



Greetings, new Terriers!

We are very excited to welcome you to Hiram College as residential and commuter students. All the staff, faculty, and returning students are looking forward to having you join us on campus this fall.

Please see the information below regarding August move-in dates and other arrival information. This will help prepare you for check-in and move-in. This will not be the last email regarding arrival to campus. Be sure to check your Hiram email for more information to come. Residential students will be receiving an email from their Area Coordinators in early August. This email will have information on the residence halls students will be living in, links to suggested packing lists, and move-in tips. Commuter students will receive an email with parking and lounge information, along with resources on campus that can help them feel connected to campus. *If you are still waiting for roommate information, you will be receiving your roommate assignment by July 29 which will give you time to connect and make exciting plans together!*

To check in at Hiram, you must have a status of “cleared” with Student Financial Services (SFS). If you receive email notification that you are not clear, please contact SFS to discuss your status at 330.569.5107. The SFS staff is more than willing to help, so if needed, contact them as soon as possible so that they can advise you and move you along in the process.

It is also important to remember that early arrival is restricted to fall athletes, students working in some capacity with the First-Year program, Resident Assistants, Emerging and Eclectic Scholars, and Ameri-Corp Vista Volunteers. International students who are not fall athletes and need to arrive early will be approved but must contact Nicole Gatrell to make proper arrangements.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming weeks. Should you have questions that are commuter or housing related, feel free to reach out to our office via email at residencelife@hiram.edu or call us at 330.569.5232.

Go Terriers!

James Workman

Associate Director of Residential Education & Commuter Services

As you prepare for your return to campus, below you will find updates related to our COVID-19 arrival procedures. Due to increased levels of transmission across the nation and in Portage County, all students are required to take a rapid COVID-19 test one to two days prior to returning to campus, either at home or at a testing site.

ALL STUDENTS: Please send a clear photograph of your face alongside your negative test result to healthcenter@hiram.edu no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to your return to campus.

- **Residential students** must submit a negative test result no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to moving into a residence hall.
- **New commuter students** must submit a negative test result no later than Saturday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m. to prepare for commuter check-in on Sunday, August 21 at 3:15 p.m.

Find a test:

We recommend students take advantage of the free at-home rapid tests that are available through the federal government at www.covid.gov/tests or in cooperation with your medical insurance plan. Order your tests now and bring them to campus.

Make a plan:

If you happen to test positive, you must complete 5 days of isolation at home before arriving to Hiram and contact the Health Center. If you test positive and you have had COVID in the 90 days prior to arrival, please contact the Health Center directly for further instructions.

We also encourage you to create a COVID-19 infection plan with your roommate and/or suitemates. You should, for example, discuss whether a positive roommate can isolate in the room or if going home for a few days is the better option. Be sure to have that conversation as soon as you connect with your roommate and/or suitemates.

Arrival procedures and guests:

To ensure the successful start of the academic year, we ask that each residential student bring no more than two guests to assist with the move-in process. Only guests wearing masks will be permitted inside the residence halls. Unfortunately, due to increasing risk, our football team will no longer be available to provide assistance with moving personal belongings so please plan accordingly. Finally, we are asking for your assistance in arriving according to your last name to assist with de-densifying our residence halls.

Lastly, because we now have more tools against SARS-CoV-2 at our fingertips, including vaccines and masks, we are shifting our COVID-19 prevention strategy to one based primarily on personal responsibility. Thus, we will be starting our year on campus with no mask mandate

and no COVID-19 related restrictions on group gatherings. However, we will remain mask-optional so any student who would like to wear a mask is welcome and encouraged to do so.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and patience with this public health challenge. The College will continue to monitor the ever-evolving landscape of the pandemic and will communicate updates in a timely manner.

AUGUST 2022

NEW RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: MOVE-IN AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

FALL ATHLETES

Specifics on arrival dates, locations, and times will be sent prior to arrival.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 – Football arrival is from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Coleman Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 – Remaining fall athlete arrival (Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Cheer & STUNT) is from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bates Hall, Residential Education & Commuter Services Office.

REMAINING NEW STUDENTS

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022

Reserved for new out-of-state students, international students, students in the Emerging Scholars Program, and students in the Eclectic Scholars Program.

Check-in Times: 9 to 11 a.m. (last names A - M) and 1 to 3 p.m. (last names N - Z)

Check-in Location: Please follow the drive-up check-in procedures listed below.

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022

Reserved for new students who are neither fall athletes nor in a previously mentioned group.

Check-in Times: 9 – 10:30 a.m. (last names A - M) and 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (last names N - Z)

Check-in Location: Please follow the below drive-up check in procedures.

COMMUTER STUDENTS

ALL INCOMING COMMUTER STUDENTS

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022

All incoming commuter students will meet under the Hinsdale Arch at 3:15 p.m. for the Matriculation Processional. The mandatory Incoming Commuter Student Meeting will take place later that evening at 7 p.m. More information regarding location will be sent closer to the event.

DRIVE-UP CHECK-IN PROCESS:

The following applies to only residential students, or students who plan to live on campus.

1. Rather than report directly to your residence hall, please drive to Dean Street in Hiram and follow the signs to the designated check-in tent. Stay in your vehicle. A staff member will approach your vehicle, request the name of the student who is checking in, and give further instructions on where to go.

2. If you are cleared by all offices on campus, you be given driving directions to your assigned residence hall (Miller, Whitcomb, or Henry Hall).
3. The driver of the vehicle should remain in the car until the car is unloaded. Once unloaded, the driver will drive the vehicle to a designated parking lot. A shuttle or golf cart will be available to bring drivers back to the residence halls.
4. Staff and student athletes will be available to help you with moving items on that day. Please note that there are no elevators in any of the residence halls.
5. Your room key will be available in the lobby of your residence hall. An RA will show you to your room.
6. After you are finished moving in, you and your family are welcome to have lunch in the Dining Hall.
7. The first event that is required of all new students will be *Matriculation Convocation*, which will take place on Sunday, Aug. 21. All students should check-in at the Hinsdale Arch by 3:15 p.m. Orientation Leaders will assist you with lining up. All students in the new class will march in a processional from the Hinsdale Academic Building to Bates/Hayden Auditorium for the ceremony.