FAQ’s for Summer Housing

The following information addresses many questions that summer events typically have. If you have others, please call us at 302.831.2214

What campus housing arrangements are provided for summer programs?
Participants for summer programs are housed on the Laird Campus at the University of Delaware. Room choices are BASED UPON AVAILABILITY:

- **Room Option 1**: Single Suite: 2 separate rooms with 1 bed per room with a connecting bathroom
- **Room Option 2**: Double Suite: 2 separate rooms with 2 beds per room with a connecting bathroom

Housing request forms are date stamped upon receipt and rooms are then assigned on a first come first serve basis. The University does its best to accommodate preferences; however, due to popularity, we may not always be able to honor first choices.

**Standard Accommodations:**

- All rooms have heating/air-conditioning controls, furnished with a desk, chair, wardrobe, and overhead lighting. They have extra-long twin (XLT) beds, 80”.
- We provide linens to ‘rent’ at the front desk of the Christiana Commons for $25/set (1 set is: tissue pack, towel, washcloth, bath soap & shampoo, 2 flat sheets, a blanket and pillow with pillowcase).
- All rooms are cable ready. Should you decide to bring a TV, please be sure to bring all cords associated.
- Pay-per-use (quarters or flex points) laundry facilities are located in all residential buildings
- Kitchens and lounges are located in all residential buildings * kitchen usage rules apply and must be adhered too.

**Pricing/Check-In/Out**
A housing request form is located on the University of Delaware Conference Services website www.udel.edu/conferences

Please note that these housing costs represent just the rate for the room per person per night. Check-in and check-out dates must be strictly adhered to as the custodial staff must get in and clean the room for the next guest checking in.

You will NOT need a UD ID. Upon arrival, all guests will check in at the Christiana Commons Lobby or Specified Check in location. Check-in begins at 2p.m. unless arrangements for an earlier time have been made and approved by housing manager in advance. You will get a room key and a key FOB/Access Card at check-in. Check out is by 11:00am unless arrangements have been made and approved by housing manager in advance.

**All room keys, access cards/fobs must be turned in at check out.**

**How do I register and pay for housing?**
Completed housing request forms should be emailed directly to Cathy Matthews, our summer housing manager, as soon as possible, at matthews@udel.edu.

**When will I be notified of my housing assignment?**
Housing for your event is arranged through UD Conferences Services. Once Conference Services has received the majority of housing contracts, groups will be placed accordingly.

You will receive an email at the address provided with more information approximately 3 weeks prior to check-in.
What do most people do for meals or food?
All programs have the option of purchasing dining hall meals through the summer housing manager or their event manager. We also have a small market, the POD (Provisions on Demand), available with variable hours on Laird Campus in the Pencader Building. Please ask for details.
Main Street also offers a vast array of dining choices as well as small grocery, convenience, and drug stores within walking distance.

What do you do about parking?
For those living on campus, parking is available near the dorms on Laird (North) Campus. While it is about a 15 minute/1.25 mile walk to, participants may choose to purchase a permit which would allow you access to lots closer to the venue you will be using. Please call Parking Services at (302) 831-1184 or go to their Website to obtain parking passes.
Visit Parking Services at http://www.udel.edu/transportation/parking/permit-prices.html to view lot locations and other types of available permits and pricing. Summer Programs are not eligible for Grey Passes.

Is there a UD Shuttle Bus?
Yes, UD has free shuttle buses that run from the various locations on-campus. You can go to the link below for shuttle bus information. http://www1.udel.edu/transportation/ud_route/

How do I travel to the University of Delaware by air or car and/or train?
Arriving via Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) or Philadelphia International (PHL) airports will be similarly convenient. PHL is approximately one hour north while BWI is about one hour and 15 minutes south of the I-95 exits to campus. Choose travel to/from the airport that best suits your flight times and finances.
- Two train services are available to bring you to Delaware from PHL: SEPTA (South Eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) and Amtrak.
  - Both rails arrive to the same station in Wilmington, DE, but have different costs.
- Amtrak train service runs full service to Wilmington, DE with limited service directly to Newark, DE.

For travel from the airports or train stations, we suggest Delaware Express at 800.648.5466 or www.delexpress.com. Delaware Express’ one-way shuttle from PHL ($45 without tip) is significantly less expensive than the shuttle from BWI ($138 WITH tip and tolls) due to their expanded fleet for the PHL-UD run. Mention that you are a UD student for an approximate 5% discount. You do not need to show an ID to get this discount.

There are several rental car companies located near campus. Hertz and Enterprise.

ZipCar is available on campus! (see http://www.zipcar.com/universities/university-of-delaware for more info)

Uber & Lyft are also widely available in the area.

Do you recommend having a car while on campus?
Cars can be helpful for things like larger grocery store shopping, department and mall shopping and weekend trips; otherwise, all essentials can be found within walking distance. There is plenty to do on Main Street so you shouldn’t feel the need to escape to find entertainment. Outdoor tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts are available for use.
What type of weather should I expect in Delaware in the summer?
Expect generally humid mornings with afternoon temperatures in the mid-high 80’s. You should have comfortable evening temperatures. We recommend packing for occasional rain.

What else might I pack or plan to purchase on Main Street upon arrival?
- Hangers
- Sheets (twin xl)
- Reading Lamp
- Blanket
- Surge protector
- Backpack
- Pillow
- Shampoo, soap and other toiletries
- Laundry Basket & detergent
- Bathroom Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper (although you can get more from the Commons front desk)
- Towels

Mail

Mail cannot be delivered directly to the residence halls during the summer months. Guest(s) mail may be sent to the Conference & Event Services office instead. Due to the large number of people and groups visiting campus, guests should allow 1-2 additional business days to receive their mail. Do not put outgoing mail into campus mail boxes in the residence halls.

The following address should be used:

Guest Name, Guest phone number
Conference/Camp/Program Name
C/O UD Conference & Event Services Summer Housing
Christiana Commons
1 Christiana Drive
Newark, DE 19717

Front Desk Hours are 7am-11pm, 7 days a week.
302-831-1245
Room Option 1

Single Suite