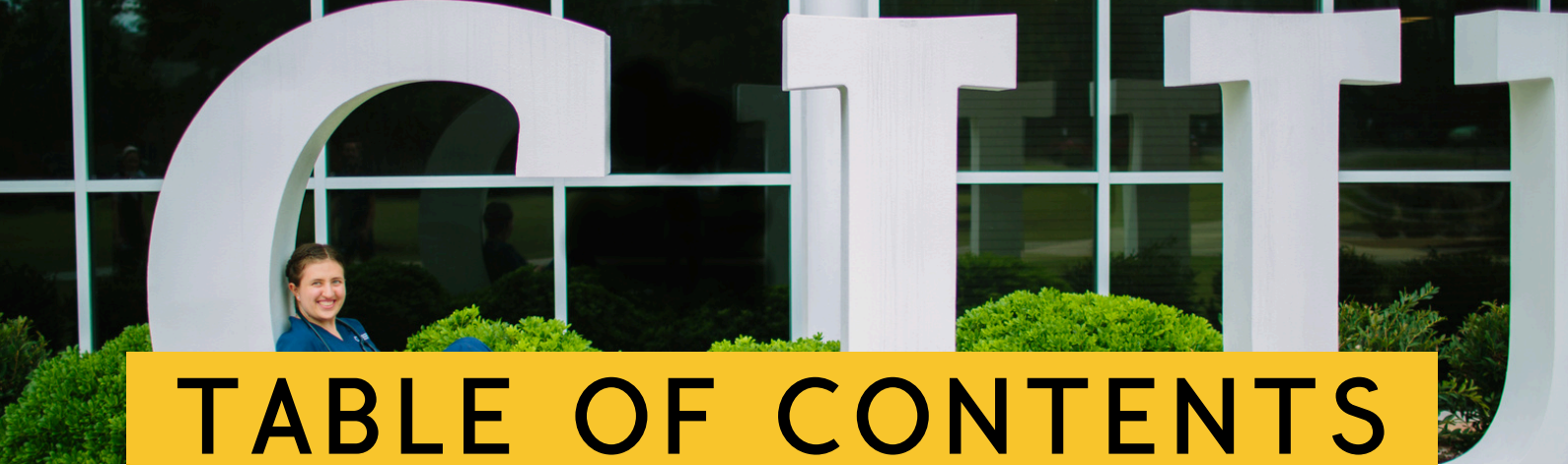


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RESIDENCE LIFE HANDBOOK





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WELCOME

Welcome to Your New Home at CIU!

Hello and welcome!

We are so glad you're here and want to warmly welcome you to your new home away from home. At CIU, Residence Life exists to help students thrive in a Christ-centered community. Our prayer is that during your time here, you will grow not only in your relationship with God, but also with those around you—fostering deep, meaningful connections within the residence halls and beyond.

We encourage you to fully engage in this community (Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"). There are countless opportunities and events designed to help you build friendships, strengthen your faith, and experience life together outside the classroom. Take this time to learn from others—many of whom may come from different backgrounds but are all beautifully made in the image of God.

This handbook is meant to guide you as you navigate life in the residence halls. It reflects our heart for community living and outlines standards intended to help everyone feel safe, supported, and truly at home here at CIU. We ask that you read through it carefully, understand its contents, and commit to upholding the community standards we've set.

If you have any questions or need help along the way, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Residence Life staff—we're here for you. And we'd love for you to stop by the Student Life Office in the Student Center to say hello and introduce yourself. We look forward to getting to know you and walking alongside you during this exciting season of life.

Dylan Jacobs
Residence Life Coordinator



OUR TEAM

RA

Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants (RAs) provide leadership under the direction of the Residence Life Coordinator. They are responsible for the general well-being of the residents on their hall, providing counsel and encouragement as well as helping to uphold community standards and looking out for students' physical safety. RAs are also responsible for the security of each building, for room inspections, and for the general administration of the facility.

Men's RA on duty – (803) 518-2508
Women's RA on duty – (803) 518-2510

RLC

Residence Life Coordinator

The Residence Life Coordinator works to oversee Residence Life by working closely with the Dean of Students, RDs, and overseeing the RA team.

Dylan Jacobs, Residence Life Coordinator
reslife@ciu.edu

RD

Resident Directors

Resident Directors (RDs) are full time staff members who live in the residence halls. They provide leadership to the RAs and work closely with the Dean of Students and the Residence Life Coordinator. They supervise, mentor, and encourage the RAs in their ministry to those on their halls.

