



STUDENT WELCOME GUIDE

USCB HOUSING
FALL 2025



Our Core Values

Community

We are committed to providing a shared residential experience that fosters positive relationship building and embraces a spirit of collaboration and togetherness.

Sense of belonging

Our commitment to inclusion will help our students feel a deeper sense of belonging and empower them to take an active part in their learning and to grow as individuals. It is our responsibility to provide a place where our students feel they are respected, valued, safe and treated fairly.

Engagement

We support residential engagement by providing intentional experiences and by fostering an atmosphere that challenges residential students and staff to interact with each other in a purposeful way.

Accountability

We, as a community, understand the importance of accepting responsibility. Therefore, students and staff are expected to do their part in respecting and holding themselves and others accountable for their actions.



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Keep an eye out for Finnegan's Fin in the guide for tips from current Sand Sharks, our Resident Assistant Team & USCB Faculty & Staff!

Important Dates

FALL 2025

August 1	Priority Payment Deadline
August 13	All tuition & fees must be paid by 5:00 pm .
August 16	New & Transfer Students Bluffton Campus Move In Beaufort Honors Campus Move In
August 17	Returning Student Bluffton Campus Move In
August 19	First Day of Class
October 9 - 10	Fall Break, No Classes, Residence Halls remain open
November 23 - 30	Thanksgiving Recess, No Classes, Residence Halls remain open
December 16	10am: Residence Halls Close for Winter Break

SPRING 2026

January 10	Noon: Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester
March 8-15	Spring Break, No Classes Residence Halls remain open
May 7	10:00 am: Residence Halls close for Summer



Apply for next year's housing starting in January!
Returning students can select their roommates & rooms.

Room Amenities

INCLUDED IN ALL APARTMENTS:

- Wireless Internet (USCB Public)
- Utilities (Water, Electric, Internet)
- Blinds on all Windows
- Energy Efficient Stacked Washer & Dryer
- Furnished Living Room:
 - Couch, Upholstered Chair, End Tables, Entertainment Center
- Full Size Kitchen Appliances
 - Refrigerator, Oven, Stove, Microwave, Dishwasher
- Kitchen Stools or Dining Table with Stools

DECORATING YOUR APARTMENT:

You, your roommates and guests are responsible for any damages to your bedroom and common areas of your apartment. You may decorate their room in a way that does not cause damage. Do not paint the room or decorate door frames, doors, floors, hallways or walls using stickers, tape or any other products that would cause marring, chipping, holes or other damage. Use of any adhesive or tape besides painters' tape could result in damage or excessive cleaning charges. The application of strip lights to residence hall facilities is prohibited.

Note that you can be held financially responsible for any damages or alterations made to your bedroom and apartment.



89% of residents don't
use cable television

-2024 Quality of Life Survey

**Starting Fall 2024: cable
television will no longer be
offered on campus.**



BEDROOM FURNITURE DIMENSIONS:

Bed with Twin mattress

(Requires regular twin size sheets)
32" under bed at highest level
18" under lower bed at bunked level

Dresser with 3 Drawers

34" W x 24" D x 30" H;
Drawer 21.5" W x 17" D

Desk & Desk Chair

Desk: 48" W x 24" D x 30" H;
Drawer: 12" W x 15" D

At least 1 window

26" W x 57.5" H

Closet Area

No Doors, Includes closet rod and 1 shelf
59" W x 27 3/4" D x 94.5" H

Things to Bring

Bedroom:

- Bedspread/Comforter
- Blankets
- Clothes Hangers
- Desk Lamp
- Laundry Basket
- Mattress Pad
- Mirror
- Pillow & Pillowcases
- Sheets (Twin Size)
- Trash Can

Bathroom:

- Bathmat
- Hand Soap
- Shower Curtain
- Shower Curtain Rings
- Toilet Paper
- Towels
- Trash Can

Kitchen:

- Can Opener
- Cups, Mugs
- Cutting Board
- Oven Mitt
- Plates & Utensils
- Pots, Pans
- Cooking Utensils
- Towels
- Trash Can
- Water Bottle

Electronics:

- Cell Phone & Charger
- Computer/Laptop
- Gaming Consoles
- Surge Protector or Power Strip
- Television

Toiletries:

- Bath & Face Soap
- Deodorant
- Eyeglasses/Contacts
- First Aid Kit
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Haircare Products
- Nail Clippers
- Prescription Medication
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Supplies
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Washcloths

School Supplies:

- Backpack
- Desk Organizer
- Notebooks/Folders
- Pens/Pencils/Highlighters
- Planner
- Scissors
- Sticky Notes
- Tape
- USB Flash Drive

Cleaning Supplies:

- Bathroom Cleaner
- Broom & Dust Pan
- Dish Soap
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Dryer Sheets
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Shower Scrubber
- Toilet Brush
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Trash Bags
- Vacuum/Mop

Other:

- Alarm Clock
- Batteries
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Important Documents (Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, or Passport - to have for employment)
- Mini Fridge (2.7 cubic ft limit)
- Rugs
- Storage Bins
- Tailgate Lawn Chair
- Umbrella/Rain Jacket



MUST PACK ITEMS:

Deodorant • Fans • Flash Drive For Saving Work • Headphones • Photos of family and friends or something that brings you joy • Scissors • Step Stool • Sunscreen • Throw blankets for Living Room • Toothbrush • Umbrella/Rain Jacket • Water Bottle

Don't forget to chat with your roommates about bringing shared items!

