

Parents' Information

The following information is based upon frequently asked questions.
We hope it will help you prepare for the upcoming school year.

"What is the housing deposit?"

Each new student pays a \$50 deposit with his/her matriculation fee. At the end of his/her senior year, or upon leaving Taylor, the student may apply to the Center for Student Development to have the money refunded. Charges for damages to residence hall property and/or university administered facilities are deducted from the deposit.

"What about school health insurance?"

Each student is urged to hold school health insurance unless they are adequately covered by another source. In August, all students are sent a brochure outlining the Student Insurance policy. Students who do not wish to take the Student Insurance policy must return the waiver form to have the insurance charge removed. The student may also waive student insurance online by accessing the link within the student portal and then choosing the semester/semesters you want to waive. Questions may be directed to Dawn Tinsley at 765-998-5276.

"What arrangements are made for medical care?"

Health care services are available to Taylor University students at the Health Center located at 1809 South Main Street which is across the street from the main entrance to campus. Health care will be provided by the staff associated with Cardinal Health Partners and Upland Health and Diagnostics. The Health Center's hours of operation are M - F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.. Students can schedule appointments by calling 765-998-6294 ; walk-ins are also accepted. Emergency services are provided by Blackford Community hospital. There is a full service pharmacy located at the Health Center. Pharmacy hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. M - F and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat.; phone 765-998-6210. Lab, x-ray and physical therapy services are also available M - F.

"Who can we as parents call for help, or for information about our student?"

The entire Student Development staff at Taylor is dedicated to meeting the needs of students, whether those needs are physical, spiritual, social, or academic. If you have questions, or if your student has a problem, you may call their residence hall director, the Dean of Students (Dr. Skip Trudeau, 765-998-5368) or the Associate Deans of Students (Steve Morley, ext. 85344; Jill Godorhazy, ext. 85384; Steve Austin, ext. 85305; Campus Pastor Randy Gruendyke, ext. 85360). In the event of a serious problem, the school will notify you.

"In case of emergencies, how can parents contact their student?"

If you are unable to reach your student for an emergency, call Campus Safety at 765.998.5555. This number is monitored 24 hours a day by an officer. They will then be able to notify your student's hall director who will, in turn, contact the student.

"What security precautions does the University take on campus?"

The University employs a 24-hour police agency. Residence halls are locked each night at 11pm with the exception of main entrances, which are locked at 1am and are unlocked at 6am.

"How is academic advising handled?"

In August, prior to arrival on campus for the fall semester, new students are assigned to academic faculty advisors in their chosen field of study. Students may view advisor assignments via TOWER using the Taylor portal. Students are required to attend departmental information meetings during Welcome Weekend where (1) they are introduced to departmental faculty and staff; (2) information is shared about academic programs within the department; and (3) curriculum requirements are described for each academic program.

In the fall, students will assume the primary responsibility for meeting with their academic advisors to develop and schedule their semester-by-semester courses needed to graduate within their chosen majors.

"What about 'standards'?"

All students (single and married) are responsible for implementing the relational and behavioral expectations listed in the Life Together Covenant when the university is in session (beginning of first semester through the end of second semester and/or summer sessions), when they are part of a university program, and/or when they are living in university approved housing.

If you have any questions, please call or email Shawnda Freer, Director of New Student Programs, at 765.998.4915 or shfreer@taylor.edu.