

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

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The beginning of fall semester is just around the corner. Like you, we are preparing for an important event – your arrival on campus! This brochure includes items to remember as you get ready to embark on your move to Madonna.

We look forward to welcoming you to Madonna as a member of our campus housing community. Our staff has worked diligently to make your arrival on campus as comfortable and as convenient as possible.

#### OUR MISSION

The Office of Residence Life at Madonna University is committed to providing a safe, living-learning atmosphere conducive to students' academic success, as well as professional and personal growth.

## It's all here.

You'll soon realize your residence hall is so much more than a place to sleep and study.

Where else can you live with friends, live connected to the pulse of campus life, live supported by professional Residence Life staff, and live assured with public safety officers on call 24-7?

Not to mention fun residential community programs and tons of opportunities for employment and leadership development.

#### IMPORTANT DATES IN 2017-2018

Move-in

Freshman Move-In Thursday, August 24, 2017

**Upperclassmen Move-In** Saturday, August 26, 2017.

See Move-In Schedule on page 9 for your exact date and time.

#### Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 -

Sunday, November 26, 2017.

Housing closes during Thanksgiving Break



#### Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Winter Break



Housing reopens Sunday, **January** 7, 201**8** at 1:00 **p**.m.

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#### THINK CREEN WHEN MOVING

- Help reduce the University's environmental footprint by purchasing energy-efficient appliances for your room that are Energy Star certified. Pack a Smart Powerstrip to use in your room to further conserve energy!
- Other items to consider packing include: reusable grocery bags, compact fluorescent light bulbs for desk & floor lamps, and reusable microwave-safe dishware.
- During move-in, flatten cardboard boxes and discard in the containers labeled specifically for cardboard only.
- Do not put plastic wrap or foam packing material in the cardboard recycling dumpsters.
- Pack in reusable crates and storage containers to avoid waste and make life easy at move-out!

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<u>Residential Student Mailing Address</u> Student Name Room Number 14221 Levan Road Livonia, MI 48154

If you plan to send mail or packages before arrival, be sure to schedule delivery after August 24th, 2017. Package slips will be left in student mailboxes and can be picked up at the Residence Hall Front Desk.

#### Spring Break

Housing closes for Spring Break.



Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Housing reopens Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Housing reopens Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Move-out

Housing closes Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

#### GET INVOLVED

Once you get in the swing of things this fall, check out all the ways you can get involved in your community and develop strong leadership skills, get to know new people, and have a lot of fun!

- Hold a position in Student Senate. New students are eligible to run for Senate positions.
- Attend community programs.
- Join a Living Learning Community.
- Stop by the Office of First-Year Experience.
- Attend a Madonna athletic event.
- Obtain an oncampus job. Stop by Career Services for more information.



\*On-campus summer and break housing is available for an additional charge.

## housing assignment

#### HERE'S HOW TO FIND IT



#### **Housing Selection Timeline**

Current Residential Students Community Selection Survey- Opens April 24th Room Assignments Communicated-June 30th

New Incoming Residential Students



When you arrive at Madonna, you will find yourself living with a roommate or suitemates who may be different from yourself. Chances are that your new roommate or suitemates will have similar aspirations but varied backgrounds, histories and families.

This diversity is what makes Madonna's residential community a true living and learning experience.

The Office of Residence Life supports the diversity of our housing communities in many ways, including the incorporation of the following value statement:

"The Residence Life staff aims to ensure a climate that respects diversity and multiculturalism, where self-responsibility and mutual respect is acknowledged as well as expected."

#### **MEET YOUR ROOMMATE!**



#### 'LET'S DO LUNCH!'

#### Details at mudining.sodexomyway.com



#### HOW WILL I BE BILLED FOR HOUSING?

The Office of Student Accounts will issue your bill for housing. For information about payment methods and installment plans, please visit **madonna.edu/resources/ student-accounts**.

#### CAN I CHANGE MY ASSIGNMENT OR ROOMMATE?

Yes, we first give students the opportunity to meet and see if they are compatible. Room changes will be frozen from June 30th until the third week of the semester. if you still want to move after the first two weeks, talk with your Resident Assistant or pick up a room change form at the Residence Hall Front Desk. Your request will be reviewed by our Residence Life staff and allowed if deemed appropriate.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WANT TO CANCEL MY CONTRACT?

Effective Fall 2017, all first-year, American students, whose primary U.S. residence is more than 35 miles from campus, and all new International (F-1 visa) and English Language program students must reside on campus and purchase a meal plan for their first full academic year (fall and winter semesters) at Madonna.

