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## New student housing information

### Housing Overview

Ringling College offers a wide array of on-campus housing options, including traditional residence halls, apartment complexes, and over 30 near-campus houses. With more than 70% of students choosing to live on campus, we strive to make campus housing convenient, safe, and comfortable. Our amenities include furnished living quarters, meal plan options, on-call staff, proximity to campus services, classrooms and studios, utilities, and 24-hour campus security. For additional safety, access to each floor of our traditional residence halls is limited to residents only.

Our housing is designed specifically for creatives, offering plenty of collaboration spaces, large-scale project workrooms, and access to our many student resources.

### First-Year Housing

The majority of students entering Ringling for the first time, both first-time in college and transfer students, are housed in [Goldstein and Greensboro Halls](#), centrally located on campus for convenience and proximity to campus facilities.

### Goldstein Hall

Goldstein is a state-of-the-art facility built for collaboration. The ground floor offers a student lounge area with games and activities, the Mailroom, Student Activities Office, Residence Life Office, and the [Esports arena](#). Goldstein rooms are double and triple suites connected by a bathroom to another suite. Each room typically measures 11x16 ft and contains a microwave and mini-refrigerator for shared use. Project rooms for creating large-scale projects are located on each floor. Based on the popularity of on campus housing, half of the double rooms have been increased to [triples](#) to accommodate all students wishing to live on campus.

### Greensboro Hall

Greensboro Hall rooms are suites with two double rooms sharing a common entry. The common entry contains the bathroom, refrigerator, and microwave to share. Greensboro Hall also has a limited number of four-person single-room suites. Similar to the suite doubles, the four students in single rooms share a common entry, bathroom, refrigerator, and microwave. In addition to lounges on each floor, this building is equipped with a community kitchen available for use by all students in residence halls.

### Furniture

All rooms in Goldstein and Greensboro Halls include the following:

- XL twin bed (80"x36"x36")
  - Beds may be raised/lowered by submitting a maintenance request when you arrive on campus.
  - The clearance under the bed is about 36"
  - Beds may not be lofted
- Armoire (32"x24"x54")
- Desk and chair (approx. 42"x24"x30")
- Set of drawers

## Transfer Students

All new students, both first-time in college and transfers are housed in our first-year residence halls due to space constraints. If we have openings in upper-class apartment-style housing when we begin assignments we will offer these to new, non-traditional-aged students on a space-available basis. Housing is only available for matriculated students. Students with dependents should seek off-campus housing in the local area.

## Applying for Housing

To complete the housing application, you first need to confirm your enrollment and create your Ringling network account. One business day after you have confirmed and created your account:

- Visit [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com)
- Log in with your Ringling College email, but omit the "c." after the @
  - For example, use "newstudent@ringling.edu" instead of "newstudent@c.ringling.edu".
  - The password is the same as the one you created for your College email.
  - Microsoft may request a secondary authentication via text/call to complete the login.
- On the home page, look for "apply for housing" under "recommended actions."
- Click "apply now" and complete the housing application.
- Once you have completed the housing application, you will be able to build a roommate profile under the "housing" tab on the left-side and begin searching for a roommate.

Students experiencing difficulty logging in to their Ringling network account with authentication errors must contact [support@ringling.edu](mailto:support@ringling.edu) for assistance.

## Disability Housing

[Student Access Services](#) (SAS) works collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students to ensure that appropriate accommodations, services, resources, and referrals are made providing equity both in the academic environment and in campus life. SAS works with all campus resources to ensure that equitable and inclusive learning environments and campus participation are a shared responsibility of the campus community.

Ringling College is committed to providing equal access opportunities for all students. Students who have disabilities are offered a variety of reasonable accommodations in order to have complete access to all academic programs. This complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and other relevant state and federal legislation policies.

Students requesting equal access accommodations must register with Student Access Services to receive reasonable accommodations. In order to be registered with SAS students must complete intake information and sign an agreement. Academic accommodations are not formally established until 30 days to the start of the student's first semester. Housing accommodations require more notice for planning and assignment. Students that require housing accommodations are encouraged to email Student Access Services at [sas@ringling.edu](mailto:sas@ringling.edu) once a housing application has been submitted.

To request Disability Housing Accommodations the student is required to complete the Disability Housing Accommodation Request form on [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com) after completing the housing

application. Documentation can be in the form of a clinical narrative summary from the treating specialist outlining and justifying the recommendation for housing accommodations. If relevant to the diagnosis and ultimately the disability, testing results may be requested. This letter must be in English, be dated, include the diagnosis and justification, and be on a letterhead of the organization the professional is associated with, including the credentials, license number, and contact information of the provider. Please note that an updated letter will be required for each housing application.

