



FIT RESIDENTIAL LIFE OFFICE



RESIDENTIAL LIFE NEWSLETTER

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WINTER HOUSING 2012



Staying in NYC this January? Stay in the Residence Halls.

If you currently live in the residence halls and are returning in the spring, you can stay in your room during Winter Session even if you're not taking a Winter Session course. Special rates are available. Application and payment are due December 2.

Learn more at www.fitnyc.edu/winterhousing.



SPRING HOUSING BILL INFORMATION

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Students living in the residence halls for fall 2011 do not reapply for spring 2012 housing.

Housing charges were posted to your student account on November 2nd.

No other bills will be sent. Residents are financially obligated to the college for these charges.

This information should be shared with parent/guardians or anyone responsible for payment.

To avoid charges, residents must withdraw before December 1st.

This includes students withdrawing from the college, graduating students and exchange students. For detailed withdrawal information go to:

<http://www3.fitnyc.edu/residentallife/>

[WithdrawalFromHousingOnline-FORM.htm](http://www3.fitnyc.edu/residentallife/WithdrawalFromHousingOnline-FORM.htm)



END OF SEMESTER INFORMATION

RESIDENTS MUST VACATE by 9:00 a.m. on the day following their last final exam or by *5:00 pm on December 21, 2011, whichever is earlier.

*Students enrolled in Wednesday evening classes and have scheduled exams, will be permitted to register, in the Residential Life Office, to remain in the halls beyond 5:00 pm.

RESIDENCE HALLS LOCKED—THERE IS NO ACCESS TO ROOMS OR BELONGINGS until 12:00 Noon on Jan. 2nd (for registered winter session residents only). NO EXCEPTIONS

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES:

While we do not require residents to remove their possessions, residents leave belongings at their own risk. The college will not assume responsibility for losses or damages that may occur. Residents will not be given access to rooms.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF WILL INSPECT EVERY ROOM to insure that the rooms are vacated and in proper condition. Residential Life reserves the right to sanction for any infraction of residence hall policies.

VISITATION: NO OVERNIGHTS AS OF DEC. 11 @ 9:00 AM. NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

ROOM CONDITION:

- All room floors must be swept and mopped.
- All personal items should be placed above floor level
- Electrical appliances must be unplugged (TV, Stereo, Alarm Clocks, etc.) and lights turned off. **Students in suites must not unplug refrigerators.**
- Windows must be closed.
- Discard unwanted items and garbage.

- Any items remaining after a resident with draws or switches rooms, will be disposed of by FIT maintenance at the resident's expense. Residents in suites are responsible for cleaning the refrigerator, stove, kitchen cabinets/sink and bath/shower/bathroom areas. **PLEASE NOTE: ANY resident who fails to leave their room in move-in condition or occupies empty space within their assigned room will incur charges to be determined by FIT maintenance department.** Finals, packing, cleaning, and moving are stressful.....get ahead of the game.....begin now!

RETURNING TO THE HALLS -SPRING '12

KEYS/ID's— 27th Street residents keep their key/ID. Kaufman residents return access card and keep their ID.

NOT RETURNING TO THE HALLS -SPRING '12

WITHDRAWALS - Students withdrawing from housing must return keys/ID, room must be in move-in condition to avoid charges, follow all checkout procedures, and complete an on-line withdrawal form @

<http://www.fitnyc.edu/3240.asp>

OPTIONS FOR MOVING OUT OF THE RESIDENCE HALLS:

If you live within driving distance consider moving your belongings on the weekends of Dec. 10th and/or 17th . If you are not within driving distance, consider shipping your belongings.

DO NOT LEAVE CARS UNATTENDED.

Please note that N.Y.C. will tow & ticket unattended cars on the Street.



SPRING 2012 MOVE IN INFORMATION

FALL RESIDENTS RETURNING FOR SPRING

Residents will be checking into the residence halls on the following date and times. Check in is from a New York City street and cannot accommodate the traffic that this will entail. As a result, move-in is regulated as follows:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012 THRU SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

**27th Street Residents Scheduled to Check-In MUST Arrive at
210 West 27th Street (between 7th and 8th Aves) Alumni Hall
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Kaufman Hall Residents Scheduled to Check-In MUST Arrive at
406 W. 31st Street (between 9th and 10th Aves)
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

****Returning Resident EZ Check-in
January 27th to January 29th from 4:30PM to 11:00PM**

Returning students ONLY

****Student must pre-register with Residential Life TO AVOID CHARGES.**

For details go to

<http://tinyurl.com/EZcheckin>

NOTE: Residents who cannot check in according to this schedule must WAIT for Evening Check-in hours**

****STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED FOR EZ CHECK-IN - \$25.00 EVENING CHECK-IN CHARGE
PAYABLE UPON ARRIVAL, 8:30pm TO 11:30pm ON DESIGNATED CHECK IN DAYS.**

WE PREFER NOT TO COLLECT THIS CHARGE, AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS AND PARENTS TO ARRIVE DURING SCHEDULED DAYS AND HOURS. Anyone arriving between 11:30 PM and 9:00 AM (including recess residents). Students arriving during these times will **not** have access to the residence halls. **NO CHECK-IN PRIOR TO JANUARY 27TH. No exceptions!**

Resident arriving early will be directed to hotels.

ROOM SWITCHES FOR SPRING 2012

LOOKING TO SWITCH OUT OF YOUR CURRENT ROOM TO A NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR SPRING '12 SEMESTER?

If you are interested in switching rooms, information and an online form are available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/SpringSwitch2012>

The form must be completed by December 5th at 9AM. Requests made after December 5th will not be granted.

You will get all the information you need to:

1. Request another space. Go to the link and fill out the "Type of Room Request".
2. Request a specific space, Go to the link and fill out the "Specific Room Request". You must provide your requested roommate's @#.

Kaufman Hall Resident Appreciation Event: Monday, 12/5 @ 8pm

FINAL EXAM TIPS

Finals are just around the corner, and with them comes a whole new set of stress for many of us. Follow these tips and you are sure to be well on your way to success.

Plan your week around studying

Plan every hour of study for that week, and plan your breaks. Everything you can plan for your week of studying should be planned, and every other aspect of life should be put off till the week after finals.

Create an Environment Conducive to Studying

Your study locale should be silent, distraction free, well lit, and with enough room to spread your books across a table. You should have headphones and an MP3 player, whether you listen to music or not. Put the headphones on when studying, even without music. This will generally keep anyone from bothering you. Bring a jacket or sweater, just in case. And a watch with an alarm.

Meet with a Study Group

Study groups work for some and not for others. I don't usually advocate using a study group until after you've already completed your studying for that subject. The reasons are simple. If you don't know your stuff you will probably not learn it fast enough with the social distraction, and if you do you can test your recall ability by teaching it to the group.

Schedule in Sleep

If your brain can't take the lack of rest, your study time will be wasted anyways, make good plans for sleep as well as study.

Strategize

Strategize your studying around the type of test that your professor administers. If your teacher gives true/false sections of a test, understand the qualities of the fact that would make it true or false. If there is matching, know the important aspects of key terms. The only parts of tests that you really need to memorize every aspect of are essay tests, especially if your teacher gives you nothing but a premise and you have to explain in great detail.

Meet with Professors

Your professor teaches this same subject year after year, and any question relevant to the test could be answered in a matter of minutes. If you can't understand something, you pay tuition to have access to them or the TA. Pick their brains until you understand every aspect of that test. And ask the professor for old versions of the exam. The worst thing he could say is no, right?

<http://www.zencollegelife.com/best-tips-for-acing-final-exams/>

HOW NUMBERS PHONE NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESIDENTIAL LIFE	
27TH STREET	212-217-3900
KAUFMAN HALL	212-217-3930
HEALTH SERVICES	212-217-4190
COUNSELING CENTER	212-217-4260
SECURITY	212-217-7777
INTERNET ISSUES	212-217-HELP
CABLE ISSUES	212-217-4357
MAINTENANCE ISSUES (leaks, repairs, etc.)	212-217-4440
COLLEGE CLOSINGS	212-217-7792

For a full directory, please visit:
<http://www.fitnyc.edu/4733.asp>

From November 1st-November 17th, RHCC held a canned food drive to assist the Food Bank for New York City. During this time, RHCC was able to collect **over 150lbs of food** for hungry New Yorkers this holiday season.



GET INVOLVED WITH RHCC!

RHCC (Residence Hall Community Council) is a student run organization that enriches the lives of its members as well as the greater FIT community. RHCC's goal is to enhance the student experience by acting as a liaison between residents and the Residential Life Department as well as creating fun and creative programs for all students to enjoy. RHCC hosts such events as the Annual Block Party - where the entire student body enjoys rides, street vendors, prizes and more! RHCC is open to all students. **Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 10pm.** Come voice your questions, comments and concerns about your campus.

And don't forget to keep an eye out for our fun filled events! Feel free to Email RHCC's Executive Board at:

RHCC_club@fitnyc.edu or friend us on

Facebook: **Residence-Hall Community-Council** to learn how to get involved and ask any questions.