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Living in a Residential Community

As you know, Lafayette is a residential college therefore all students are required to live in college housing unless they commute from their parents' home. Transfer students are typically assigned to available spaces within upper-level housing unless they request to live with first-year students. **Please complete the Housing Preference Form available in [MyHousing](#) by July 15th to assist with making your room and roommate assignment.**

Living on campus means eating on campus. All students are required to carry a [meal plan](#), which includes [Pard Dollars](#) (declining balance fund) that can be used on campus or at various restaurants in Easton.



Managing and making the most of your meal plan is essential to maintaining a well balanced diet and keeping meals interesting. There are [eight different dining venues on campus](#) with various themes, hours, and offerings. Learn which accepts meal exchange or Pard Dollars to get the most bang for your buck. If you keep to a specific diet, talk with chefs about where and how you can find the meals that are right for you.

Meal time is an opportunity to relax and connect with your classmates; don't shy away from sitting with people you don't know in the dining halls. It's an opportunity to make new friends. Have a busy day? Use GrubHub mobile ordering and pick up your prepared meal on your way to your meeting, class, or activity. With so many options and so much variety, no need to have the same meal twice in one week.

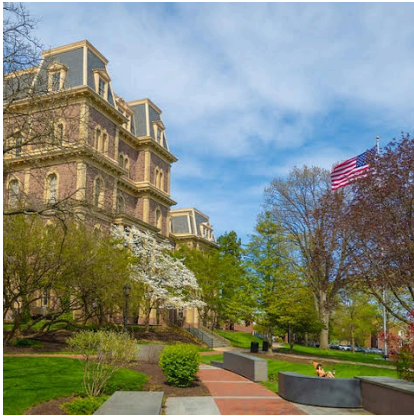


Use the website as your checklist

Visit the Transfer Student website and use it as your checklist of items that you can get started on.

Success in the Classroom

As you transition to life at Lafayette College, it is important to consider your transition into the Lafayette curriculum as well. Here are a few tips that will help you find success in the classroom!



Prepare before your first day of class

Finalize your schedule during the course adjustment period, August 10th - 23rd.

Final add/drop deadline is September 4th

Familiarize yourself with the [campus buildings](#). Know where you will be heading on your first day of class and when.

Review each of your course syllabi. A syllabus is the contract for the class. It is important for you to understand what your professor's expectations are, what the attendance policy is, what the learning outcomes are, important due dates, policy on AI, and policy on academic integrity, just to name a few. Read each course syllabus in its entirety before your classes start.

First week of classes

Introduce yourself to your professors!

Familiarize yourself with your professor's office hours. Office hours are an amazing resource for students because it provides you with the space to ask questions about course material, discuss assignments and exams, and get to know your professor even better. Attending office hours is a critical piece of the puzzle for students to find success in the classroom.

Schedule a time management workshop with our, [College Transition Specialist!](#)

Remainder of the semester

Take advantage of the academic resources available in the [Academic Resource Hub](#)

The HUB offers a number of different academic enrichment support areas. Supplemental Instruction, Mentored Study Groups, and Individual Tutoring are offered to all students. Take time to familiarize yourself with these [opportunities](#) and make sure you take advantage of the support.

Feeling overwhelmed? Schedule an appointment with our [College Transition Specialist](#), to discuss how everything is going and to come up with a plan for the remainder of the semester.

Accessibility Services

Accessibility Services looks forward to working with you during your academic experience at Lafayette, and encourages you to explore their website for accommodation related information. Please contact the team to discuss your individual needs.

FERPA and Lafayette's Proxy system

Students may grant anyone access to view elements of their student record that are protected by FERPA using the Web Proxy Management system in Banner Self-Service.

Do you have additional questions? Let us know, firstthingsfirst.group@lafayette.edu