Julie Crosby, Women's Resident Director
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DOS

Dean of Students

The Dean of Students oversees all of Student Life including Residence Life. The Dean of Students provides leadership to all those in Residence Life and handles any discipline situations as they arise.

Philip Ritchey, Dean of Students
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The Residence Life Office is generally open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. The office is located in the Student Life Office in the Student Center and can be reached at reslife@ciu.edu or at 803-807-5485.

Stop by to say "hello!"



RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

AGE REQUIREMENT

Because we believe that residence life is such a vital component to community formation and the student's whole education, CIU requires all single, full-time, undergraduate (UG) students under the age of 23 to live on campus for at least their first year, with the exception of those who are dependents of Ben Lippen or CIU employees. Part-time students may apply to live on campus at the discretion of the Residence Life Coordinator. UG students living with family within commuting distance (30 miles) must live in the residence halls during their first two semesters at CIU. Students may move off campus if they will turn 23 during the course of the semester. Those under 23 who are found to have moved off campus without permission will be charged half of the normal room and board rate and will not be able to register for classes the following semester without discussing housing arrangements with the Residence Life office.

APPEALS

Those who believe they have a legitimate reason for special consideration to live off campus may submit a completed housing appeal form (available on MyCIU) to the Residence Life Office by March 15 for fall semester and November 15 for spring semester. Late appeals will be reviewed at the discretion of the Housing Review Committee. The Housing Appeals Committee will review all appeals and determine whether or not an exception will be granted.

MEAL PLANS

Every student living in the CIU residence halls must sign up for the 80-meal plan or the unlimited meal plan each semester. Students with special dietary needs should contact the Academic Success Center to see if they are eligible for a limited 10-meal plan. Dining services are provided by Hallmark Dining. Information about Hallmark is available at ciu.hallmarkdining.com. Students living in Pine View Apartments will receive \$500 in Ram Bucks a semester in place of the full meal plan.

HOUSING PLACEMENTS

The Residence Life Coordinator is responsible for room assignments. Every housing placement is prayerfully considered and is based on student preference and date of housing deposit. We are not always able to accommodate every request but will do our best to defer to the student's preference. With the exception of extreme circumstances, all housing assignments are for the full duration of the academic year. On-campus residents are required to be enrolled in an academic program. CIU requires all students under the age of 23 to live in the residence halls unless given permission by Residence Life .



YOUR ROOM

FURNITURE

All rooms are furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, bookshelf, wardrobe, and dresser for each resident, as well as a microwave and mini fridge. Loft kits are available for checkout for the entire year, as long as supplies last. School-owned furniture must remain in the resident's room and may not be stored in the storage rooms. Any school furniture not in the resident's room at checkout will result in a fine.

Additional furniture/appliances permitted in the residents' rooms:

- carpet
- chairs/sofas
- non-halogen lamps
- fans/air purifiers
- toasters/toaster ovens (must have automatic shutoff)
- coffee pots
- crock-pots
- electric kettles
- air fryers
- irons (must have automatic shutoff)

Any other furniture/appliances must be approved by the Residence Life Coordinator.

Items not permitted in the residents' rooms:

- halogen lamps
- any appliance that could cause a grease fire
- electric burners or other open cook tops
- Personal Bed (including mattress)

DECORATIONS

Students are free to decorate their rooms as they wish within the following parameters:

- Room numbers on doors must be visible at all times
- Painting walls, ceilings, or any school-owned property is not permitted
- Attaching any items to the ceiling, or to windows is not permitted
- All pictures and posters must be of an appropriate nature and attached using sticky tack, masking tape, or command strips only
- No nails, pins, scotch tape, duct tape, hot glue guns, or double-sided tape may be used on the walls, doors, or furniture
- Contact paper may not be applied to any school property
- Students should not remove any of the following: light fixtures, window screens, door vents, and any school furniture at any time. Doing so will result in a fine



YOUR ROOM (CONT.)

MEASUREMENTS

Room dimensions: 15' x 14'

Window dimensions: 6' x 4'

MAINTENANCE

All maintenance requests should be reported using the QR code located on the residents door. Students should NOT call the Physical Plant directly. Students should allow one week for non-emergency repairs. Students found responsible for damaging or breaking school property will be charged the cost of the item(s) being fixed, plus the cost of labor.

