

Office Of Residence Life

2025–2026 Important Residence Hall Dates

Fall Semester

Contact Information

If you have any questions about living in the Drake Residence Hall community, please contact:

(515) 271-3781 or
housing@drake.edu

Move-In Day

August 20, 2025: First Year Student Move-In Day.

August 19, 2025: Transfer Student Move-In Day.

August 22, 2025: Non-Transfer Upperclass Student Move-In Day.

Students must sign up for a move-in time slot ahead of their Move-In Day. The Office of Residence Life will send a link to sign up for a time slot to students' Drake email on August 1.

Meal Plan Changes

August 1–28, 2025: Students can make changes to their meal plans online through the first Thursday of classes. We are unable to accommodate any changes made after this date for the fall semester.

Winter Break Hall Closures

December 13, 2025: All residence halls close at noon.

Winter Break & J-Term

Winter Break

December 12, 2025: Jewett Hall* opens at noon for students seeking on-campus Winter Break housing.

January 5, 2026: Jewett Hall closes at 4 p.m. to Winter Break residents.

Drake University does not offer Hubbell dining services during Winter Break.

J-Term

January 4, 2026: Jewett Hall* opens for students seeking on-campus J-Term housing at 1 p.m.

January 24, 2026: Jewett Hall closes at 4 p.m.

Drake University offers limited Hubbell dining service hours during J-Term.

Jewett Hall Interim Break Housing

Jewett Hall* offers limited spaces for students seeking on-campus housing during **Winter Break, J-Term, Spring Break, and Summer Break**. Students placed in Jewett Hall during this time will be charged a per-day fee, billed to their student account. Residents will **not** have access to their room in another residence hall during these breaks and should take all needed items with them before the break period begins. Students interested in Jewett Hall break housing should contact campsandconferences@drake.edu for more information.

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Spring Semester

New transfer and international students arriving to campus for our Spring Orientation prior to regular hall openings may request temporary housing in Jewett Hall, beginning **January 22, 2026**. Students interested in Spring Orientation housing should contact campsandconferences@drake.edu with the subject line "**Spring Orientation**" and their name and Drake ID in the body of the email for more information.*

Spring Semester Reopening

January 24, 2026: All residence halls reopen at noon. We are unable to accommodate early arrivals.

Meal Plan Changes

January 1–29, 2026: Students can make changes to their meal plans online through the first Thursday of classes. We are unable to accommodate any changes made after this date for the spring semester.

Spring Break

March 14–22, 2026: All residence halls close at noon on March 14.

All residence halls reopen at 10 a.m. on March 22.

March 13–22, 2026: Jewett Hall* opens at 8 a.m. on March 13 for students seeking on-campus Spring Break housing. Students interested in Jewett Hall break housing should contact campsandconferences@drake.edu for more information.

Jewett Hall closes at 4 p.m. on March 22.

Drake University does not offer Hubbell dining services during Spring Break.

Summer Break Hall Closures

May 16, 2026: Carpenter, Crawford, and Stalnaker residence halls close at noon.

May 17, 2026: Goodwin-Kirk (GK) and Herriott residence halls close at 5 p.m.

Summer Break

Jewett Hall Interim Break Housing

May 16, 2026: Jewett Hall* Interim and Summer Housing opens at 8 a.m. for students seeking on-campus Summer Break housing.

August 22, 2026: Jewett Hall closes at 5 p.m.

*Jewett Hall interim break residence assignments are first-come, first-served based on availability. Once full, students will need to seek other off-campus housing options.

All dates and times listed are subject to change based on University need.