



Welcome New Students!

ROOM & ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS:

On August 1st, you will be able to login to [BearPAWS](#) and view your room and roommate assignments. We understand some of you may want to request a different roommate (or request a roommate for the first time since you submitted your preferences). If this applies to you, please let us know by completing the [Fall 2026 Room Change Request Form](#) no later than end of the day (11:59PM EST) on Wednesday, August 5th. Please note the following:

- We may not be able to honor every request that we receive.
- We will prioritize your roommate request over your building preference. Our buildings are getting full, and it is very likely that we will need to move you to another building/area to make a roommate request work.
- To request a roommate, you will need to provide their first name, last name, date of birth and SUNY Potsdam email. Your roommate will also need to complete the survey and provide your information.
- No changes will be able to be requested after August 5th at 11:59PM.

REQUEST A SINGLE

If you are interested in applying for a single room (at an extra cost) please fill out the [2026-2027 Single Request Form](#). We will be honoring these requests in the order that we receive them and will do our best to honor as many single requests as possible before you arrive to campus. Please note, these requests are not guaranteed.

MOVING IN:

Move in for new students will happen on Thursday, August 27th from 9AM-4PM. All students should plan to arrive by 4PM so that you can move in and be prepared to fully participate in your new student welcome activities! If you are going to arrive after 4PM, please come to the Residence Life Office, located in Draime Hall, to be checked in.

- On Thursday, 8/27, be sure to stop by [Sundaes with Suzanne](#) to make your own ice-cream sundae with SUNY Potsdam President, Dr. Suzanne Smith, meet members of the President's Council (senior leadership of SUNY Potsdam), and learn about various offices on campus. You'll also be able to get some free Potsdam stuff! This will be from 3pm-5pm behind the Student Union!

When you arrive on campus, you will enter on Canton Drive (enter Canton Drive, Potsdam NY into your GPS) and follow the signs to complete our Drive-Through Check-in process. If your SUNY Potsdam Student Card was mailed home to you, please do not forget to bring that with you as you will need it to access your building. University Police in Van Housen Hall will be open for students who do not have their student card. You will receive the keys to your room at check in and then be directed to your residence hall.



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SUNY Potsdam student leaders and athletes will be available to help new students move into the residence halls from 9am-3pm on Thursday, 8/27. Look for these yellow shirts to identify our Welcome Team members!



Roommate Tips:

Talking to your roommate for the first time can seem scary, but you've got this! Remember that social media doesn't give you the whole picture of a person, make sure you reach out and talk to them! Listed below are some questions that can help you have that first conversation.

- Why did they pick SUNY Potsdam?
- What are they thinking about majoring in?
- What do they like to do for fun?
- What are they looking forward to the most about coming to Potsdam?
- Also, don't forget logistics, such as:
 - Who is bringing a refrigerator?
 - Who is bringing a microwave?
 - Who is bringing a TV?

If you have questions prior to your arrival, please reach out to us at reslife@potsdam.edu or 315-267-2350. Please note that we are a small office and only have one administrative assistant. If you call and get our voicemail, it is likely because we are assisting other students and families. Please make sure to leave a voicemail; we strive to get back to people within 24 business hours.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Residence Life