To cancel your contract please contact the Office of Student Accounts. All deposits will be forfeited if you do not move into the Residence Hall per your contract.

#### LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A Living Learning Community is a purposeful residential clustering of students who share common academic, cultural, or social interests. These Living Learning Communities are great places to begin and continue your college experience.

All Living Learning Communities (LLCs) will be located in the Living Learning Community Center. You must belong to an LLC to be placed in this Residence Hall.

Madonna currently offers three Living Learning Communities: Global Connections, Emerging Leaders and Scholar Leaders. Each community varies in organization, goals, and curriculum, but they all:

- ° Provide a small college setting with large college resources
- ° Facilitate connections among students, faculty, and staff around common interests
- ° Build nurturing, welcoming atmospheres to increase learning and student retention
- ° Encourage student participation in activities that foster learning

#### **Global Connections**

Global Connections is home to both first-year and upperclass students, as well as domestic and international students. Residents of the Global Connections community share interests in travel, languages, interfaith, and other cultures.

#### **Emerging Leaders**

Emerging Leaders is dedicated to enacting positive change. If you desire to embark on or extend your leadership journey, this community is for you. Within the Emerging Leaders community you will explore your leadership style, and network with student leaders from other colleges and universities.

#### **Scholar Leaders**

Scholar Leaders is a residential community for upper-level students with a cumulative GPA over 3.50. If you have an interest in leadership through group learning, service-learning, honors student programming, and academic involvement, then you would thrive in the Scholar Leaders community.

To apply to a Madonna Living Learning Community, please visit http://tinyurl.com/MadonnaLLC.

## in your room

DESK AND CHAIR One (1) desk and one (1) chair per resident

#### CLOSET/WARDROBE

One (1) per resident. Please note that closets do not have an outer lock and the closets are part of the built-in casework. A safe or lock may help to secure any important belongings you have inside of your room.



#### WINDOW BLINDS

All windows will have basic window coverings. You may want to bring your own curtain(s) for additional lighting control.

#### WIRELESS INTERNET

High-speed Wi-Fi is available in all rooms. Personal wireless routers are strictly prohibited.

#### **KITCHEN SPACE**

Full Kitchens are located in each Residence Hall for resident use.

#### LAUNDRY

**SERVICE** Laundry facilities are located in your residence hall. Laundry is \$0.75 to wash and <u>\$0.75 to</u> dry per load.

#### **OK TO BRING**

- Laptop computer and security cable
- ✓ Bicycle and U-lock
- Blankets, bedspread, pillows
- Sheets for Twin XI (mattress size is 80" long, 36" wide, 6" deep.
- ✓ Mattress cover
- Towels, washcloths, bathrobe
- ✓ Carpet or rug
- Clothes hangers
- Appropriate posters
- Personal toiletries
- Shower tote bucket

#### Laundry bag, detergent

- Curtains
- ✓ Alarm clock
- Small refrigerator (max size: 2' X 3' X 1' or 6 cubic feet)
- ✓ TV (HDTV)
- ✓ DVD/Blu-Ray player/Game console
- Power outlet strip with surge and cord fire protectio
- Desk and floor lamps (must b single-bulb and not halogen)
- Non-damaging, temporary adhesive for posters and wall art
- Wastepaper basket, plastic liners



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One (1) per resident in all Residence Hall locations. Dressers may range in size depending on building or wing location. Closets do contain extra shelves for clothes storage.

#### **TWIN BED AND XL MATTRESS**

One (1) per resident. Beds can be bunked or lofted using the hardware provided. Mattresses are 80" long, 36" wide and 6" deep. You will want to bring Twin XL sheets. Mattress covers are hypo-allergenic vinyl.

#### ELECTRICAL CAPACITY

Rooms are limited to 1,800 watts of electrical usage at any time. No single appliance can exceed 1,000 watts of usage.



#### SINK

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One (1) per room. Sinks are provided for each room in the University Center. Sinks are located in the private bathroom spaces in the LLC Center and Apartment Community.

#### MEDICINE CABNET

Each room contains a medicine cabinet in the University Center. The LLC Center and Apartment Communtiy contain bathroom storage space.

#### CABLE TV

SERVICE There is one CATV coax outlet per room and service



will be active at move-in. A TV with a QAM Tuner is required.

#### **NOT ALLOWED**

- $\times$  no candles, incense, fireworks weapons.
- $\times$  No halogen lamps.
- $\times$  no multi-bulb light fixtures o "octopus" lamps.
- $\times$  no pets except fish
- $\times$  No two-prong household extension cords - only three-prong extension cords are permitted.
- $\times$  No hotplates or any electrical appliance with open or exposed heating element.
- X No wireless routers or any device that may interfere with our network.
- $\times$  no toaster or toaster ovens.
- $\times$  No masking or cellophane tape, nails.

