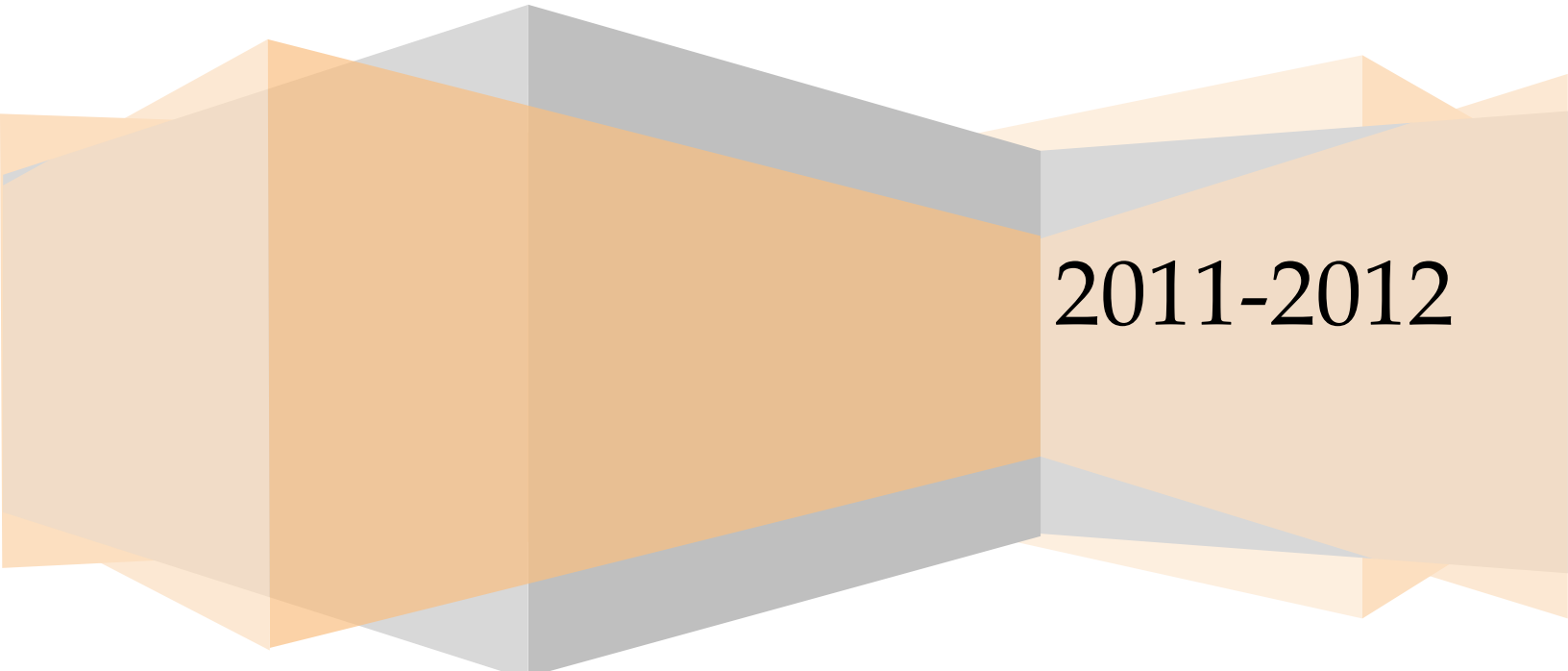


SUNY Cobleskill

# Residential Life

**A Quick Guide to Living on Campus!**



2011-2012

## What is a Residence Hall?

A residence hall is a community building in which students are given the opportunity to meet people from a diverse group of backgrounds from all over the world. Residence halls are much more than just a place to sleep; they provide the residents with a number of opportunities to get involved, either through attending the interactive programs or taking a leadership role as a member of Hall Council, a Night Host, a Sustainability Mentor or a Resident Assistant.

## What residence halls are there at SUNY Cobleskill?

There are 10 residence halls at SUNY Cobleskill, each with its own unique atmosphere and culture. Every summer there are continuous improvement renovations undertaken in the residence halls; whether it is upgrades to electrical and heating systems, new furniture purchases, or changes to building structure, we are always looking to improve the quality of living for our residential students. Here is a listing of our residence halls and some information about them.

Residence Hall	Number of Residents	Location	Housing Concept	Number of Double Rooms	Number of Possible Triple Rooms
<b>Davis</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>High Rise</b>	<b>First-Year Experience</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>
Dix	154	Quad	Sophomore Experience	54	23
Draper	154	Quad	Sophomore Experience	54	23
<b>Fake</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>High Rise</b>	<b>First-Year Experience</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Parsons</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>High Rise</b>	<b>First-Year Experience</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>10</b>
Pearson	154	Quad	Sophomore Experience	54	23
<i>Porter</i>	231	<i>High Rise</i>	<i>Cobleskill Traditional</i>	102	10
<b>Ten Eyck</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>High Rise</b>	<b>First-Year Experience</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8</b>
Vroman	150	On the Hill	Upper-class Housing (60+ Credits)	75	0
<i>Wieting*</i>	150	<i>On the Hill</i>	<i>Cobleskill Traditional</i>	75	0

**All Residence Halls are Co-ed and 100% smoke free. \*Wieting Hall is Single Gender by wing.**

## What does Cobleskill Traditional mean?

These residence halls (Porter and Wieting Hall) are open to all students—incoming freshmen and upperclassmen.

## How do I sign up for a room? How do I get my roommate?

After a student has been accepted and has paid the deposit, s/he will get a letter in the mail instructing to go online and submit a housing request. The housing request is a survey that the student will fill out online asking for preferences including: Would you like to live with someone in your major? Are you a smoker? We try our best to match students with roommates who selected common answers and interests. Housing assignments will be available online at the “Room Assignment Login” link at the Residential Life website.