## Emotional Support Animals

Ringling College of Art and Design is committed to providing appropriate access to its facilities and programs in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act, and applicable state law. These procedures establish the scope of access and procedures for individuals who use service animals, who are accompanied by a service animal (SA) in training, and for students living in College housing who require an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) as a reasonable accommodation to a disability.

The College will determine, on a case-by-case basis and by applicable laws and regulations and these procedures, whether a service animal or ESA may be present on College premises as a reasonable accommodation to a disability.

To pursue/continue having an ESA or SA in campus housing students are required to complete the Emotional Support Animal Request form at [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com). The yearly deadline is March 1 for currently enrolled students and June 1 for new students. After this date, requests for reasonable accommodations will be subject to availability.

ESAs may be allowed in College Housing if the animal is necessary to allow a student with a disability to have equal access to the on-campus housing opportunities provided to all students. Unlike service animals, ESAs are not permitted in any area other than the student's specific housing assignment, except when necessary to take the animal outside for relief. ESAs are not allowed in other College buildings, including academic buildings, the Student Center, or other facilities and buildings of the College. The Office of Student Access Services will communicate with the Office of Housing and Residence Life regarding accommodations for students with approved ESA/SAs, and the student will then be prompted by Residence Life for all required paperwork for the animal to be present on campus. Students with ESAs will be accommodated into spaces with appropriate HVAC systems.

An emotional support animal is part of an ongoing mental health treatment plan. Renewal from the current, prescribing mental health professional is required for each new housing contract. A detailed letter, in the form of a clinical narrative summary, from the active provider overseeing the treatment plan that the animal is a part of and who has witnessed the interactions with the animal being supportive of the treatment process is needed. Within the communication, the professional must indicate they are the prescribing professional and not related to the student, the date on which you began treatment and the animal was prescribed, the letter must be dated, include the justification of the animal, identify the specific animal that is prescribed, include the professional's credentials (license number, state they are licensed in), contact information, and be on the letterhead of the associated organization. Please complete a release of information with the provider for Student Access Services - Ringling College of Art and Design, if follow-up verification is necessary. The provider must be the

ongoing mental health specialist, not related to the student, licensed in the state the student's primary residence is, or in the state of Florida once the student is present here in Florida. In general, ethical providers that prescribe ESAs typically will not do so until the treatment plan has demonstrated success and other avenues of coping have been implemented as well, which takes time in the treatment process. ESAs are never a form of emergency treatment.

Ringling College of Art and Design does not accept documentation for fraudulent online websites that "register" your pet as an emotional support animal. Please note that you should not be paying to have an Emotional Support Animal. ESAs meet the definition by being part of an ongoing treatment plan, therefore, the student must already have the animal and it must have been deemed a successful implementation into the treatment process before the animal coming to campus. The animal should have appropriate obedience skills and meet the requirements of Florida state law. Emotional Support Animals are typically a year or older.

Once the documentation is received, the verification and review of information begin. This is not an automatic approval, and there are steps to complete. Until the animal is approved through all channels with written permission, the animal is not permitted on campus.

## Dining

Add Ringling College students have their choice of several on-campus [dining](#) locations.

## Meal Plans

All new students living on campus in Goldstein and Greensboro Halls are required to purchase the full meal plan. The meal plan which includes 19 meals per week and \$250 dining dollars is automatically added to the student account.

### *Dining Dollars*

Dining dollars operate like a gift card and can be used at Cunniffe Commons, The Market, and Brickman Café. They can be used on all menu items at any time the location is open. Dining dollar balances do not carry over from the semester, so be sure to use them before they expire at the end of each semester.

### *Meal Exchange*

The 19-meal plan allows for 1 meal exchange per day for use at The Market or Brickman Café. This means you can use your meal swipe on select combo meals instead of swiping at Cunniffe Commons.

### *Meal Swipes*

The 19-meal plan is a full meal plan providing a swipe for all breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner designated meal periods in Cunniffe Commons.

### *Special Dietary Needs*

The Cunniffe Commons Pure (Delicious Without) station is dedicated to avoiding gluten and the top 9 allergens. If you have further questions or would like to schedule a meeting with the executive chef, text the dining hotline at 941-417-8821 or email the General Manager [David Byrne](#).

## Mailing Belongings to Ringling

New students may send belongings to Ringling to **arrive after August 1**. Packages received before new student orientation will be placed in your housing assignment for quicker move-in. Please read the following instructions and information to ensure mail and packages arrive without delay.

