

Living in Achtmeyer & Pineau-Valencienne

Some Helpful Info

Building Access and Security

Card readers are located at the main entrances: the front door, the residential areas, the lower entry off Tuck Drive, the ground level connector to the Whittemore Center. Your college ID card works as a proxy card for these readers. The building is scheduled to be locked 24 hours a day. Please do not prop open the doors for delivery people or visitors. An alarm will sound and Dartmouth Safety and Security will be summoned. Ask delivery people to call you from the phone in the front lobby and accept your delivery there.

As a resident of the building you will receive a key that opens your own room, and a B2 key to student spaces.

Most of the doors into student rooms are equipped with a magnetic device that allows the door to remain open and still automatically close in case of a fire. You will need to push the door and release the magnet to close the door.

Custodial Services

Once a week, individual student bathrooms will be cleaned, and trash removed. The fourth floor is cleaned on Tuesdays, the third floor on Wednesdays, and the second floor on Thursdays. The custodians will vacuum the common areas within the floors, and remove all trash.

On your scheduled restroom cleaning days please remove personal items from showers and sinks. Our custodians are required to clean these areas and are not responsible for broken or wet items. **Disinfecting and cleaning is an important key not only for your personal health but for fellow residents as well!** If you are in your room at the time of your scheduled cleaning, you will forego that week's cleaning. The custodians' work load is such that they cannot come back at a later time that is convenient for you. The College reserves the right to enter and to inspect any student room at any time without permission or consent of the room occupant(s) to provide emergency service or general maintenance work, make safety or condition inspections or investigate probable violation(s) of College regulations.

Residents of each floor will be responsible for keeping the lounge areas and kitchens clean and tidy. Each kitchen has a closet that is stocked with cleaning supplies for use by residents.

General supplies are kept in the low cabinets in each corridor containing necessary supplies such as trash liners, toilet paper, etc., and the vacuums are kept in the sport closets on each floor.

To report problems and request repairs, please submit a HelpStar request.

Temperature control

Below is important information about how to control the temperature in your own room:

The cooling season extends from mid-May to mid-October. The heating system extends from mid-October to mid-May. During this period, air conditioning is not available. This type of system opens the door to some uncomfortable days or nights as the temperatures typically fluctuate widely in the fall and spring when we are "in-between" seasons.

The heating and cooling in the rooms is provided using convection (air moving over hot or cold pipes) and this is done in the valance area above the desk area. This will mean that it will take some time for the temperature in the room to respond to changes in the thermostat setting. The temperature dial is programmed for a limited range to promote energy conservation and reasonable comfort. The dial allows you to adjust the temperature several degrees above or below an approximate set point of 68 degrees F in winter and 74 degrees F in summer. If you feel this is not working correctly you should submit a HelpStar request to report a problem. Dartmouth College has very strict rules for energy management and this is the result. It also prevents someone overheating or overcooling their room in relation to standard norms.

Ventilation

65% air is blowing into the room through the small round vent high on the bedroom wall. Room air is drawn into the bathroom and exhausted through the grill in the ceiling. This provides fresh air to the room and removes bathroom humidity.

Phones, network access, and cable TV jacks

Tuck is providing a VOIP phone for each room. You can daisy chain from your phone to your computer and your TV's set-top box if you have one. Each room has one live data port. If you want to hook up a TV in your room rather than watch TV on your laptop, you will need to rent a set-top at this website, www.dartmouth.edu/dartv.

Each of the study and conference rooms has power and network jacks at the table and a telephone jack on one wall. There are power outlets and network jacks strategically placed around all of the public areas of the building.

Furniture

Your room is reasonably furnished and this furniture may not be removed from your room. You can personalize your room by positioning the bed in different ways and by bringing in one piece of furniture of your choosing such as a bureau or a small table.

Lightweight pictures, posters, and other decorations may be hung on the walls using thumbtacks, pushpins, small hooks or small nails. Please do not use scotch tape, masking tape, duct tape, or other adhesives (such as the gum like substance that is sometimes used for posters) since these will remove paint or stain the walls. Do not hang anything that is heavy, like shelving or plants, from the walls.

Prohibited in Residence Halls:

Appliances for cooking (such as hot plates, electric grills, toasters, or other electrical appliances with a heating element; air conditioners and electric heaters; water beds; pets; firearms; permanent alterations to décor, halogen lamps, tape, contact paper, or other adhesive on walls, soliciting, peddling, or advertising for any commercial purpose on bulletin boards, walls, or doors, tampering with or destroying fire safety and fire prevention equipment, removing furniture from your room, open flame, including candles and incense, smoking or using illegal drugs, subletting your room (only the Tuck School can fill a room or a partial room vacancy.)

Beds

There are two possible positions for the bed. Each bed is equipped with a Select Comfort Sleep number mattress and must be plugged into an electrical outlet. The beds are full/double extra-long or 54"x 80". The remote shows a right and left side button, but the left side button does not function and serves no purpose. You

have full control with the right side button to increase or decrease the firmness on both sides. You also have an extra hose that is detached and does not need to be attached, so please just ignore that! If you notice that your remote says lo, then it probably just means low battery and we can replace that.

Lighting

Each room has a light in the closet that also serves the entry area, a light over the lounge chair, two under-shelf light strips over the desk, a bed side lamp and a wall fixture with two settings. All of the lights in the room can be turned off using the master switch at the entry door.

Refrigerator/freezers

Each room is supplied with an under-counter refrigerator/freezer with auto defrost.

Showers

The extra tall shower has adjustable –height shower heads.

Dual flush toilets

The smaller button is for a low volume flush, the larger button is for a high volume flush

Damages

You are responsible for damages, as outlined in the Housing Terms and Conditions. If there were damages prior to your move in, it is your responsibility to return the Dorm Room Damage Report form left in the folder in your room. Please drop it off to the Facilities Office, Tuck Hall, Room 012. Prior damages will be noted on your dorm damage report.

Storage

Skis and bikes can be stored in the Whittemore resident storage room and hockey bags can be kept in the sports closets located on both sides of each floor.

Tuck does not provide storage over the summer. Any items left in the sports closet, your room, the storage room or bike on outside bicycle racks will be considered abandoned and donated to charity.

Other Facilities

There is a laundry room in each kitchen on the second and third floor each with 2 washers and 2 dryers operating on a card reader system that works with your student ID. The machines also accept U.S. quarters. You must provide your own soap, etc.

For commuting students there are lockers and 6 changing rooms on the ground floor in Whittemore Hall.

Fitness Room

The LaCorte Fitness Room is equipped with cardiovascular equipment and nautilus type weight machines. The room is open 5am to midnight and members of the Tuck community, who are over the age of 18, will be given card access to the room after they have signed a liability waiver. The liability waiver is in the folder in your room. Please fill it out and return it to the Facilities Office, Tuck Hall, Room 012.