CLEANING

Room/Safety checks are conducted twice a month by the RAs. Cleaning supplies & equipment are provided in the custodian's closet located in each building. RAs will always lock room doors following a room/safety check. Students should keep room keys with them at all times. Though restrooms, lounges, and hallways will be cleaned by CIU, resident students are responsible for keeping those areas free of clutter.



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

CHECK-IN

Check-in dates for each academic year are listed on the school calendar at ciu.edu and on the Residence Life page at my.ciu.edu.

The check-in process includes completion of an emergency contact form and a room condition form, as well as verification of the initial \$100 housing deposit. This must be completed prior to receiving a room key.

Upon checking in, each student will receive a copy of their room condition form. This form provides a detailed assessment of the room condition at the time of check-in and serves to prevent students from being charged for any pre-existing damages. It is the student's responsibility to review the room condition form with their RA within 24 hours of check-in to propose any edits and have them approved/recorded by the RA. During checkout, the inventory form will be used to reassess the condition of the room, at which time the resident will be held responsible for any damages or missing items.

CHECKOUT

The Residence Life office will provide information on how to check out of your room for breaks and the end of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they have done everything required prior to leaving their room. Fines will be issued for an unsatisfactory room or for damages. All rooms should be completely emptied and cleaned at the end of the year. Residents are not permitted on the residence halls after checkout. If you believe you need to return to the residence hall for any reason during a break period, please contact Security for assistance.

KEYS

In order to ensure safety and security on campus, all students are expected to understand and adhere to the following standards for key usage:

- (1) Keys are issued to current residents only.
- (2) Keys are issued by Residence Life staff only.
- (3) Keys are not to be duplicated.
- (4) Each student is required to personally sign for his/her key at check-in.
- (5) Keys are to be returned only to the Residence Life staff during checkout.

Students who lose their keys will be charged for replacement keys. Any key that is found should be turned in to the Residence Life office.



SAFETY + SECURITY

CIU SECURITY

The Security Department is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure campus. Security oversees parking, health emergencies, facility emergencies, and is available to help students in need. The Security office is open 24 hours a day and can be found in the common area between the Ridderhof building and the library. They may also be reached by calling (803) 807-5555.

CIU ALERT

CIU uses the opt-in CIU Alert app to keep its residents alert to important safety and security issues. To subscribe to CIU Alert, please visit my.ciu.edu (Home>CIU Alert>Sign Up for CIU Alert).

RAs ON DUTY

At any given time, an on-duty member of the Res Life staff can be reached by contacting the RA phone. The use of these numbers should be limited to situations when true assistance is required (e.g., being locked out, reporting a leak or other immediate maintenance need, reporting a fire or other true emergency). In the case of an emergency situation that is dangerous or life-threatening, students should contact CIU Security/911 before contacting the RA on duty.

Men's RA on duty – (803) 518-2508

Women's RA on duty – (803) 518-2510

DRIVING AND PARKING REGULATIONS

Please abide by CIU's driving and parking regulations at all times. The vehicle speed limit on campus is 15mph, except 25mph on International Boulevard. Texting while driving is strictly prohibited. Parking and driving on the CIU campus is a privilege and may be withdrawn due to unsafe driving behavior or repetitive violations of the parking and driving regulations.

Vehicles must be registered with CIU to park on campus. Students will register vehicles online at my.ciu.edu. After registration, parking decals may be picked up in the Security Office. On-campus students are to park in designated lots provided behind/beside their residence halls. Motorcycles are not permitted inside the buildings, hallway areas, or breezeways.

EXTERIOR DOORS

Exterior doors remain locked at all times, with the exception of Memorial & Founders Halls' front entry doors. The front entry doors of Founders and Memorial will be unlocked during the following times:
Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



SAFETY + SECURITY (CONT.)

ENTRY

CIU reserves the right to enter a student's room and/or vehicle at any time to maintain facilities, maintain the safety of residents, or investigate suspected violations of community standards. No search will be made without the Dean of Students or Residence Life Coordinator being notified. Any search will be conducted by a designated university worker. The university also has the right to elect the use of a search warrant by the police. University representatives have the right to confiscate any items prohibited by university policy. Items may be returned at the discretion of the university representative.

PROPPING DOORS

In order to ensure the safety and security of residents and their personal belongings, propping open exterior doors is prohibited.

