1. What is Community? The Department of Residence Life defines communities as a shared living experience that includes education, openness, respect, caring, involvement, ownership and celebration.

2. Your Rights and Responsibilities
   a. Your Rights include ability to socialize in your room, sleep and study without disturbance, support, safe and secure, enjoy access to different amenities, right to involve yourself in the development and growth of the community.
   b. Your Responsibilities include considerations of others needs balanced with your own, promote upkeep of the facility, getting involved with the community, promote safety, demonstrate dignity and respect, and communication with others.
RA - Resident Advisors (RA) are student staff members who live on your floor, ramp, or wing in a residence hall or designated apartment in the apartments. We will go into more detail on the next section.

Graduate Hall Directors/Graduate Resident Manager – These are graduate students who are working on a Master’s or Ph.D. who live in the hall and oversee the daily operation of a smaller building and supervises the RA staff.

Community Director/Resident Manager – These are full time staff members who live in the hall that oversee the daily operations of their building/buildings and supervise RA’s and GHD’s. Most of these all have at least a Master’s degree.

Coordinators – These full time staff members live off campus and oversees and area of campus. They directly supervise the Community Directors/Resident Managers. All coordinators have at least a master’s degree.
Who – A student just like you there to help! They are student leaders.

Where – Located throughout the building, usually 1 per floor

Why - RAs serve as a basic source of information, provide support, offer programs for residents, confront and document inappropriate behavior, and assist students in adjusting to campus life.

When - 1 RA on duty every night from 5 PM to 8 AM, and 24 hours on the weekend.

What - Need assistance? Call 979-845-2821
Your Student ID - You are required to have this on you at all times. Living on campus, it’s required for you to gain access to your hall. Do not give this to anyone else under any circumstances. It is a violation of University policies. If you lose your ID, go to myaggiecard.tamu.edu and deactivate it. You can get a temporary access card for your building by visiting one of the 24 hour service desks or the Apartment offices.

Card Swipe Access – All Residence Life facilities are locked down for your protection. You need your student ID to use the card swipe to gain access to your building.

Room Keys - At check-in, you will be assigned a room key for your specific room. You do not want to lose this key as it costs $100 to recore the lock and cut new keys. Do not give your room key to anyone. Always lock your doors, even if it’s just to go down the hall. A loaner key (for residence hall or apartment building access only) may be obtained from a staff member at one of the residence hall 24-hour desks or at the White Creek or Gardens Apartments Office.

24 hour service desks
There are two 24 hour service desks available for your needs. One is located in Hullabaloo Hall on the 1st floor. The other is located in the Commons on the Southside of the campus. These desks are staffed 24 hours a day throughout the year. They are only closed over the winter holiday. At these desks, you can get loaner cards/keys, check out study room keys, seek resources and many others. You can go physically visit the desks or you may call 979-845-2821 (press 1 for Northside, press 2 for Southside).

Duty
At least one Resident Advisor (RA) per hall and at least two Graduate Hall Directors and one full-time Community Director are on duty/on call every night of the week, with the exception of some holiday periods. If any problem arises, please contact the staff member on duty in your hall by calling the 24-Hour Service Desk at (979) 845-2821 Monday-Friday from 5:00 pm-8:00 am or 24 hours a day on Saturday and Sunday

Tell Somebody/Stop Hate/Stop Hazing
Tell Somebody - If any member of the university community observes any behavior (by a student, staff or faculty member) that is concerning, individuals may report the behavior using the online report form found at http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu/reportingform. If you are in an emergency situation that requires medical, psychological or police services, call 911. For more information about the Tell Somebody program, visit http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu.
Stop Hate – if you have witnessed something that is hate or bias related, you can file a complaint at stophate.tamu.edu. This university takes these matters very seriously.
Stop Hazing – if you have witnessed something you feel could be considered hazing behavior, it needs to be reported. For different ways to report such activities, visit http://stophazing.tamu.edu.

Fire Life Safety – These inspections occur twice a year and are done to increase the level of safety and safety awareness for the residents. Anything that could be a fire hazard, a health hazard, etc will be checked. You will be notified when these are going to occur.
YOUR ROOM/ROOMMATE

Your Room
- Room Assignment
- Room/Hall changes – Last Day August 1!
- Maintenance Request

Your Roommate
- Common roommate issues
- Developing a great roommate relationship
- Roommate Agreements

Room Assignments
You select your own room! Room changes must be done through the housing portal or a staff member.
You cannot swap rooms without talking to staff first.

Room/Hall Changes
Last day to make room & hall changes before move in – August 1
Changes after move in must be done in coordination with the Housing Assignments Office and Residence Hall Staff.

Maintenance Requests
To submit a work order - Log into the AggieWorks system at http://aggieworks.tamu.edu/.
Student residents and family members shall permit entry into the apartment by authorized university maintenance staff members without prior notice during reasonable hours when entry is necessary to provide maintenance (pest control 14 treatments, preventative maintenance procedures, work orders, ongoing repairs, improvements or other similar reasons).

