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Choosing Your F16/W17 Room Assignment

The self-selection process for choosing your Fall 2016 room assignment online has been scheduled to begin February 8. Watch your GryphMail for detailed instructions!

NOTE: If you cancel after you apply, you will lose a minimum of $100 (prior to April 1 - penalty increases afterward). Cancellation and refund information is found in Section 19.2 of the Residence Contract on our website at http://housing.uoguelph.ca. If you wish to cancel your residence application, please contact housing@uoguelph.ca.

Residence Scholarships

Student Housing is offering three $500 scholarships to on-campus residents who return to residence for the 2016/17 year, as well as two additional $500 scholarships available to residents who successfully obtain a Residence Life Staff position. Successful candidates must have demonstrated financial need and a minimum 70% average.

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016.

Please see the following link for further details:

http://housing.uoguelph.ca/current-residents/residence-scholarships
Winter Break Procedures

The University has no classes scheduled for the week of February 15 through 19.

Many students choose to leave campus (and/or town) during that time. **DO NOT** turn in your keys or check out during Winter Break if you are returning when classes resume - you keep your keys with you for this break, unlike the December break (because this one comes in mid-semester).

Quiet Hours and Saturday Midterms

As many of you know, there are several midterms that will be written on Saturdays during February. In a response to the need for students to study and get a good night’s rest before these tests, Quiet Hours will commence at **11:00pm**, rather than the usual 1:00 am, on **Friday February 26**.

Please be considerate of your friends who are studying for midterms on Saturday morning.

Academic Drop-In Centres

**Want to improve on your grades from the Fall Semester?** Check out the **ACADEMIC DROP-IN CENTRES**. Watch for special themed Study Halls that will be hosted in the Academic Drop-in Centres in Mountain Hall, East Residences and Lennox-Addington Halls. The ADCs are open Monday to Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm and hosted by the student staff from the Academic Learning Communities. For those of you living in the North area residences, remember that your card will give you access to the L/A ADC during their open hours.

University of Guelph Ambassadors Needed

**We want you!**

Are you an enthusiastic, knowledgeable student who loves Guelph?

Would you like to introduce the U of G to prospective students during special events?

We’re looking for upper year students to give campus tours and first-year students to show their residence rooms to prospective students.

If interested, apply online at: www.uoguelph.ca/admissions/ambassadors

Email: ambassad@registrar.uoguelph.ca

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Feb 5, 2016**
Need Assistance After Hours?

Hello Residence Students! Looking to find out how to place a work order or register a guest? Want to discuss a roommate issue? Just feeling stressed out? Consider connecting with a Virtual RA!

Your Residence Life team is excited to offer our new, Virtual RA service, as we look for more ways to connect with students in our communities. The Virtual RA is normally available during the evenings, from 8-11 pm and is intended to provide you with another way to connect with Residence Life Staff.

To access this service, head to the new Residence Life website (http://reslife.uoguelph.ca) and click on the Virtual RA banner ad or Virtual RA link on the left-hand side!

Hope to chat with you soon!