence Community Standards

The Residence Community Standards is a document that forms part of the residence contract and outlines expectations around behaviour in residence. This document explains how our discipline system works, the various sanctions, appeal process, etc. It is very important that each student reads and understands this document and as such we have made it available for download under the "Important Documents" section of our website.

Community Damage

One of the responsibilities of living in a communal environment is taking responsibility for the condition of the residence. As such everyone living in the residence is jointly responsible for the condition of the residence and any damage that occurs. Any damage that can't be assigned to an individual is divided equally amongst the residents of a wing, floor or the entire building. We have provided staff on every floor; have a locked entry into the residence; a front desk staffed 24 hours/day and we have a guest sign-in policy to control who can gain access to the residence. We have done all that we can to help provide a secure environment and need assistance to ensure it stays that way. Your son/daughter can help by not allowing people they don't know into the residence, not signing in guests for others, and if they have knowledge of who is responsible for vandalism to report it right away to a residence staff member.

Roommates

For many students this will be the first time they have had a roommate. We match roommates using the information they provided on their application, but that doesn't guarantee that they will get along with their roommate and become best friends. Living with another person is a learning process and one that requires communication. To help make their year successful we strongly recommend that they sit down with their roommate at the start of the year and address a number of items that could lead to conflict. If issues such as guests, cleaning, sharing items, etc are discussed and decisions made on how they want to handle these things they will find the year will go a lot smoother. In the off-campus portion of our website we have a roommate agreement form that can be downloaded to use as a guide for some of the issues they may want to address. If a conflict should arise, encourage your son/daughter to speak to one of their RAs right away so they can help with mediation. To allow sufficient time for roommates to develop an understanding of each other and their surroundings, no room change requests will be granted during the first 21 days that roommates are matched up.

College Email

All of our correspondence will be sent electronically to your son/daughter's Georgian College email account. They should check it regularly so they don't miss important information.

Contacting your Son/Daughter

Every student has their own phone and mailbox. You can reach your son/daughter by calling (705)730-5600, press 1 then their individual ext. (provided on check-in). Mail can be sent to:

Student Name

Mailbox # _____ (they will receive this upon move-in)

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