Common roommate issues
Study habits
Cleanliness
Guests
Noise
Phone and computer usage
Personal space/stuff
Borrowing items
Personal preferences
Sleep habits/needs

Developing a great roommate relationship
Demonstrate respect
Act responsibly
Be willing to compromise
Learn each other’s habits
Be flexible and understanding
Treat each other with dignity
Practice open communication
Have integrity
Refer back to your rights and responsibilities for living on campus.

Roommate Agreements
- Not always fun but need to be done the first week!
- Even if you have known the person their whole life, it still needs to be done.
- Helps establish lines of communication at the start.
Conflict mediation
For a community atmosphere to develop, residents must show respect and courtesy toward each other. Residents must comply with noise reduction or other reasonable requests in a prompt and considerate manner. Disregarding the rights of others or creating circumstances that could jeopardize life, limb or property may be cause for contract termination and/or university disciplinary charges.
Contact your RA or other residence life staff members if you need assistance in resolving a conflict.

Social Media
Don’t take your frustrations out about your roommate onto social media. Talk to them, don’t put them on blast.

Official University Communication
Email - Official form of communication...lots of information will come through here, including any conduct related emails. Check your TAMU email daily! Don’t forget to check spam as well.
Code Maroon – any significant weather or crisis situation will be communicated through Code Maroon.
BELONGINGS

What to bring:
• Coffee Pot
• Crock Pot
• Iron
• Microwave
• Refrigerator
Just to name a few!

What can you bring...
• Coffee pot, blender
• Rice cooker/crock pots/bread machines
• Lava lamps
• Iron
• Microwave
• Refrigerator
• Butane/propane lighters for personal use
• Essential oil diffusers
• Wax warmers (Scentsy-type)
What not to bring...

- Candles
- Camping stoves, electric skillets
- Ceiling fans, unless installed by the Department of Residence Life
- Electric Power Tools (with exception of storage for use outside the buildings)
- Gas Power Tools
- Griddles, grills (George Foreman type, charcoal, or propane), panini presses
- Halogen Torchiere lamps
- Hot oil popcorn poppers
- Hot plates, sandwich makers, toasters and toaster ovens (res halls only)
- Induction Cooking appliances
- Pressure Cookers, “Instant Pot” type cookers
- Space heaters
- Pets
- Weapons
- Fireworks, explosives & Hazardous items
- Road signs (Must have proof of purchase if you have one)
- Extension cords
What should you bring...

UL approved power strip
Alarm clock
Ethernet cable
Co-axial cable
Trashcan for room
3M Command Strips for decorating
Toilet paper
Computer
Shower caddy
Academic supplies
Laundry basket and supplies
Other things to think about

Decorations – Make your space yours! While there are some rules and regulations to decorations, we want you to build your home away from home. 3M Command strips are the best option for hanging things.

Furniture – If you want to bring some of your own furniture, that’s great but it might make things a little tight in your room. All furniture that is provided must stay in your room. It cannot be moved out and cannot be stored. Lounge furniture must stay in the lounge and not in your rooms.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Academic Peer Mentors
APMs live in the residence halls and apartments, and help other students succeed academically. APMs offer guidance through academic programs and events including: Academic Check Ups, Academic Skills Presentations, Office Hours (in person and online), eCampus Portal: Academics in Residence, peer panels, and resource tabling.

Living Learning Programs
An LLP is a residential clustering of students who share academic or social and cultural interests. Texas A&M University provides residential experiences commonly referred to as the Living Learning Program. Residents in our LLPs benefit from additional resources, support, and enhanced activities, centered around a specific focus in order to elevate their Aggie experience.

Free Tutoring
The Residential Tutoring program is designed to provide academic services for students living on campus at Texas A&M University. Residential Tutoring is a completely free service provided for all on-campus students during convenient hours and close to home. For specific hours and locations, visit https://reslife.tamu.edu/living/academics/services/. This service is provided
through a partnership between the Department of Residence Life and the Academic Success Center. Course tutoring offerings are typically for the following: Freshman Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, History, Math, Physics and Political Science, though there are frequently tutors available to assist with Engineering and other upper level courses. Tutoring is open to current students with a valid student ID.

CLC’s

CLCs provide a “community commons” environment in four locations across campus. These comfortable spaces are reserved primarily for student study and are conducive to both individual study and group work. In addition, select academic programs and services are presented in the CLCs during the fall and spring semesters. Each CLC is equipped with computer workstations that are connected to University software so residents may access the wide range of digital resources on campus.

ASI Programs

Dinner with a Prof

Dinner with a Prof is monthly event in which on-campus residents have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with faculty, outside of the classroom. Set in front of the fireplace in Hullabaloo Hall on the first Tuesday of the month during the academic year, faculty are invited to share their field of study, their personal journey, or live advice through engaging conversation with students. Students who attend can enjoy a delicious meal, meet other students, and learn that faculty members are real people, too, who can and want to be approached!

