

BATES COLLEGE | RESIDENCE HALL REGULATIONS

SUMMER 2026

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I. SUMMER OVERVIEW

Students will reside in Gillespie Hall, 96 Campus Ave., or other building assigned by Residence Life as necessary. Students can have a meal plan if they choose. Charges for summer housing and meal plans will be posted to the student account in mid-July and mid-August.

- A. The short term to summer housing transition will happen from June 3, 2026 - June 5, 2026.**
During this time, students on campus will have access to their short term housing and summer housing to move. All students who are in housing at that time must move during these dates.
- B. The summer to fall housing transition will happen from August 12, 2026 - August 14, 2026.**
During this time, students on campus will have access to their summer housing and fall housing to move. All students who are in housing at that time must move during these dates.
- C. Students may move back to campus and pick up keys from the Access Control Office in the Campus Safety Building any day Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:00 pm between the summer move dates above (barring national holidays).**

II. ELIGIBILITY

On-campus housing is limited to current students in the following capacities:

- A. Conducting research supervised by a Bates faculty member**
- B. Working for an administrative office of the college**
- C. Participating in a summer internship located within 50 miles of Bates through the Center for Purposeful Work and actively participating in the Lewiston/Auburn internship cohort with other Purposeful Work interns (For more information, contact Beverly Vari at bvari@bates.edu.)**
- D. Participating in community work funded by the Harward Center for Community Partnerships**
- E. Unable to return to home country based on travel restriction or significant extenuating personal or family circumstances**

Since we have limited space in the summer residence halls, only current Bates students with one of the above reasons are eligible. If you are a graduating senior, please see the “Summer Housing for Newly Graduated Students” section. If you are an international student, please contact the Center for Global Education with any visa-related questions. If you are not eligible for on-campus housing, there are many online sites that advertise apartment rentals and sublets. As our mission is to build and foster community on campus, Residence Life does not keep a list of off-campus properties.

III. SUMMER HOUSING FOR NEWLY GRADUATED STUDENTS

A. Eligibility

If you are a graduating senior, you are permitted to stay on campus during the summer if you are otherwise eligible for on-campus housing. Newly graduated international students must work with the Office of Global Education to determine their eligibility to stay on campus.

B. Dates

Newly graduated students must vacate summer housing by August 14, 2026.

C. Payment Policy

Any graduating senior who meets the above eligibility will be billed directly by the college. This bill will come from Bates Dining, Commons, and Campus Events (DCCE). For questions on graduating senior billing, please contact Justin Good, Associate Director of Finance, Technology,

and Staff Support for DCCE, at 207-786-6118 or via email at jgood2@bates.edu.

IV. HOUSECAT APPLICATION

Summer housing is arranged and supervised by the Office of Residence Life. These policies cover the summer period (from May 31, 2026 to August 30, 2026). All students interested in living in on-campus housing will need to fill out a HouseCat application through the Office of Residence Life website and will pay the room and board fees on their student bill.

HouseCat application opens: after March Break and by Monday, April 20, 2026 at the latest
HouseCat application closes: Thursday, May 7, 2026, applications after this date will be processed on a rolling basis and subject to housing availability

V. IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

Students approved for summer housing starting immediately after Commencement will stay housed in their regular housing for the first few days of summer as the summer residence hall(s) are cleaned.

A. Summer Housing Process Dates

2026 Dates	Information
Mid-March	HouseCat application opens.
Thursday, May 7	Initial HouseCat application due; applications after this date will be processed on a rolling basis and subject to housing availability.
Mid-May	Summer housing assignments sent out.
Friday, May 29 – Friday, June 5	Students have access to their Short Term Housing.
Wednesday, June 3 – Friday, June 5	Students transition to Summer Housing: All students on-campus for summer housing during this time must move from Short Term to Summer Housing during these dates.
Sunday, June 7	Any items remaining outside of students' Short Term rooms will be disposed of and charges may be incurred. Lock changes will begin.
Wednesday, August 12 – Friday, August 14	Students transition to fall housing: All students on-campus for summer housing during this time must move from Summer to Fall Housing during these dates.
Friday, August 14	Any student not on-campus for Fall 2026 must vacate campus.
Sunday, August 16	Any items remaining outside of students' summer rooms will be disposed of and charges may be incurred. Lock changes will begin.
Monday, September 3	Fall board plan begins with dinner.

B. Summer Housing Billing Dates

In June	Senior charges (Class of 2026) are due when billed.
Mid-July	All Summer Housing & Meal Plan charges posted to student account.
Saturday, August 1	Payment for Summer Housing & Meal Plans due.

VI. MEALS, MEAL PLANS, & COMMONS

While meal plans are optional, they are highly encouraged for students remaining on campus for the summer. If you are planning to cook your own meals, you should plan on significant wait time in the kitchens of between 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm.

