

Liberty University Off-Campus Living Guide
Commuter Student Life
Division of Student Affairs

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Introduction

Liberty University defines a commuter student as one who resides in a property that is not managed by Liberty, lives within driving distance of the campus, and attends residential classes weekly during the academic year. Liberty University expects commuter students to represent the mission and values of the University in their private residence as well as in the local community through relationships with neighbors, property owners, employers, and community residents.

Living as a commuter student is an opportunity for personal growth and development essential to life after college. Students will be faced with new challenges that will allow them to make decisions, assume leadership, and be the image of Christ to non-student community members. This off-campus living guide is meant to help guide students towards available resources for this new journey.

Liberty Way

All provisions of the [Liberty Way](#), which is incorporated herein by reference, are applicable to undergraduate students living off-campus, except those specifically related to on-campus living. Commuter students agree to prohibit the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs or substances in their residence and are otherwise responsible to ensure that the conduct of their guests or roommates is consistent with the Liberty Way. Questions about how this guidance applies to commuter students living with parents or other family members may be addressed with the [Office of Community Life](#).

Commuter students also are responsible to ensure they are respectful of neighbors by limiting noise and properly maintaining the exterior of their premises. Failure to abide by these principles may be viewed as disruption to community or other provisions of the Liberty Way.

Note: Students required to move back on campus under these terms will be responsible for room and board as well as any obligations they may have under a lease.

Commuter Student Life

Commuter Lounge: Commuter Student Life hosts a commuter lounge in Green Hall 1875 that features a coffee and tea bar, charging stations, kitchen with microwave and refrigerator, board games, sofas, group study room, lockers, and more.

New Commuter Orientation: hosted in Blackboard in a non-term course. Visit your Blackboard courses today and you should find it under your credited course listings. This orientation is meant to educate you on common challenges and resources for commuters. It is in your best interest to educate yourself so you can be successful as an off-campus student.

Commuter Community Groups: Each undergraduate commuter student is assigned to a Commuter Community Group for the purpose of spiritual support and encouragement. While participation is voluntary, all commuter students are encouraged to participate. Leadership opportunities also are available. Freshman and transfer commuters also have the opportunity to be placed in smaller groups for a more personal experience of a smaller community.

Commuter Student Association: The CSA is a student-led, student-run organization that exists to connect with off-campus students to help them engage with each other, the University, and the local community. Commuter student leaders offer members opportunities to serve and attend fun events, engage in philanthropic activities in the local community, participate in leadership training, and connect with other off-campus students in a community environment.

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Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LUCommuterLife/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LUCommuterLife>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lucommuterlife>

Off-Campus Living

[Off-Campus Housing](#): Commuter students are responsible for their own off-campus housing arrangements. Single coed living arrangements are not acceptable in keeping with Liberty's mission and values. Exceptions to this policy are for immediate family members only.

Address & Phone Number: It is each student's responsibility to have their local address and telephone number updated through ASIST within one (1) week prior to the first day of classes. Any changes in information must be updated within one (1) week. Failure to update addresses and/or telephone numbers with changes will result in six (6) points for the first offense.

IMPORTANT: Once a student signs a lease off-campus, they are accountable under the [Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act](#). Liberty University cannot act as a mediator between property owners/managers and tenant disputes. **READ YOUR LEASE IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE SIGNING IT.**

Safety off Campus: Students should use discernment when participating in off-campus activities. Safety laws and the Liberty Way should be observed and followed at all times. Students should act accordingly to advertised warnings regarding railroad bridges/trestles, water falls, cliff faces, etc.

[Student Organizations and Clubs](#): Commuter students are encouraged to participate in Student Government Association-sponsored clubs and organizations, such as the Commuter Student Association.

Housing, Food, and Financial Needs: Students with housing, food, and financial needs may contact Commuter Student Life or LU Shepherd for a list of available Liberty and community resources meant to provide aid and support.

[Off Campus Housing](#): The off campus housing page allows students to search for various housing options within the area and also allows students to find potential roommates. The page offers other commuter specific resources such as transit.

