As a residential college, Coe recognizes that creating the right living environment is essential to providing a superior educational opportunity. More than 70% of your four years at Coe will be spent outside the classroom, making it an important part of your overall college experience. Please spend some time reading the following material to better prepare yourself for your transition into college, and to answer any questions you may have about your future at Coe.

Coe is committed to making your transition from living at home to residential life at college as smooth as possible. The Coe Residence Life staff is responsible for ensuring a safe, healthy living environment. More importantly, the Residence Life staff will create opportunities for you to get involved, learn new skills, and make friends.

Your introduction to the Residence Life staff will likely come in the form of your Resident Assistant, or RA. Each residence hall floor has its own RA; a resourceful upper-class student who has been specially trained to make your transition to college life as easy as possible.

Coe’s RAs are supported by a staff of five Assistant Resident Directors (ARDs) and three Area Coordinators (ACs). ARDs are upper-class students whose primary responsibility is to assist the Area Coordinators with the daily administration of the Residence Hall. ACs are professional staff members who supervise the student staff, provide personal counseling, administer residence hall policies and deal with emergencies/crisis situations. Coe’s dynamic and involved ACs make it a point to stay in touch with students on a daily basis.

Residence Life Information

Laundry Facilities
Each Residence Hall provides washers and dryers for your convenience. In Armstrong/Douglas Hall, Greene Hall, and Murray Hall the facilities are located on the bottom floor of the residence hall. In Voorhees Hall they are located on various floors.

For unlimited laundry use, each residential student is automatically billed $30 per term on your Coe student account.

Break Housing
Coe College residence halls and apartments close during Winter and Spring breaks. All residents are required to vacate the halls within 24 hours of their last class or final exam. A limited number of spaces in one of the residence halls may be provided for international students and students with essential campus jobs at an additional weekly rate.

Housing Placement
When the Department of Residence Life has received your Residence Hall and Roommate Preference form, they will spend time reviewing your preferences and matching you with a compatible roommate(s). Housing placement for new residents, as well as the name(s) of your roommate(s), will be mailed to you in mid-July. After you have received your housing placement, you can access the Coe College website to see a photo of a sample room with the dimensions. This information will be available pubs.coe.edu/rooms/

Smoking Policy
In accordance with Iowa law, Coe College’s campus and buildings are smoke-free.

Loft Policy
Lofts are permitted in designated residence halls. Lofts cannot, however, gain support from the room walls or built-in furniture. For fire safety purposes, lofts must be constructed to maximize the distance between the top of the mattress and the ceiling. At the end of the year, lofted beds must be dismantled prior to finals week and the room restored to its original condition.

Please note that the College assumes no responsibility for injury due to loft use and/or construction. Students are responsible for any damage to the room caused by the loft. Lofts are not permitted in rooms with modular furniture. This includes all of Voorhees, as well as the Brandt, Morris, Schlarbaum, and Spivey Houses.
Frequently Asked Questions

Does each residence hall room provide a telephone?
No, but phones are on each floor for general use.

What size refrigerator can I put in my room?
Each resident may bring a refrigerator no more than four cubic feet in capacity.

Are all rooms air-conditioned?
Murray Hall, Armstrong Hall, Douglas Hall, Kohawk Village, Greene Hall and Voorhees Hall all have air conditioning units in each room.

What type of furniture is provided in each room?
All rooms have a bed, desk, desk chair, dresser, and closet for each student.

Will my room have carpet?
Carpet is only provided in all Voorhees Hall rooms and in all quads in Armstrong/Douglas.

What size carpet should I bring?
A 12’ x 14’ carpet fits most rooms.

Can the furniture in my room be moved around within my room?
In Voorhees Hall, Greene Hall, and several rooms in Armstrong/Douglas Hall there is modular furniture so every piece is moveable. Within the other rooms the furniture is built into the room and is not movable.

What size mattress will I have?
Your mattress will be an extra long twin (39” x 80”).

Does Coe College cover damage/theft to any of my personal items?
No. The college accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of individual property for any reason. The college strongly advises each student to keep his or her room locked and to obtain insurance which covers personal belongings.

Move-In
New residents move into the Residence Halls on Tuesday, August 24th, 7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

When you arrive on campus, you will see signs directing you to a staging area for your residence hall. Once at your residence hall, you will pick up your room key and then complete a room condition form.

What should I bring with me?
- Microwave*
- Personal items
- Computer and ethernet network cord (if you have one)*
- Calculator
- Linens and towels
- Shower caddy and shower shoes
- Alarm clock
- Picture frames
- Dry erase board
- Stackable crates
- Stereo*
- Refrigerator*
- TV/VCR/DVD player*
- Futon/couch*

*Note: You might want to confer with your roommate(s) about these items.

The following common items are not allowed within the Residence Halls*:
- Halogen lamps
- Extension cords (power strips are permitted)
- Private exterior antennas or satellite dishes
- Hot plates or other cooking devices with exposed heating elements
- Candles, candle burners or incense
- With the exception of fish, pets are not permitted

*Please note there are other items that may not be allowed.