With this in mind, for summer 2026, kitchens in both 96 Campus Ave and Gillespie Hall will be available

to all summer students between the hours of 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm.

A. Cleaning supplies

Please be proactive and reactive with kitchen upkeep and cleanliness. It is your responsibility to clean up after yourself, throw away old food from the fridge, and overall maintain an enjoyable and clean living space for yourself and others in the building. The college will provide students with shared cleaning kits, including but not limited to the following items: sponges, dish soap, disinfectant, gloves, etc. Please let the summer CA know if more supplies are needed.

B. Room and Board Plan Options for Summer 2026:

Housing Only Option:

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| 1. Housing Only | \$70.00 per week |
| 2. **Optional Meal Swipes Purchase | \$10.00 per meal |

Full Board Plan Options:

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| 3. Housing w/ 19 Meals | \$222.00 per week |
| 4. Housing w/ 14 Meals | \$182.00 per week |
| 5. Housing w/ 10 Meals | \$150.00 per week (<i>recommended</i>) |

Important Notes:

- 1. Once your agreement has been signed with DCCCE:**
 - a. Once a student opts into a Full Board Plan Option, they are locked in and cannot change their plan.
 - b. If a student opts into a Housing Only Option, they may opt into a Full Board Plan at any time.
2. All housing and meal plan options are non-refundable and sold in week increments – Sunday through Saturday.
3. Individuals will not be reimbursed for uneaten meals/ housing dates not used.
4. There is no difference in cost for double vs. single rooms.
5. Students choosing to purchase a summer meal plan are governed by the same dining regulations that are in effect during the academic year - specifically, no food is to be removed from Dining Services.

Charges for summer housing and meal plans will appear on the student account unless they are employed by the college/receiving a grant from the college, in which case the cost will be deducted from their paycheck. Students should review their normal student billing statement at bates.edu/payment to review the charges and pay their bills. All charges must be paid by the due date. Unpaid charges may be subject to late fees and may affect a student's ability to register for classes.

**Students who elect a housing-only plan can purchase meal swipes, which will be loaded to their student ID card. They can be purchased and refilled at any time during the summer. Any unused meal swipes will be forfeited at the conclusion of the summer. To purchase meal swipes, click [here](#)

C. Commons Access

Access to Commons is gained through the use of the student ID card. Should you have any issues with access, contact Justin Good, Assistant Director of Finance and Technology, and Staff Support via email at jgood2@bates.edu.

D. Dining Information

1. Students with special dietary needs, or who have questions about the menu, can access information and resources [here](#).
2. The daily menu can be accessed [here](#).
3. Hours of operation can be accessed [here](#).
4. Please direct any dining questions to Justin Good at jgood2@bates.edu.

E. Commons Summer Hour for Summer 2026

Meals are available throughout the summer with the exception of June 1 and August 15-19. The summer meal plan starts on June 19 and ends on August 14. Between the end of the academic year and the start of the summer meal plan, the Commons will provide brunch and dinner- except where noted- and students needing to access breakfast during this period can make arrangements by contacting Bobcat Catering at Bobcatcatering@groups.bates.edu. Commons will reopen on Thursday, August 20 for pre-board meals. A full meal calendar will be available online by April 1 on [the DCCE website](#). If you have questions, contact Justin Good at jgood2@bates.edu.

VII. CONTRACT INFORMATION

Access to summer housing is limited to the terms of the summer regulations.

- A. Students must provide their dates of residency (in alignment with their job or internship dates) when completing the Summer Housing Application via HouseCat.
- B. Students will upload their work/internship/research contract into the HouseCat application.
- C. These dates shall be considered a binding agreement between the student and the College, and ***only one change to the dates of residency or meal plan will be permitted after the application is submitted.***
- D. Students must also amend their contracts if changes are made to their type of employment or reason for being on campus.
- E. All payments are done in weekly increments, Sunday through Saturday as noted in the Room and Board Plan Options above.
- F. There will be no break in the dates given for summer housing (e.g., vacations) and you will be billed from your start date to your end date.
- G. We generally will not accept new HouseCat applications or contracts with start dates after August 2, 2026. Exceptions may be made in extenuating circumstances.
- H. Key pick-up from Campus Safety throughout the summer is Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 pm and is closed for national holidays. ***Do not plan to arrive outside of these times.***

VIII. SUMMER HOUSING COMMUNITY STANDARDS

All summer students will live in Gillespie Hall, 96 Campus Ave, or in their assigned space. All rooms will be assigned by the Office of Residence Life. Students living in Gillespie Hall or 96 Campus Ave. for Short Term or the fall semester will be assigned their same room, if possible.