Church, Convocation and Campus Community

As a dynamic institution vitally interested in the whole person, Liberty University provides for the physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual needs of commuters. To meet these needs, Liberty provides opportunities for commuter students to gather and serve as a community through convocation, campus community, and Christian/community service. Students are also highly encouraged to attend local church services where they can get plugged into community with local Lynchburg residents.

- [Convocation](#)
- [Campus Community](#)
- [Christian Service](#)

All undergraduate students, who are on campus during convocation times, are required to attend convocation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

[LU Shepherd](#): LU Shepherd exists to develop Champions for Christ by fostering holistic community through peer mentorship, pastoral care, and life-skills training. Commuters are encouraged to participate in commuter community groups hosted through LU Shepherd, campus community, and 24-Hour prayer vigils.

Student Benevolence Fund: Students who find themselves in need of financial assistance may contact LU Shepherd and apply for assistance through the student benevolence fund.

Campus & Community Living

Voting: If you are not registered to vote, register to vote today! Within the next four years, you may be getting a job, owning or renting your own home, getting married, starting a family, paying for health care, or building a business. The policies you vote on will influence your life after college. For any further voting related questions email vote@liberty.edu

Call Slips: Official call slips are sent to students via Liberty University email when the University is trying to contact students. It is the student's responsibility to respond to the call slip within a reasonable amount of time. Failure to respond may result in four (4) points for the first offense. Continued failure to respond will result in increased disciplinary action.

Campus Curfew: Commuter students must be off campus by midnight unless on campus for work, computer lab use, or an approved special event. Curfew violations may result in four (4) points.

Community Safety: At no time should pedestrians or vehicles go around gates or fences that block access to railroad tracks. Vehicles should never attempt to cross tracks until it is obvious there is room to clear the tracks. As a safety precaution, individuals should never walk on or along any railroad tracks, bridges/trestles, or cross over/under a stopped train. Violation of this safety policy may result in disciplinary action by the University and/or arrest by railroad officials.

Employment: In maintaining a reputation in the marketplace consistent with the philosophy of Liberty University, employment will not be permitted where a student is required to violate the policies and principles of the University, as a major part of the job. Questions regarding employment at Liberty University, or within the community, may be directed to the Office of Community Life.

Food Service & Meal Plans: Commuter students may purchase meal plans from [Liberty Dining by Sodexo](#). Complete information regarding meal plans is available through the Liberty Dining website. Attempting to obtain a meal other than by proper payment is considered deception and will result in disciplinary action.

[Liberty University Postal Services](#): Commuter students may not use Liberty University as their mailing address without registering for a post box through Postal Services. This includes packages. When mail, or packages, arrive for off-campus students who are not registered for a mailbox on campus, mail will be returned to sender.

Literature Distribution: Distribution of literature in the residence halls requires written approval from the Office of Residence Life. Posting of literature on campus outside of the residence halls requires written approval from the Office of Student Life.

Lost & Found: ID & Campus Services assists [LUPD](#) in handling lost and found items. Items are kept in inventory for 120 days. After 120 days, items not retrieved are donated to community-based organizations.

Motor Vehicles: Operating a motor vehicle on campus is a privilege. Students should familiarize themselves with and adhere to all traffic and parking regulations. Any serious or repeated traffic safety violation will result in the loss of driving privileges as determined by [LUPD](#). All traffic and parking regulations are available from LUPD. Automobiles parked on campus must display a campus permit.

Pedestrian Tunnel: The Wards Road Pedestrian Tunnel is only accessible by those with a Liberty University Flames Pass (Campus ID). Students, faculty, and staff are only able to enter the tunnel from the campus side; they will be allowed to return from the Wards Road side on the same day as long as their ID was used to exit from campus. Students may not park in the shopping center parking and have another student allow them entrance to campus. Violations will result in disciplinary action through LUPD, and may include having tunnel access and parking privileges revoked for the semester.

Please contact Commuter Student Life if you have any questions about this document.

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