

Questions & Answers

- **How many students live at the Courtyard?**

Currently, there will be about 48 students living in the house. There is a men's wing, a women's wing, and the apartments are co-ed by neighbor.

- **Who or what is Relevance?**

Relevance is a 501(c)(3) charitable ministry whose vision is to: **“To produce, promote, distribute, and exhibit the Relevance of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in all forms of art, music, and communication, to all peoples, through all methods.”** Although not associated with any one denomination, its mission is to work in collaboration with all churches to reach people for Jesus Christ. The Courtyard is a means to achieve that vision in two specific ways. (A) through providing an environment for Christian students to sharpen their spiritual persons through discipleship and serving in the community and (B) by providing public teaching and activities that welcome the community in to see the relevance of Jesus Christ through courses like Alpha, Quest, and coffeehouse type programs.

- **How many roommates will you have?**

The majority of students have one roommate. There can be as many as eight students to a two-bedroom/two-bathroom suite. Most apartments have four students. The number varies by room.

- **How much is rent per month?**

It depends on the type of room or apartment. It ranges from \$525 to \$700 per month for a nine-month contract (mid-September to mid-June)

- **What is provided by the house from the rent one pays?**

- A room for sleeping and studying
- All utilities (electricity, garbage, internet, cable, water, laundry)
- Meals Weekdays only.
 - Breakfast food is provided Monday thru Friday
 - Lunch is prepared for us by our chef Monday thru Friday
 - Dinner is prepared for us by our chef Monday thru Friday

- **Is it mandatory for the residents to attend a particular church on Sundays, or are they able to attend another Christian Church in the area?**

It is not mandatory for Courtyard residents to attend any one particular church on Sundays. They are, however, required to attend a Christian church on the weekend.

- **Are there weekly house meetings that the Courtyard residents are required to attend?**

There are mandatory Monday night meetings every week.

- **Are the Courtyard residents required to do any chores?**

Each Courtyard resident will have *three-four* chores assigned at the beginning of each term. Additionally, residents will be responsible to clean their own rooms and bathrooms.

- **How does the house handle any food allergies or special dietary needs that residents might have?**

Our chef is great about working with residents to prepare meals that they can eat

without worry. If this is an area that you need to have addressed while living at the house, we will have you talk to our cook before the beginning of the school year to insure that we will have menu items suitable to your needs.

- **What are the rules about alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and weapons on the Courtyard property?**

Absolutely none of these things are to be used or possessed by Courtyard residents or their guests on the house property at any time.

- **Are there telephones in the students' rooms?**

No, there are not individual phones in the students' rooms. There is a main phone line available for residents to use. We use voice-over-IP so long distance calls may be made, but phone numbers that cause a charge will be tracked to the resident.

- **Are there "quiet hours?"**

Quiet hours are voted on at the beginning of each term. However, during the weeks before finals and the weeks of finals, quiet hours apply all day.

- **Are there any time restrictions for when visitors can be in the house?**

Visitors are welcome on the main floor from 9:30 am until midnight on the weekdays, and until 2:00 am on the weekends.

- **Are there any areas of the house for residents only?**

Visitors are allowed on the second floor only when accompanied by a resident. The second floor access is by resident key to prevent unauthorized access.

- **What furniture is provided by the house for the residents?**

-Wardrobe/closet area. The dimensions vary, but the average size of the wardrobe is 45.5" tall by 22.5" wide by 24" deep.

-Desk. The tabletop vary, but the average is 25" deep and 48" wide. It is 29.5" tall. Many do not have drawers, so we suggest plastic bins/drawers to keep small items.

-Bed. Each student gets either a top or bottom bunk. These beds are standard twin, but the mattresses are deep enough that extra long sheets will fit as well.

- **Is there room for me to bring any furniture?**

As each room differs in size, it is suggested to start out the year with the basics and work up from there, if you and your roommates would like to. Residents are, however, encouraged to bring storage containers (i.e. three-drawer plastic containers, thinner plastic bins to fit under the beds (10" tall), etc.) when moving in, as often times students need more storage space than is provided by the house to accommodate all of their belongings.

- **Is Internet provided by the house?**

Yes, we provide *wireless* Internet for all house residents. Interruptions and speed changes do occasionally occur due to heavy demand internally and by other fraternities and sororities in the area.

- **Are there any items that residents cannot have in their rooms?**

-Extension cords (power strips are okay)

-Nails, strong adhesives to the walls (tacks, sticky tack and tape are okay)

-Burning candles (candle warmers are allowed only if you turn them off when you leave the room)

- **Are there any electronic items (i.e. lamps, clocks, etc.) provided by the house?**
Besides overhead lighting, residents will need to furnish their own additional lighting sources, alarm clocks, stereos, computers, etc.
- **Is there stereo, television, DVD, VHS, at the house?**
Yes, we have a TV, and DVD player in the lounge
- **Can I have my own television, VCR, and/or DVD player in my room?**
Yes, however, we suggest that you double check with your roommates to make sure there is space and that you don't accidentally double up on certain items.
- **Are friends and family allowed to stay overnight at the house? Are there places for them to sleep?**
Yes, friends of the same gender and family are welcome to spend the night at the Courtyard for up to two consecutive nights per guest. If there is a need for your guest to stay longer than two nights, please discuss it with house Director. There are no designated sleeping areas for guests. The best way to insure a bed for your guest is to check with your roommates about dates they will be away from the house and ask them if you or your guest may borrow their bed for the night.
- **If I become a resident at Courtyard, who will my roommates be?**
Once you have signed your contract for the next school year, you will be sent a "Roommate Questionnaire" to fill out about yourself. Questions include:
 - How outgoing do you consider yourself?
 - What type of music do you listen to?
 - How clean is your room usually kept?
- **Are pets allowed?**
Fish are the only pets allowed at Courtyard. Smaller fishbowls are recommended.
- **Where do Courtyard residents do their laundry?**
The laundry room is located on the main floor in the house. Residents are welcome to use the facilities (two washers, two dryers, one ironing board, and one drying rack) twenty-four hours per day. Residents sign-up for two hour time slots in which to use the washers and dryers (you may sign-up for more than one slot at a time). The sign-up board is located in the laundry room and is erased each term to accommodate to changing schedules. Note: laundry soap is not provided by the house for students to use. A clean bin is available for clothes left after the two hour slot.
- **Are there places to keep your toiletries in the bathroom?**
Yes, each student will have an ensuite or assigned private bath for you and your roommates. It is recommended that you buy a plastic shower caddy (with holes in the sides and bottoms so that water can drain out) for you to keep your toiletries in.
- **Are there any places where I can store my personal food?**
Yes, there are refrigerators on the second floor where personal food may be kept. A plastic bin with your name on it can be stored in designated areas.
- **Should I bring my formal/semiformal attire for any reason? Where can I keep it?**
Yes, Courtyard residents may attend between two to four semiformal/formal events during the school year. You will want your dresses, shoes, and jewelry at the house to choose from. There is a small room (closet) where residents are welcome to store their semiformal/formal attire.
- **Is there a place for sports and outdoor activities?**

The Courtyard is aptly named for its interior courtyard yard setting. A fountain and planted yard is a wonderful place to BBQ or soak up some sun. Chintimini city park is just across the street where field and court activities are available throughout the year. 4 sand volleyball courts, 2 softball fields, Soccer or football field on 7.4 acres.

- **Is parking available?**

The Courtyard has 45 parking spaces; two are reserved for the cook and director. Spaces will be available as permanent permit parking for a \$20/month fee. Some spaces will be left for designated guest parking at specific times. Normally guest parking will be used for only a few hours in the evening during public events.