ILLNESSES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In case of illness requiring hospitalization, students should contact their RA who will inform the Residence Life Coordinator.

HAZING

Hazing of students is an unacceptable activity and will result in strict disciplinary action. Hazing is defined as any action which causes or is likely to cause mental or physical danger or harm. Any activity that has the potential to be termed unsanitary, dangerous, or degrading is considered unacceptable.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Guests must be at least 12 years of age. The host student is responsible for providing linens and for seeing that guests abide by all campus standards. No keys will be given to guests. No guests are permitted on campus during the last week of the semester without prior permission from the Residence Life Office.

CIU faculty, staff, or students must accompany any guests they invite to campus, including invitations to use campus facilities (e.g., fishing in the CIU lake). No guests will be permitted to stay in the residence halls without a designated host.

The maximum number of days guests may stay in the halls is three nights, unless prior permission is received.

CIU LAKE AND WOODS - BROAD RIVER

The lake and surrounding areas close at dusk. Swimming is not permitted in the river or in the CIU lake. For safety, we ask that no one walk alone to the lake or in the woods any time.



PROHIBITED ITEMS

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND RELATED SUBSTANCES

Columbia International University is a tobacco, nicotine, drug, and alcohol-free campus. The possession and/or use of substances including, but not limited to, cigarettes (including e-cigs and vaping paraphernalia), smokeless tobacco, nicotine pouches, illegal drugs, and alcohol is prohibited within the residence halls and on the campus of CIU. Enrolled students should always adhere to the guidelines in the Student Handbook, regardless of whether they are on or off campus.

WEAPONS AND FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

The use of gasoline, spray paint, solvents, paint remover, and dry cleaning fluids in the residence halls is strictly prohibited. Weapons, explosives, and any devices capable of causing harm to others or damaging property are also prohibited on campus. Examples of prohibited items include firearms, Tasers, or similar incapacitating devices, paintball guns, BB guns, pellet guns, Airsoft guns, blowguns, wrist rockets, knives (except small pocket or paring knives), spears, swords, fireworks, and incendiary devices. Please contact Security at 803-807-5555 if you are unsure as to whether or not an item is considered a weapon.

CONTRACEPTIVES

Given CIU's prohibition of sexual promiscuity, the possession of contraceptives or other items intended for use in relation to sexual activity are strictly prohibited. This does not include medication prescribed by a physician.



EMERGENCIES

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FIRES/ FIRE SAFETY

By order of the fire marshal, there are to be NO open flames under any circumstances in the residence halls. No candles, oil lamps, or incense may be used in the residence halls as they pose a fire hazard. In addition, any appliance that could result in a grease fire is not permitted in the residence halls.

In the event of a fire emergency in the residence hall, all residents should be familiar with and adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) If fire alarm sounds, immediately leave the building.
- (2) If door is hot, remain in room.
- (3) Block the entrance of smoke and heat into room by stuffing towels around the door.
- (4) Stay low near the floor to avoid smoke and heat. Cover head with wet cloth if necessary to aid breathing.
- (5) If necessary, break window. Do not exit through upper floor windows.
- (6) Hang a towel out your window. Fire personnel will get to you as soon as possible.
- (7) If the door is cool, open slightly and check for heavy smoke and heat. If clear, proceed to exit. If smoke is light, stay low near floor to avoid smoke and heat.
- (8) When leaving, wear shoes; carry wet towel, if available, to aid breathing. If hallway is too smoky to reach stairwell, remain in the room. Follow instructions as listed above.
- (9) After leaving, get clear of the building and surrounding area and proceed to designated assembly spot.
- (10) Report to the university official for roll call.
- (11) Remain quiet and orderly while waiting for further instructions.
- (12) Do not return to building for any reason until given the all clear by university personnel.

Drills will be performed each semester to ensure the safety of resident students. Students who knowingly refuse to vacate a hall during a fire or a fire drill are subject to disciplinary action. Tampering with smoke detectors, fire alarms, or fire extinguishers is strictly prohibited and will also result in disciplinary action.

TORNADOES

If a tornado warning is issued for our area, residents will be notified via CIU Alert. Students should go directly to an interior room or hallway on the lowest level of their building. Students will be informed of designated shelter zones at the first All Residents Meeting of the year. Students should remain in shelter zones (regardless of the siren stopping or sounding multiple times) until the all clear is issued by Res Life or Security personnel.