Things to Leave Home:

- Adhesive Strip Lights
- Air Conditioners
- Alcohol/Drug Paraphernalia: includes posters, signs, empty bottles, etc.
- Candles, Torches
- Ceiling Fans
- Darts or Dartboards
- Deep Fryers
- Dimmer Switches
- Electric Frying Pan
- Extension Cords
- Freezers
- Gas/Charcoal Grills
- Halogen Lamps
- Hanging Lights
- Hotplates
- Incense
- Lava Lamps
- Loft Kits
- Oversized Furniture
- Pets
- Space Heaters
- Toaster Ovens
- Wall Paint
- Wallpaper
- Waterbeds
- Weapons
- Weights
- Wireless Routers



AVOID
BEING
CHARGED:

Most Common Residence Hall Damages:

- Nail Holes in Walls
- Repainting Apartment Walls
- Stains on Carpet/Flooring
- Excessive Cleaning

Move Out Costs:

- Replace Bedroom Key: \$110
- Remove Trash Bag/Item: \$25 each
- Extra Housekeeping: \$25+
- Improper Check Out: \$150

Mail & Packages

All residents can receive mail and parcels shipped via USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL or Amazon. Mail and parcels may be shipped to arrive no earlier than August 11, 2025. Please make sure all mail is addressed properly. Students will receive an email and text notification when packages have arrived. Students will need to show their USCB ID card.

BEAUFORT HONORS CAMPUS MAIL ROOM

Mailing Address:

Resident's Name
Resident's Room Assignment
1100 Boundary Street
Beaufort, SC 29902

Mail Room Info:

1100 Boundary Street Lobby
M - F, noon - 4:00pm

BLUFFTON CAMPUS MAIL ROOM

Mailing Address:

Resident's Name
Resident's Room Assignment
29 E. Campus Dr.
Bluffton, SC 29909

Mail Room Info:

Broad River Building
M - F, 9:00am - 4:00pm

CONTACT INFO

Email:

uscbmailroom@uscb.edu

Phone Number:

(843) 208 - 8388



Move In Prep:

Weather & Attire

- During the summer months, it can be quite hot and humid, with average temperatures well over 90°F.
- Plan to wear cool and comfortable clothing for Move-In Day.
- Be prepared with sun screen, good shoes, and a water bottle.
- You will have time to change before dinner—comfort is more important than being dressed to impress!

Packing Boxes & Car

- Label your boxes & any loose items like bedding with your name on it—if anything gets misplaced we'll know who it belongs to.
- Be smart about how you pack your car—what you put in first, may be what you take out last.
- Don't over pack a box, if you can't lift it, don't bring it. Carts will be available on move in day, but not elevators!

Insurance

- All students are encouraged to purchase Renter's insurance. Check with your parents about adding your valuables on their Homeowner's policy or contact an insurance carrier about getting an individual policy.
- USCB partners with GradGuard for renter's insurance - learn more at www.gradguard.com.
- The University's insurance covers only those items belonging to the University.

Trash

- From moving boxes to the packaging of new items, moving into your new room can generate a lot of waste. Please plan to flatten your corrugated cardboard boxes and take all trash to the dumpsters located in the parking lots.
- No trash or boxes will be allowed to remain in the breezeway at anytime.

Review/Action Items

- Start checking your USCB email on a regular basis. Many offices and your faculty members will only communicate with you through email.
- Review the Housing Policies and Student Code of Conduct to stay up to date on your rights and responsibilities as a Sand Shark.
- Check the Housing Portal for updates on your room assignment or roommates. You'll also find roommate contact information on the Housing Portal.
- Make sure you have paid your bill or set up a payment plan!



Move In Prep:

Arrive to your USCB Campus during your designated time block.

Follow the signs and directions from Department of Public Safety & university staff members to the Check In Station.

To Get Checked In:

You'll need your USCB ID Card to get checked in & to access your apartment:

- If you attended a Summer Orientation Boot Camp, you would have received your ID card.
- If not, make sure to submit your picture and your ID card will be at the Check In Station.
- If you didn't submit your picture, you'll be directed to the IT staff to have an ID card created.



To pick up your USCB ID, you will need to provide one of the following original government-issued documents:
US Drivers License, Military ID, or Passport

You'll to have paid your USCB bill or set up a Payment Plan before move in:

- Fall 2025 bills will be available on my.sc.edu July 15.

We'll provide you your bedroom key and directions to your building's unloading zone.

In the Unloading Zones, we'll have carts to get your items inside and staff pointing you to the right direction, please only stay parked for 30 minutes so other Sand Sharks and families can get moved in!

Meet your Resident Assistant who will be around your building ready to help out!

They can help with questions you about your room, can show you how to enter a maintenance request and will let you know when and where your first hall meeting is!

Complete your Room Inspection

Within 24 hours after checking in, you will be able to complete your room inspection on the Housing Portal. This is your chance to add any notes about the condition of your apartment (walls, furniture, appliances). Failure to complete a thorough inspection may result in charges at move out.



Move In Day Schedules:

NEW FIRST YEAR & TRANSFER STUDENTS SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Beaufort Honors Campus

8:00 am - 10:00 am Bedrooms A & C

10:00 am - 12 noon Bedrooms B & D

Check In Station:
Honors Housing Courtyard

Bluffton Campus

8:00 am - 11:00 am Bedrooms A & C

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Bedrooms B & D

Check In Station:
Commuter Student Parking Lot



Additional Move In Day instructions & maps
will be shared via email and on the USCB Housing website.

RETURNING STUDENTS

Beaufort Honors Campus

Saturday, August 17

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Buildings Honors A & B

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Buildings Honors C & D,
Late Arrivals

Check In Station:
Honors Housing Courtyard

Bluffton Campus

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Check In Station:
Commuter Student Parking Lot

Students arriving after 11:00 am will
check in at the Housing Office
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm