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**LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT LIFE
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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.

THE LIBERTY WAY

All provisions of the [Liberty Way](#), which is incorporated herein by reference, apply 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 are also 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 a disruption to the community or other provisions of the Liberty Way.

Note: Any unmarried 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



OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT LIFE

Commuter Lounge

Off-Campus 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, color printer, and more.

New Commuter Orientation

Commuter students will be notified of a new commuter orientation via email. 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.

Commuter Community Groups

Undergraduate commuters can connect with a Commuter Community Group/Commuter Shepherd by emailing commutergroups@liberty.edu. Commuters are encouraged to attend Campus Community on Wednesday evenings or watch a recorded session of Campus Community during the week with the assigned groups.

CONTACT INFO

Phone: 434-592-3067

Email: Commuter@liberty.edu

Location: GH 1887

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

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

EVENTS FOR COMMUTERS

Off-Campus Student Life hosts **events for commuters** for these purposes:

- Connect commuters to commuters
- Connect commuters to faculty and staff
- Connect commuters to university events and services

Come see Off-Campus Student Life in GH 1887 for more information.

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 by the end of the first week of classes each semester. Local addresses must be maintained in ASIST.

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 are expected to 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 & Clubs

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

Housing, Food, & 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.



CHURCH, CONVOCATION, & CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Local Church

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
- Convocation



Convocation

For Fall 2020, all undergraduate commuters who will be 21 years of age by December 18, 2020 are exempt from Convocation. Undergraduate commuters who are younger than 21 are required to attend Convocation on Wednesdays and Fridays. All commuters are invited to watch Convocation to be encouraged, informed, and share this amazing campus experience. If there is a work conflict, please fill out the [Exemption Form](#).

LU Shepherd

The LU Shepherds office 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

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 will result in five (5) 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. 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 no longer continue to 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.

Speak Up

Liberty University is committed to providing a [safe learning, living, and working environment](#) for the Liberty community. We have created two forms of reporting through The Office of Equity & Compliance/Title IX and the Care Team.



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY LIVING

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. Beverage containers are disposed of weekly.

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.



Service and Emotional Support Animals

Service animals are dogs that have been trained to perform a task. Emotional support animals are permitted to live with their owner within a residence hall room. Emotional support animals are not permitted outside of their owner's residence. Commuter students are not permitted to bring emotional support animals onto campus without permission from the [Office of Disability Academic Support](#).

Student Health Center & Wellness Initiatives

Students are provided with quality [medical health services and educational programming](#) that promotes healthy living in the university and local community.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY LIVING

Get Connected to your Campus

- [Liberty University Student Activities](#)
- [Commuter Student Life](#)
- [Graduate Student Life](#)
- [Athletics/Club Sports](#)
- [Art Gallery](#)
- [Liberty Biblical Museum](#)
- [Theatre Performances](#)
- [School of Music](#)

Living In Lynchburg

Check Out These Lynchburg Resources: Life in Lynchburg is never boring! Lynchburg is home to local shops, historical sites, outdoor activities, and so much more. To check out the Lynchburg resources, click on the titles to the links below.

- [Lynchburg Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Top Attractions in Lynchburg by Trip Advisor](#)
- [Fun Things to Do in Lynchburg, VA](#)
- [First Fridays Lynchburg](#)
- [Historical Sites](#)
- [Downtown Lynchburg Association](#)

MICROSOFT TEAMS

Microsoft Teams is a free application within the Office 365 platform that combines collaboration, chat, fun, video meetings, and file storage into one site. It is a great application for personal, academic, and professional use. As a commuter student, you will be enrolled into the Commuter Student Life Team.

Off-Campus Student Life will utilize this Team to communicate events, announcements, prayer requests, and other resources. Commuter Shepherds also utilize this Team to announce commuter community group details. The Commuter Student Life Team is a great resource for commuter students to stay connected!

To edit your notifications in Teams, follow the instructions below.

Change notification settings

1. Select your initials or profile picture at the upper-right corner.
2. Select **Settings** > **Notifications**.
3. Make your changes.

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