Study spectacular

Study Spectacular occurs at the end of each semester from 8:00 am on Reading Day through 5:00 pm on the last day of finals. Large meeting rooms are open 24/7 during this time frame in order to provide our on-campus residents with a quiet environment that is conducive to their studying. Some rooms that are opened include the Multipurpose Rooms in Hullabaloo Hall, the Commons, the White Creek Activity Center, the White Creek Community Center, and the Community Learning Center at the Gardens Apartments. Free coffee and snacks are provided throughout the event to keep you fueled for finals.
Dining Services – Many options near the residential facilities. Southside has the Commons dining hall, Duncan dining hall, Aggie Express, Grab and Go and Quadbucks. Northside has Hullabaloo Starbucks, Aggie express in Hullabaloo, Sbisa, the Underground. White Creek has the Creekside Market. Not to mention the other options throughout campus.

Transportation Services – We have a wonderful bus service here on campus. There are multiple routes serving campus and portions of Bryan/College Station. Riding the bus to or from the main campus is free of charge for all Texas A&M students. Route maps and schedules are available on the TAMU app. Residence Life is not responsible for parking. Visit them at transport.tamu.edu or call 979-862-PARK

24 hour Service desks
- Lockouts/lost keys
- Lost access cards
- Lost and found

Laundry
Residence Halls: All on campus residence halls are equipped with a common laundry facility, usually located on the first floor of every building. Laundry and dryer machines are not coin operated, as their cost is included in the price of rent. The White Creek Apartments have a washer and dryer set in each apartment.

Game Rooms
- Hullabaloo, Southside Commons, Gardens and White Creek Community Center

Music Practice rooms
- Hullabaloo (2 rooms 1 piano), Southside Commons (4 Rooms 2 pianos)

Meeting rooms
- The Department of Residence Life offers students who live on campus the opportunity to reserve rooms in many of our facilities at no cost. Rooms may only be reserved by students living in on-campus housing, Department of Residence Life (DRL) student organizations, DRL staff, DRL sponsored camps/conferences and Texas A&M University departments. For information regarding room reservations, visit https://reslife.tamu.edu/guests/events/.

TV Lounges in the halls

Recycling – Available throughout the halls and campus

Kitchens (available in most halls)

Mail services
- The Residence Halls: The Department of Residence Life does not provide mailboxes for residents, however residence hall students may rent mailboxes. Residents may rent mailboxes, buy postage, ship packages at the private mail facilities located in Hullabaloo Hall and in the Southside Commons. Box sizes, rental rates, services and hours of operation vary. Visit http://reslife.tamu.edu/living/amenities/mail/ for information about mail services.
Wifi

Ethernet/Internet Internet connections are available in each room/apartment via the Ethernet jacks that have been installed in the bedrooms and in apartment living rooms. Wireless is also provided in each residence hall and apartment, including in lounges and other public spaces. Personal wifi routers are not allowed. They will track down the source and shut you out.

Must have antivirus software
No illegal file sharing or inappropriate use

ResNet

ResNet allows connection to the Internet as well as other campus resources. Connecting to ResNet requires a network cable to connect the computer to the room’s network connection. You may have a personal router as long as the wireless feature is turned off. Texas A&M Information Technology supports the Texas A&M network infrastructure. The support includes maintenance of the network and network services as well as implementing policy that governs the use of the network. If you have problems or questions about the Ethernet, please contact the 24-hour Texas A&M...
Information Technology Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300 or email helpdesk@tamu.edu.

TV

IPTV Only – White Creek and Corps 1-5, 9-12
IPTV & Cable – Gardens, Hullabaloo, Corps 6-8
Cable only – all other residence halls

Television service is available in all residence hall rooms and apartments on campus and is included in your rent. Residents will need to bring their own television (and in some cases, their own streaming devices). Television service is provided by traditional coaxial cable TV in some buildings and by IPTV via the Internet in other buildings. Reference the information below to find out how television service is being delivered to your assigned room or apartment and to find out what you will need to bring to campus to watch television.

Smart TV’s, google home, alexa etc. Echo… When in doubt, always contact Department of Information Technology at http://it.tamu.edu or call 979-845-8300. The number is also on your ID card.

Housing portal

http://On-campusaggies.tamu.edu

Apply for Housing
Continue Housing Application
Self Select Hall/Apartment, Room and Roommate
Complete Annual Housing Orientation
Sign Up For Apartment Check-In or Check-Out Appointment
Request An Early Arrival or Extended Stay
Complete Room/Apartment Condition Form
Pay Monthly Apartment Rent & Electric
Request To Cancel Housing After Check-In
Request to Change Apartments/Halls/Rooms
Opportunities in Residence Life

Community Council

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Aggie EcoReps

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FINAL THOUGHTS

- Look for your Res Life NSC Newsletter in your email!
- Move-In Guide reslife.tamu.edu/movein
- Move In Assistance Day – August 18!

Thanks & Gig 'Em!