## Do I need to live on campus?

All students new to SUNY Cobleskill are required to live on campus unless they are married or have children, or they are commuting from their permanent addresses.

## What is the cost for living in the residence hall?

The current rates for 2011-2012 per semester are: \*Prices are subject to change for the 2011-2012 academic year  
\$3,140 for a double room (One person living in a room with one roommate in a room for two)  
\$3,445 for a standard single (One person living alone in a room for one)  
\$4,710 for a superior single (One person living alone in a room for two)

### **What is already in my room?**

Each double room is furnished with two closets, two bed frames, two mattresses, two dressers, two desks, one floor lamp or ceiling light, one mirror, and a telephone with on-campus service. Voicemail is also provided, and there is a minimal fee for this.

### **Can I have a pet?**

Fish are the only pets that we permit in the residence halls. They must live in a 20 gallon or smaller tank.

### **Is there cable if I bring my television?**

All rooms are equipped with one cable outlet that currently has over 90 stations including seven HBO channels, five local stations, a variety of educational, entertainment programming and more.

### **Can I bring a refrigerator?**

We allow students to have one refrigerator per room. The refrigerator must be UL-approved and 2' x 2' x 2' or of comparable size and be UL rated at 1.75 amps or less. You may also rent a MicroFridge, a microwave/refrigerator combination through [www.rentalcompanyone.com](http://www.rentalcompanyone.com) who will deliver and pick up your microfridge to and from campus.

### **Can I bring a computer? How about other electrical appliances?**

Students may bring their own computers to the campus. Both wired and wireless internet access is provided in each building. All students, however, have access to computing services through labs of various sizes located throughout the campus. Taking into consideration both safety and energy conservation (to relay the energy cost savings to you) we prohibit all cooking devices such as toasters, hot plates, indoor grills (Foreman grills), hot pots, microwaves (if not a part of a MicroFridge).

### **Can friends from home come spend the night?**

A guest must be at least 17 years of age, have the permission of each resident of the room, sign in at the Resident Assistant Office, abide by the Student Conduct Codes, and stay on Friday/Saturday overnights only. In the Sophomore Experience housing, guests who meet the visitation requirements are allowed to stay two consecutive weekday nights (Sun- Thurs) and on Friday and Saturday, but not more than two nights in a row.

### **Where will I do my laundry?**

Each residence hall has a laundry room provided. Resident students just swipe with their Cobleskill identification card and do laundry. Each resident can swipe up to 32 times per month.

### **What are the safety precautions in the residence halls and on campus?**

We strive to provide a safe, quiet, and secure living environment for our residential students. Every residence hall on campus is equipped with a card access and camera system. Students access the building by swiping their identification card at the main entrances of the buildings. Doors are locked 24/7 and can only be accessed when students utilize their ID cards. Cameras are located at all exterior doors in the residence halls. Building offices are staffed from 7pm to 3am daily and every building sets office hours dependent upon RA availability.

We have an extensive fire safety system. Smoke detectors are in every room, hallway, lounge, and lobby connected to a building and campus alert system. We have an Environmental Health and Safety Officer on campus with whom we work closely. **The following items are not permitted in our residence halls for increased fire safety:** air conditioners, candles, electric blankets, extension cords (use only UL approved circuit breaker surge protectors), futons, halogen lamps, hot plates, incense, microwaves (other than the micro-fridges), tapestries hung from the ceiling, toasters/toaster oven.

We also have a strong relationship with University Police and the Wellness Center. We work with these offices to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of our residential students, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

### **What are a Residence Hall Director, Complex Coordinator, and Assistant Complex Coordinator?**

Residence Hall Directors (RD), Complex Coordinators (CC) and Assistant Complex Coordinators (ACC) are professional staff who work and live in the residence halls. All RDs, CCs, and ACCs have a bachelors degree or higher and experience working in the higher education field. Professional Staff hold office hours and provide 24/7 coverage for the residence halls. RDs and CCs are responsible for the general operations of the residence hall or complex in regards to student's health and safety, policy enforcement, facility needs, and community development. They supervise the Resident Assistants and Night Hosts who are student peer mentors. Assistant Complex Coordinators, assist with complex operations but predominantly work in Brickyard Point, the student union on campus.

### **What is a Resident Assistant (RA)?**

An RA is a peer leader living on the floor. The main responsibility of the RA is to create a community in which resident students feel comfortable and safe. RAs go through extensive training in preparation to handle a wide variety of situations that a resident may come across, and can always recommend a resource that specializes in specific problems. RAs sit duty from 7pm to 7am Sunday through Thursday and are on call throughout the weekend. They also plan interactive programs on educational topics as well as community building on a monthly basis.

### **How can I reach my RA?**

Your RA's bedroom will be within close vicinity to your room, located somewhere on your floor, and you can always contact them when they are on the floor. However, if your RA is not available, you can locate a building RA in the RA office from 7pm-12am, and by phone from 12am-7am, as well as during the day according to posted office hours.

### **What is a Night Host?**

A Night Host is another peer mentor in the building who sits in the RA office from 12am-3am to provide extra security for the building. Their main responsibilities include monitoring the traffic of the building and completing hourly rounds to ensure that the building is quiet and safe. They also have the RA on duty's number readily available if a problem were to arise.

### **What is a Sustainability Mentor?**

Sustainability Mentors are peer mentors as well. They examine the building's sustainability efforts through rounds of the building in which they note excessive energy waste, sit office hours to provide one-on-one student interaction, give sustainable tips, and program on sustainable topics.

### **Where can I find more information on Residential Life at SUNY Cobleskill?**

Our web page <http://www.cobleskill.edu/reslife>

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