- $\times$  You may not bring your own air-conditioner.
- $\times$  No waterbeds.
- $\times$  No self-built lofts. The beds
  - provided can be lofted or bunked in most rooms but do require additional hardware you can obtain from Residence Life staff.
- × Personal microwaves are not allowed in the University Center.

#### SPACE IS LIMITED

Storage is not available on campus, so you will need to find space in your room for everything you bring. All the furniture provided in your room at move-in must stay in the room for the duration of the year.



#### SHOULD I GET INSURANCE FOR MY BELONGINGS?

We strongly encourage you to invest in additional property insurance for your belongings. Madonna does not endorse any individual insurance program, but does encourage parents and students to make sure they have the protection they desire for student property.

You may have homeowners insurance; however, not all homeowner's policies cover everything students bring to school. Most will provide some coverage, but have limitations on certain property. You should check with your insurance agent to determine what is and what is not covered under your policy and what the deductibles are for property away from your principal residence.

#### WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

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Your move-in day and time depends on where you are living as well as your class standing. Use the chart at right to determine your suggested arrival date and time for move-in. The schedule is designed to decrease long lines and unnecessary waiting.

#### CAN I COME EARLY? WHAT IF I NEED TO COME AFTER MY SCHEDULED ARRIVAL DATE?

Adhering to your recommended move-in date and time will assist with managing the heavy flow of traffic into campus.

However, if you need to arrive earlier or later than the date and time suggested for you, it is necessary to notify us. We unfortunately cannot accommodate arrivals prior to Monday, August 21, 2017. Fees may apply to early arrivals.

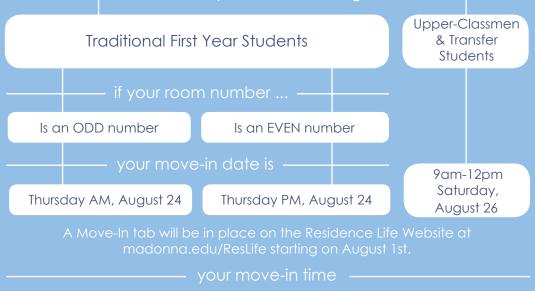
If you will be arriving after the first day of class, you'll need to notify us in writing to ensure your room placement is secured. Email us at residencelife@madonna.edu.

#### WHAT IS MU'S LIABILITY POLICY?

The University has no legal obligation to pay for loss or damage to items of personal property caused by residents or by occurrences such as flood, weather, or mechanical-related events which occur in Madonna University's Housing or on its grounds prior to, during, or subsequent to the period of the housing contract. Residents are encouraged to carry appropriate insurance to cover such losses.



## big day! Gettinghere and parking



First-Year Students determine arrival time on your move-in day by the first letter of your last name

ODD

M-Z: 10:30 a.m.

**ODD A–M:** 9:00 a.m.



Download the Move-In parking pass (PDF) from the Move-In tab at madonna.edu/ResLife and display it on your dashboard.



Drive directly to the building where you have been assigned. Use the campus map on the back page for reference. Attendants will assist you with directions to the appropriate loading zone or staging area.

EVEN

A-M: 12:00 p.m.



You will have 20 minutes to unload your vehicle at the curb with the help of student volunteer organizations. After 20 minutes, you will need to park your vehicle in a nearby lot as directed by the parking attendants. Please help us provide quick access parking for as many people as possible by respecting this time limit.



After you park your vehicle, check in at your building or communities front office to receive your room keys.

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The Office of Residence Life will be open during move-in weekend as follows:

- Thursday, August 24: 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26: 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Room keys typically come without a keychain, so bring an extra one. Keys can be picked up in the lobby of your building or in the community office if your community has multiple buildings

Elevator courtesy is essential on move-in day. Do not leave the elevator door blocked at any time.



**EVEN** 

N-Z: 1:30 p.m.

## welcome weekend!

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th

Join us Thursday night for our Class of 2021 kick off event with all of first-year residential students. Meet your neighbors as well as members of the Residence Life staff here to assist you 24/7. Get to know your new home.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th

First-Year students will complete our Orientation program during this full-day of workshops, presentation and meetings with classmates and faculty from your major. You'll spend the day learning about campus resources and getting prepared for your first semester.

