

Am I eligible to move-into my residence hall room?

The following items must be taken care of in order for residents to receive room keys, regardless of move-in date:

Is your student account balance paid in full or have you enrolled in the University payment plan?

- All students living on campus must have their student account balance (housing fee AND tuition) paid in full or be enrolled in the official University payment plan before they will be permitted to pick up room keys. Payment of the entire student account balance or any remaining balance following the application of scholarships and/or financial aid, is required.
- The University payment plan is an option available to students that breaks the student account balance into manageable installment. The plan requires a \$50 enrollment fee and the first installment of the plan will be due at the time of registration. For more information, please visit: [Instructions on How To Sign Up For a Payment Plan | YSU](#)

Other options for international students to pay their bill include:

- Flywire and Transfermate- It should be noted that these options can take some time to process, so international students should plan accordingly by organizing payment prior to their travel to campus or move-in. For more information about how to pay by Flywire, please visit the University Bursar: [How to Pay Through Flywire webpage](#).
- For more information about how to pay through Transfermate, please visit the University Bursar: [How to Pay Through Transfermate](#).
- Bank Drafts-All bank drafts must be drawn on a US bank. If you wish to bring a bank draft, it should not exceed the total amount that is currently owed on your student account. If you bring a bank draft that is less than the full amount of your student account balance, you must have a plan for payment for the unpaid remainder of your balance, using one of the above methods.
- Students who wish to utilize the bank draft option, should upload a copy of their check for cashiers to view AHEAD of their arrival to campus: University Bursar Secure Document Upload. (Please note, this will not initiate payment but will provide the cashiers an opportunity to screen your bank draft ahead of arrival)
- If you do not have plans to arrive on campus during business hours that the Cashiers Window is open, the University urges you to consider a different payment method. Cashier hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Cash is NOT an accepted method of payment for student accounts.**
- Please connect with the Penguin Service Center (330.941.6000 or onestop@ysu.edu) for assistance with any questions about the payment plan or about your financial aid package.

Are you registered full-time for classes?

- Students registered below full time will not be permitted to move in. By the end of International Orientation, all international student living on campus are required to be registered at full-time status.
 - Full time status for undergraduate students is 12 credit hours per semester
 - Full time status for graduate students is 6 credit hours per semester
- You may be asked to show proof of your registration status to a Housing staff member by logging into your Penguin Portal

Prepare for Move-In

- International students may begin moving in starting December 30th, 2026, no extra cost.
- Students will not be permitted to move-in prior to December 30th. If you arrive before December 30th, you'll need to arrange a hotel stay. The closest option is the **DoubleTree by Hilton** in downtown Youngstown.
- You must [request and receive approval](#) for early move-in.
- Please review and complete the above list of Spring Move-In Requirements to ensure you're ready to receive your room key and move in.

Contact us with specific questions at housing@ysu.edu.