COMMON AREAS

KITCHEN

There is a kitchen area located in Founders basement. Students are responsible to keep this area clean and neat. It should be cleaned after each use. Due to fire regulations, surface frying in the kitchen is prohibited. Failure to keep the kitchen area clean will result in loss of privileges and/or closure.

LAUNDRY ROOMS

Washers and dryers are located in the lower level of Founders and Walker for females and East and Memorial for males. Machines are for the use of on-campus students only. Please report any maintenance issues to your RA or to the Residence Life office.

Please collect your laundry promptly so others can use the machines. Do not remove another person's laundry from a washing machine or dryer. If a machine is occupied, please use another machine or wait until one is available. Please do not leave laundry unattended. CIU is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Clothes left in laundry rooms after one week will be disposed.

STORAGE ROOMS

Storage space is provided for current residents only. Students who are not living on campus or are not planning to return the following semester are not permitted to store items in the storage rooms. All stored items must be kept in boxes or luggage and labeled with the student's name and phone number. These may be stored during the summer without charge. Items left in storage remain the responsibility of the student. CIU is unable to provide reimbursement or compensation for any items that may be lost, damaged, or stolen.

Students may wish to purchase additional insurance through their personal carrier to cover the cost of any lost, damaged, or stolen items. The university does not assume responsibility for shipping items. Items remaining unclaimed two weeks after the following semester begins will become the property of CIU. During the school year, the Residence Life Office will clean out the storage rooms. Students are responsible for removing their personal items from the storage room before that time. Items not removed prior to the clean-out will be thrown away. Please watch for information concerning the date of the clean-out.

MOVIES

In light of current copyright laws, and due to the public nature of the Memorial and Founders lobbies, movies may not be shown in these lobbies at any time. Movies may be shown in other lobbies or in individual rooms, but must meet the viewing guidelines set forth in the CIU student handbook.



IMPORTANT TIMES

LOBBIES/ LOUNGES

The first floor lobbies of Memorial and Founders are for public use during the weekday hours. Sleeping is not permitted in these lobbies. If furniture is moved, it should be returned to its original location when finished. All lounges, including Memorial and Founders basements, are available for co-ed use. Students should observe all TV and movie standards, as well as co-ed hours, and treat the furnishings with respect.

Lobby/Lounge/Basement Co-ed Hours for Visitors

Sunday - Thursday	12:00 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	12:00 noon - 12:00 a.m.

OPEN DORMS

Residence Halls will be open for co-ed visiting during the following hours:

Friday	5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Saturday	12:00 noon – 12:00 a.m.
Sunday	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Students are expected to abide by all biblical and CIU community standards, conducting themselves in a manner that is above reproach. Room doors should remain fully open, and lights should remain on. There should be no reclining together or sharing blankets, and appropriate attire must be worn (no sleepwear). Visitation is by invitation only, and the residence halls will remain locked during this time. Guests of the opposite sex may not remain in the room or on the hall without a host present.

Failure to abide by our open dorms policy is not only a breach of our community standards, it also constitutes a violation of the privacy of our residents. For this reason, we view the violation of our open dorms policy as a particularly serious offense. Those found to be in violation of this policy (including both the host resident and the guest) will, per occurrence, 1) be issued a \$50 fine, 2) be suspended from open dorms privileges for one semester (14 semester weeks), and 3) may be referred to the Student Review Committee. If you become aware of any violations of our open dorms policy, please notify your resident assistant or other Residence Life staff immediately.

QUIET HOURS

During quiet hours, residents are asked to keep noise levels to a minimum out of respect for fellow residents who may be studying or sleeping. Quiet hours are as follows:

Sunday - Thursday	11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - Saturday	12:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.



CURFEW

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(Applies to all resident students except seniors)

Sunday – Thursday 1:00am

Friday – Saturday 2:00am

A student (or group of students) who knows ahead of time that they will be late should contact the Residence Life Office or the RA on duty before 11pm in order to receive permission to be out after curfew. Students should not attempt to contact RAs requesting curfew exceptions after 11pm, as no such requests will be granted.

A resident's first curfew violation will result in an email from the Residence Life Office reminding the student of our curfew policy. A second offense will result in a fine of \$25 and an invitation to speak with the Residence Life Coordinator. Repeated offenses will result in additional fines, invitations to speak with the Residence Life Coordinator, and the student being referred to the Dean of Students.