A. Kitchen/Cooking Supplies

The Office of Residence Life and DCCE work to provide limited cooking items and equipment, when possible. Any personal cooking supplies should be stored in individual student rooms. All students are responsible for cleaning their dishes, labeling food, etc. Students will have access to the following items in each kitchen:

1. One stove and oven
2. Regular sized fridge/freezers
3. Microwave
4. Dishwashing supplies

B. Residence Hall Policies

During the summer months, the same policies and regulations in place during the academic year apply. These regulations are outlined in the "Residence Hall and Dining Service Regulations, 2025-2026" and in those portions of the Bates College Handbook that are relevant.

1. [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#)
2. [Student Code of Conduct](#)

C. Social Responsibility

Any student who becomes disorderly, interferes with the rights of others, damages property, or is involved in a disturbance or unacceptable social behavior, either individually or as a member of a group, will jeopardize their privilege of living on-campus. Students are reminded that excessive noise often interferes with the rights of others and will not be tolerated.

Student conduct in violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) or the [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#) may be referred to the Office of Community Standards and may be subject to disciplinary action. Serious or multiple violations of this contract may result in removal from College housing. Neither the College nor any of its employees shall be under any liability whatsoever for such removal.

D. Visitation and Guests

Guests who are not residents may stay in a student's room for a maximum of three nights. Guests' presence may not infringe upon the rights of other Bates students. Any roommate, suitemate, or other Bates student who feels inconvenienced by a guest should first discuss the matter with the host student. If that brings no result, the student should contact the Summer Community Advisor or the Office of Residence Life.

Hosts are responsible for the actions of their guests/visitors and will face disciplinary action if their guests/visitors violate college or residential policies. The host must report the name and license plate of each guest to Bates Campus Safety. If the situation warrants, an exception to the three-night limit may be obtained from Student Affairs. Any resident who provides permanent residence to a non-student or an off-campus student is in violation of college regulations and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Please review the full [Guest Policy](#) on our website.

IX. STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

At Bates College, we recognize that unforeseen circumstances impact student success and well-being. In the case of a sudden, temporary, and/or unexpected financial situation, students can apply to receive Bates College student emergency funding through our Student Emergency Fund. We know that some students will have to remain on campus for all or part of the summer due to international flight restrictions.

For more information about the Bates Student Emergency Fund and application instructions, please contact the Administrative Coordinator for Student Affairs at fhauger@bates.edu, 207-786-6220, or visit Chase Hall 007.

X. SAFETY & SECURITY

A. Room Access

Key pick-up throughout the summer is Monday-Friday 8:30pm-4:00pm and is closed for national holidays.

B. Returning Winter Keys

Keys are issued from the Access Control Office in Bates Campus Safety and must be returned to the Access Control Office at the time of your move out. The loss of a key causes a serious threat to the security of resident students. Duplication or unauthorized possession of keys to College properties is a serious infringement and will lead to disciplinary action. Fees associated with keys will be paid through student accounts, details can be found on the [Access Control website](#):

1. **Lost keys: require a lock change fee of \$120.00 per key**
2. **Failure to return a key: requires a fee of \$120.00 per key**

C. Parking

Any student vehicles that will be on campus should be registered with Campus Safety if they do

not already have a student permit. No cost will be administered for a permit for the summer.

D. Personal Property

The College assumes no responsibility and is not insured for the loss of or damage to personal property of students. Please consult your own homeowner's insurance policy for insuring your belongings.

XI. ACCESS TO CAMPUS RESOURCES

A. General Access

During the summer students have access to their summer residence. After moving to their summer residence, students will not have access to other residence halls that are used for other groups on campus.

B. Coordinators On-Call and Campus Safety

[Campus Safety](#) is available 24/7/365. [Residence Life Coordinators](#) (RLCs) are available to summer students by calling Campus Safety and requesting a coordinator.

1. **Non-Emergency:** (207)-786-6254
2. **Emergency:** (207)-786-6111

C. Medical Care

Due to our close partnership with Central Maine Medical Center, students have access to medical care when Bates Health Services is closed. Please see the information on the [Bates Health Services website](#) about how to access medical care when BHS is closed.

D. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Counseling and Psychological Services is not open during the summer. Please see the information on the [CAPS website](#) about how to access psychological care and medication, or to find a local therapist when CAPS is closed.

E. Transportation

Please check the [Transportation website](#) by Campus Safety for shuttle and other transportation information.

F. Gym

Please see the [athletic facilities hours](#) website.

G. Library

Please see the [library facilities hours](#) website.

H. Mail

During the summer months, Bates [Post & Print](#) will be available to Bates students for mail pick-up. All mail sent to students residing on campus during this period of time should be addressed to students' permanent box numbers. Graduated seniors should contact the post office to request that their mailbox remain open for the summer.

I. Prayer Rooms

Please check with [Multifaith Chaplaincy](#) regarding access to prayer rooms or other religious or spiritual resources.