Friday will conclude with a first-year only party.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th

First, you'll wrap up Orientation with your fellow first-year students. Then we're going to PACK THE MAC!

The Madonna Athletic Complex (MAC) is home to our baseball, softball, lacrosse, and soccer teams. Join Cruzer and all the Crusader fans for a pep rally before our first home soccer game. Wear Blue and Be Loud!

After the soccer game, stick around for dinner and activities that lead us into the night. Meet all of our Crusaders as you will be joined by our returning residential and commuter students.



#### ATHLETICS

Visit MadonnaCrusaders.com for up to date information on our 19 varsity athletic teams. Or download the Madonna Crusaders app for your iPhone or Android device.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

#### STUDENT CONVOCATION

Student Convocation is the official welcome and kick-off for the academic year. This is the first opportunity for new students to visit the home of the Felician Sisters - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel. We only hold three events each year in this Chapel -Convocation, Founder's Day Mass, and Graduation Mass. This special ceremony is for all students to ignite their flame of knowledge in time for classes to begin on Monday!

#### BBQ by the Pond

Following Student Convocation, you and your family can join returning students, faculty, staff, and administrators for a BBQ by the Pond. We have a beautiful campus and St. Francis Pond is at the center - just like our Franciscan values are at the center of all we do.



Peace & Justice • Reverence for Creation Education for Truth & Service • Respect for the Dignity of Each Person

#### Student Senate End of Summer Party

This is our favorite way to spend the last few hours of summer vacation. Join us for a great party complete with a DJ, lawn games, sand volleyball, slip & slide kickball, and more!

To learn more about Student Senate, like them on Facebook or follow them on Instagram or Twitter.

#### CONTACTUS OFFICE OF FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

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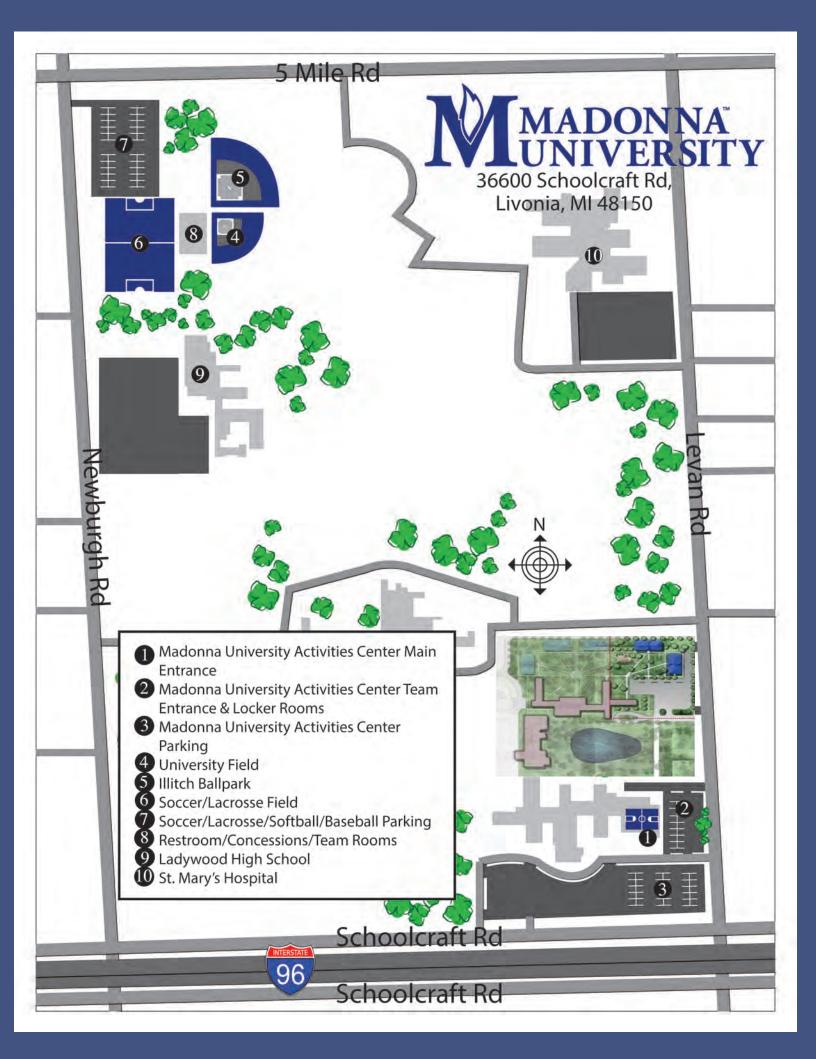




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