All student mail and packages should be sent to the address below:

STUDENT NAME  
Ringling College – New Student Fall 2025  
1130 Greensboro Ln.  
Sarasota, FL 34234-5895

Please note, the mailroom only accepts deliveries from major carriers: USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL. ***The mailroom does not accept delivery from any same day or independent delivery drivers such as UberEats, DoorDash, Hello Fresh, Target, Michaels, Walmart, Amazon-Whole Foods, or Weee.*** Additionally, for smaller Amazon deliveries, there is a convenient Amazon Locker “Tico” located between Goldstein and Greensboro Hall.

When a package or mail arrives to the mailroom, Mail Services scans the tracking number and an email is sent to the student’s Ringling email account with an alert that your package has arrived. To retrieve the package(s) students must bring their student ID to the Mail Services window then sign and receive packages.

Questions about mail should be sent to [Mail Services](#).

### Housing Assignments

Housing for students who are new to Ringling, both first-year and transfer, is guaranteed for the first year for those students who enroll and submit a housing application by May 1. After the students’ first year, housing is on a space-available basis, selected by the student, through a yearly housing online lottery in the spring.

New students who have submitted a housing application will have an opportunity to select their housing for the upcoming year. Students may select a space in any available opening, with or without a roommate between March and June. Information on how to select a space will be sent to the student’s Ringling email before the available rooms open on eRezlife.

Students who do not select a space when their timeslot is open or who are admitted after June will be placed into the next available opening by the Residence Life office. Rooms may be consolidated where openings remain.

### Roommates

Students entering Ringling as a first-year or transfer student may choose to select their roommate(s). Roommate pairings must be mutually requested and there is no restriction on the age, sex, or gender of the roommate groups.

Students who do not select a roommate group will be paired using the habit questions on the housing application, when possible, and are assigned based on the sex assigned at birth.

### Creating a Roommate Group

Many new, incoming students choose to select roommates in advance of the housing assignment process. The majority of housing for new students is in suite doubles or triples, with two or three students sharing a room connected to another room by either a common entry or bathroom.

### Searching for A Roommate

- On <https://ringling.erezlife.com>, navigate to the “housing” tab.
- Select “My roommate profile”.
  - Be sure to select “turn on my profile” and complete as much information as you are comfortable sharing, including contact information.
- After completing and turning on your profile, select “Roommate search”.
  - You may narrow your search by several criteria, however, you will see far fewer students looking for roommates.
- Once you see a student you would like to connect with, you may request to connect on their profile.

### Forming Roommate Groups

Navigate to the “housing” tab on <https://ringling.erezlife.com>.

- Select “roommate groups”.
- Name your roommate group and add up to 3 students.
  - You must use the full Ringling email of your potential roommate ([roommate@c.ringling.edu](mailto:roommate@c.ringling.edu)).
  - Your roommate needs to have completed a housing application to be added.
  - A roommate group of 2 is required if you have another student you wish to be housed with.
- Once complete, all members of the group must go into their individual account and select the created group as “my choice”.

### Photos for Student ID

All new students (resident and commuter), are required to submit a photo for their student ID by completing the New Student ID Photo Submission form on [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com) no later than August 1. Student IDs are disbursed during new student orientation.

### Arrival Dates

#### Domestic Students

Please refer to the posted [academic calendar](#) for the fall move-in date for domestic students.

#### International Students (F-1 visa)

Please refer to the posted [academic calendar](#) for the fall arrival date. All international students are required to complete the International New Student Arrival form on [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com) and should plan their arrival for the date as posted on the calendar. If you plan to arrive to the area before the posted arrival date, you should also seek out off-campus lodging. A list of nearby hotels that offer a discount to Ringling visitors is posted [here](#).

### What is Provided in Each Room

1. XL twin bed and mattress
2. Desk and chair
3. Armoire or closet
4. Set of drawers
5. Mini fridge and microwave
6. WiFi

7. Air conditioning
8. No cost laundry facilities in Goldstein and Greensboro Halls

### What to Bring

1. XL twin bedding and pillows
2. Bath towels and toiletries
3. Toilet paper and wastebasket
4. Laundry detergent (pods are ok)
5. Cleaning supplies
6. UL-approved surge protector
7. Coffee pot or water kettle with auto shutoff
8. Sticky tack putty to hang items

### What to Leave at Home

1. Toasters and toaster ovens
2. Hot plates and air fryers
3. Extension cords
4. Any electrical device that is not [UL-listed](#)
5. Refrigerators over 4.4 cubic feet
6. Drums or amplified instruments
7. Pets, except fish in a 10 gallon or smaller tank
8. Wallpaper
9. Candles, incense, or anything with an open flame
10. Command hooks and nails to hang items