RES LIFE POLICIES

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Residence Life staff members (including RAs) have been given the responsibility and authority to uphold all CIU and Res Life policies. Students are expected to respect and submit to their authority. Students who feel that a Res Life staff member is abusing their authority should approach them directly in grace and truth. If no satisfactory resolution can be reached, the Residence Life Office should be contacted. Any disrespect for, or disregard of, the Res Life staff will be addressed as a disciplinary issue.

SPEAK TO EDIFY

As a biblical community, our aim in communication is to build one another up in love (Eph 4:16, 29). Forms of speech such as lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, backbiting, and the use of profanity and/or crude language only serve to work against our pursuit of healthy biblical community. These forms of speech are prohibited by God and are not permitted in our residence halls.

STANDARDS AND CHECKOUT

Upon checking in, students are required to abide by all CIU community standards until they have checked out and left campus. Students are not allowed to check out of the halls and then return as "guests."

NAME TAGS

Name tags are typically issued by the RA of each hall at the beginning of the school year and should remain on/near students' doors for the entire school year as they are helpful to Residence life staff and emergency response personnel in quickly locating a resident.

NOISE ON HALLS

To help maintain our residence halls as comfortable living spaces for all residents, please ensure that your music, television, and other sources of noise cannot be heard outside your residence hall room. For the same reason, playing music in the shower rooms is not permitted.

ALL RESIDENTS MEETINGS

Each semester, in order to communicate vital information to residents, the Residence Life Office will hold mandatory meetings, led by the Residence Life Coordinator. Since attendance is required, these meetings will be scheduled for 9:00pm on Monday nights. Students are expected to arrange work schedules and other commitments around All Residents Meetings. All other reasons for missing meetings or arriving late (including work) will result in a \$25 fine. All residents will be responsible for the material covered in these meetings.



RES LIFE POLICIES (CONT.)

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Email serves as Residence Life's primary means of issuing important communications to our resident students. Please check your email daily for important communications from Residence Life and other campus departments. If you receive an email from Residence Life's staff requesting a response or a personal meeting, please respond promptly.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Nothing (posters, flyers, announcements, etc.) may be taped to doors or windows of the main entries of the residence halls. It is up to the discretion of each hall's RA to determine whether or not anything may be posted on the hall. Please secure your RAs permission before posting anything.

HOUSING DEPOSITS

Students planning to live on campus are required to pay a \$100 room deposit. This room deposit guarantees a room each succeeding semester until the student leaves the residence halls. After completing a proper final checkout, deposits will be refunded by the Accounting Office. Any room damages or unpaid Res Life fines will be deducted from this deposit.

HOUSING DEPOSIT REFUNDS

Students who decide to withdraw from CIU before completing their program must notify the Residence Life office of their intent to leave. Room refunds will be made according to the refund schedule listed below.

- \$100 Housing Deposit Refund:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Full Refund if notified by:	April 1st	November 1st
½ refund if notified by:	April 2nd - July 1st	November 2nd - Jan. 1st
No refund if notified:	July 2nd or later	January 2nd or later

- Room Rent Refund: No room rent is refunded regardless of date of withdrawal.
- Board Refund: Board refunds will be made on a prorated basis once a student has officially withdrawn from the university. Should the student owe the university any money, this refund will be applied to their account.

Remaining funds (after deductions are made for any damages or unresolved fees) will be returned by the Accounting Office.



RES LIFE POLICIES (CONT.)

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

Students may not arrive earlier than the scheduled day/time of hall opening or leave later than the scheduled day/time of hall closure. Students refusing to comply will be subject to a fine of \$25 per night. Residence halls are closed during Thanksgiving and Spring Break as well as between semesters. Students may not remain in their rooms during these holiday breaks. The CIU calendar and the Residence Life office will publish dates and times for check-in, checkout, and holiday closings. It is the student's responsibility to make other housing arrangements during these times. While the halls are open during Fall Break, students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to take some time away from campus.

PETS

Students in the residence halls may keep fish or turtles as pets in their rooms in a fish bowl or small aquarium. Special permission must be obtained from Res Life for any aquarium exceeding 5 gallons. No other animals are permitted in the residence halls at any time, except those approved as service or emotional support animals by the Academic Success Center. Students should not feed stray animals on campus, as this encourages them to stay.

