

Metzger Drive Apartments

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will there be a new meal plan for students in the Metzger Drive Apartments?

A new A La Carte (points) meal plan will be available for students living in the new Student Apartments and College Houses. This new plan will be the smallest points plan and created due to partial kitchen functionality of the Metzger Drive Apartments.

2. Will the cost of room and board be different for students living in the Apartments?

The College of New Jersey offers a flat fee for all rooms across campus, regardless of the residence hall. A flat fee ensures that all students have equal opportunity to the variety of different buildings, locations, and room types across campus.

3. Will my apartment be cleaned?

Residents in the individual units will be expected to participate in a cleaning schedule of living room and facility space, which includes all kitchen areas, living rooms, and bathrooms. A universal College form will be prepared before and distributed at lottery. Student staff in the Metzger Drive Apartments and the Townhouses will be trained during Fall Pre-Service Training to facilitate this process. All students are responsible for damages in the living room and facility spaces. Trash rooms will be located in the Apartment Buildings for student convenience. The College is responsible to removing waste from the trash rooms.

4. What is the student staffing structure of the Metzger Drive Apartments?

Residential Education & Housing will staff Community Advisors in the apartments.

5. Will I get to see the apartment before signing into it at lottery?

As lottery season approaches, Housing Assignments hopes to arrange all the furniture that will be going into the apartments into a room on campus for students to view. A campus notification to all residential students will take place when this is available. Students will not be able to see an actual apartment in the complex prior to choosing rooms at lottery.

6. Where can I park?

Parking Services will determine the location for students to park.

7. At lottery, how many people can I pull-in to one apartment?

Students can sign into the Apartments individually or can pull in 1, 2, 3, or 4 students who make the lottery cut. The student with the best lottery number will pull-in the group.

8. Are pets allowed in the Metzger Drive Apartments?

The pet policy will concur with the Guide to Residence Living.

9. What is the guest policy in the Metzger Drive Apartments?

Similar to the Townhouses Complex for Upper Class students, security desks and sign-in procedures are not necessary for Upper Class students.

10. Did students have a voice in the new arrangement of SYE and UCE for 2009-2010?

Residential Education & Housing offered three information sessions during the Fall semester for students to hear the new housing proposal and voice questions and concerns. The proposal was submitted to the Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA is open to all residential students and provides representation of all students living in the campus community.

11. What if I have special accommodations?

With the new arrangement of SYE and UCE, there will be rooms in each cohort that offer special accommodations. Any student that needs special accommodations should contact The Office of Differing Abilities.

12. Why is Decker being renovated over other buildings on campus?

Decker Hall will be undergoing renovations to the internal plumbing of the building. In order to ensure that this building remains livable and safe, it must be closed for renovations before construction can begin in other residence halls. The Campus Master Plan is public and available on TCNJ's website.

13. Why did you choose Townhouses West for sophomores?

Townhouses West was chosen for sophomores due to its size. In order to compensate for losing Decker Hall, the SYE community needed more rooms available for students. In addition, Residential Education and Housing believes that the availability of a Townhouse community will allow sophomore students to try a style of living that is developmentally appropriate for them.

14. Why did you choose Eickhoff for sophomores?

Eickhoff was chosen for sophomores because of its centrality to campus and style of living. If another Townhouse complex was given to SYE, the Upper Class students would lose many singles and the style of living that is developmentally appropriate for Upper Class students. With the addition of Eickhoff to the SYE community, there will continue to be double rooms available.

15. I am a rising senior, can I still squat?

With the reorganization of the cohorts in SYE and UCE, squatting will not be allowed for Academic Year 2009-2010. It would not be fair to allow rising seniors in Townhouses East, South, and the College Houses to squat, while rising seniors in Eickhoff and Townhouses West would not have that same opportunity. Thus, squatting will no longer be a part of the lottery process.

16. Why do juniors and seniors get the Metzger Drive Apartments?

Residential Education & Housing and Student Affairs believe that it is developmentally appropriate for upper class students to live with partial kitchens as to prepare them for future independent living experiences. Therefore, the privileges and responsibilities of apartment style living were reviewed and will continue to be evaluated to ensure student satisfaction, safety, and developmental needs of our juniors and seniors.

17. How many beds are SYE and UCE gaining?

Each cohort, SYE and UCE, will be gaining a small number of bed spaces available at lottery. SYE will gain 19 beds and UCE will gain 8 beds.

18. Are my chances of making the lottery cut better now?

The chances of making the lottery cut for each cohort have not significantly changed from previous years. There are additional beds for each cohort which slightly increases the chances of making the lottery cut. In years past, approximately 95% of rising junior students who applied to live on campus made the lottery cut. Approximately 90% of rising seniors who applied to live on campus made the lottery cut.