

For Parents/General Information:

Move-In Tips:

1. Eat a good breakfast. Everyone may be nervous about moving in, but this is a big process, which takes lots of energy. We also recommend that you wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.
2. Check the JSU Housing website for a full list on what your student can and cannot bring to campus (<http://www.jsu.edu/housing/faq.html#Home>). For answers to other questions, email us at jsuhousing@jsu.edu.
3. Plan to arrive on campus on the move-day during the appropriate times, August 22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please do not show up on a different day without prior approval from your Residence Life Coordinator. Students who do not claim their assignment by 3:00 p.m. on August 22 will forfeit their assignment.
4. Please be patient while you are in the check-in area. While we hope to have traffic flowing steadily, there are a limited number of spaces near the residential facilities and at times, there may be delays.
5. Drink plenty of water. It can be very hot during move-in day. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water because you'll be on the verge of dehydration when you start to feel thirsty.
6. Do not buy too many items before you arrive on campus. Wait and see what you need and purchase items locally to ease the packing of your items. Try not to bring many breakable items.
7. Consider bringing a hand truck or something with wheels on it for moving boxes and big items. We will have a limited supply of carts for students to check out for 30 minutes with the front desk staff. Do not leave your belongings unattended. Label boxes that aren't see-through. You don't want to go through a dozen boxes looking for one item.
8. Pack cleaning supplies on top. No matter how clean the housekeeping staff makes the student's room, many families like to do a touch-up cleaning before getting everything in the room. Bring poster putty and adhesive hooks that won't leave residue behind. Screws and nails are not allowed.
9. Discuss with your student the activities scheduled for the weekend. Be aware your student's hall meetings begin promptly after move in ends.
10. Enjoy this day with your student. Although it may be difficult to leave at the end of the day, know that your student has started his/her college journey. We have many dedicated professionals who are excited and willing to help the students have an exceptional college career.

For Students

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8. Know the activities scheduled for the weekend. We will have our hall meetings promptly after move in ends, followed by other fun and exciting activities planned for the weekend.
9. After move-in, try not to be alone. Keep in mind that the first few days are often when a lot of students meet each other, so it's critical to get out of your comfort zone and join the crowd.
10. Get to know your roommate. There may be a lot going on, but spending a little bit of time to get to know your roommate -- and to set up some ground rules -- is also super important.
11. Get to know your RA. The RA is responsible for upholding regulations, working out disputes, and watching who comes and goes from the building, along with many other things. He/she will be an important person for you to know!
12. First come, first serve--assuming you will have roommates, whoever gets to school first will have their pick of the best side of the room, best bed, best desk, and best dresser.

This is a sensitive subject. A good idea would be to wait and talk out a compromise with your roommate. If all else fails try drawing straws. Work together if you are not concerned about getting to school first to reserve your spot.

13. When performing your room inspection note any damage that your room has when you arrive. University Housing and Residence Life will save this list and generate work orders based off of your report. The room will be checked again before you move out. If any new damage is discovered the repair bill will be given to you. This is why it is important to give your room a thorough inspection and record any damages.
14. Last but not least: Know it's okay to be sad. You're in college now! Hooray! Your parents have left, the day is over, and you're finally all settled down in your new bed. Some students feel overwhelmingly happy; some feel overwhelmingly sad and scared; some students feel all of these things at the same time. Be patient with yourself and know that you are making a life adjustment and that all of your emotions are totally normal.
15. Get ready to have a great year at Jacksonville State University!