BIKES

Bikes must be stored in designated areas and are not permitted in buildings. Bike racks are provided outside the residence halls for convenience. Any bikes left on campus during semester breaks must be labeled with the owner's name/room number and locked in a designated storage area. Bikes that are not labeled and locked will be removed at the end of each semester.

SUNBATHING

Coed sunbathing is not permitted on campus. Women may only sunbathe behind the women's residence halls and should wear tankinis or modest one-piece bathing suits. Bikini cut swimsuits are not appropriate for men or women. Men may only sunbathe behind the men's residence halls. Please be considerate of activities that may be occurring around you (tennis and basketball). In these situations, it may not be appropriate to sunbathe.

BABYSITTING

No babysitting is permitted in the residence halls.



FINES AND FEES

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\$10.00:

- Loud Music/Noise (per occurrence)
- Quiet Hours Violation (per occurrence)
- Items Left in Hall/Bathroom
- Room Check Failure
- Late for/Missed Hall Meeting

\$25.00:

- Lost Key
- Curfew Violation (2nd occurrence)
- Unapproved Early Check-In/Late Checkout
- Dirty Fridge/Microwave at Checkout
- Possession of Prohibited Items/Appliances
- Missed All Residents Meeting

\$50.00:

- Curfew Violation (3rd occurrence)
- Open Dorms Violation (per violation)
- Overnight Guest Violation
- Propping Doors Open
- Removing Screens, Furniture, Vents, or Light Fixtures
- Failure to Checkout According to Res Life Guidelines
- Unapproved Duplicating of Room Key

\$100.00:

- Curfew Violation (4th occurrence)

Tampering with smoke detectors/alarm pulls is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00.

Repeated violations will be subject to suspension of privileges and/or review by the Dean of Students.

These fines and fees will be added to your student account and can be paid online or in the Accounting office.



HOUSE COLLECTIVE

The House Collective is designed to create opportunities for residential students, local commuters, undergrads, grad and seminary students, and faculty/staff to come together and build community through things like house competition, social events, service projects, and small groups. The Collective is made up of seven houses: Fidelitas, Dignitas, Veritas, Aequitas, Virtus, Justitia, and Sapientia. Each house has its own unique identity, traditions, colors, and crest. The houses are made up of all types of students and a few faculty members. The House Collective is something for the whole campus, and everyone is invited to participate.

In addition to bringing people together, the houses also spark some friendly rivalries. Throughout the year, house members compete to win points and pride, hoping to earn the title of House Victors. The ultimate purpose of The Collective is to help our students grow to become more like Jesus. Through the relationships that are formed, the conversations that are had, and the time spent living life together, our prayer is that students would challenge and encourage one another to know Christ and to make Him known.

CAMPUS-WIDE HOUSE COLLECTIVE EVENTS

August 20: House Collective Introduction

August 28-31: Alpha Weekend

September 22-26: Assassin Week

January 30: House Throwdown

February 23-26: Shofar Cup

March 21: Acousta

April 11: Ram Relay

More dates to come! Check with your RA to learn about House Parties and other House Events!

HOUSE PARTY DATES

September 28

October 26

November 30

January 25

February 22

March 29

April 19



2025–2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Check out all campus events at <https://ciu.edu/calendars/>

ALL RESIDENTS MEETINGS

Fall 2025

August 24 – 8:00pm in Hoke Auditorium
December 1 – 9:00 pm in Hoke Auditorium

Spring 2026

January 11 – 9:00 pm in Hoke Auditorium
April 20 – 9:00 pm in Hoke Auditorium

All Residents Meetings are required and a fine of \$25 will be assessed for being absent.

ROOM CHECKS

September 8	January 26	April 27
September 22	February 9	
October 6	February 23	
October 20	March 16	
November 3	March 30	
November 17	April 13	

Room checks will occur Mondays at 11:00 a.m. on the dates above. You are welcome to be in your room during room checks. If you will not be in your room, be sure to take your key with you as your RA will lock your room once the room check is completed.

HALL CLOSINGS

Fall 2025

Thanksgiving Break: Halls close at 5pm on November 25
Christmas Break: Halls closet at 5pm on December 12

Spring 2026

Spring Break: Halls close at 5pm on March 6
End of Spring Semester: Halls close at 5pm on May 1

For liability purposes, nobody is permitted to stay in the residence halls anytime while halls are closed unless given permission in advance by the Residence Life Office.



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