## Residence Offer Book 2024-2025

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### Welcome to the University of St. Michael's College and Loretto Residence

Welcome to St. Michael's College (SMC) and Loretto Residence, and congratulations on being accepted into the University of Toronto! Living in residence is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your university experience, as you'll have the chance to meet and connect with students from all over the world.

To help you navigate your move to residence, we've prepared an offer book that serves as a first-steps guide. The book includes valuable information on our various residence buildings, residence fees, and answers to frequently asked questions regarding prearrival.

We hope this guide will help you as you embark on this new chapter, and we wish you all the best as you prepare to join us for the upcoming semester.

### The Office of the Dean of Students

### OUR RESIDENCE

SMC and Loretto Residence is located on the east side of University of Toronto's campus. We are a short distance from Queen's Park and are also less than a five-minute walk from the popular retail and commerce neighborhood of Yorkville, where students will be able to shop, eat and enjoy activities like visiting the local movie theatre. Transit is also easily accessible as we are close to Museum station and an eight-minute walk from Bay Station.



Our residence buildings are made up largely of traditional-style residences which are characterized by either single or double rooms where residents share common amenities such as bathrooms and common rooms with other students on their floor. Our traditionalstyle residences help foster a strong SMC community as they allow students to have consistent opportunities to interact with others and get to know their floormates.

### CHOOSING A RESIDENCE

#### **HOW ARE RESIDENCES ASSIGNED?**

If a student receives a Residence Guarantee offer, either an SMC or a Loretto application will be created for them. For students applying from the waitlist, you may receive an offer after Residence Guarantee offers are satisfied. Offers are sent via email, and often have an expiry timeline of seven (7) days.

#### HOW DO I RANK MY RESIDENCE CHOICES?

In the application, students will have the option to choose between the residence spaces available to them. Whenever possible, we will assign your preferred building and room type. Specific rooms are allocated using an auto-allocation tool, based on the students' preference.

	Elmsley Hall	Queen's Park	Historic Houses	Sorbara Hall	Loretto
Total # of Beds	200	80	71	179	128
Gendered Floors	Female and Male	Female and Male	Mixed Genders	Female, Male, Mixed Genders	Female
Community Type	1st Year	1st Year	1st and Upper Year	1st and Upper Year	1st, Upper, and Graduate
Bed Size	Twin XL	Standard Twin	Standard Twin	Double	Standard Twin
Room Type	Double <sup>1</sup>	Double <sup>2</sup>	Double and Single	Single <sup>3</sup>	Double and Single
Washrooms	Shared <sup>1</sup>	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared Ensuite - Double Shared - Single
In-Building Dining Hall	×	×	×	×	~
On-site Laundry Facilities	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	~	$\checkmark$	~	~
In-room Air Conditioning	×4	×	~	~	~
On-site Cardio or Fitness Room	×	×	×	×	Fitness Room
On-site 24/h Porter's Desk	~	×	×	×	~
On-site Music Room	×	×	×	~	~
On-site Study Areas	×	×	×	×	~

### **Residence Buildings Comparison Chart**

1 Limited number of single rooms with en suite washrooms available

3 Limited number of double rooms available

2 Limited number of single rooms available

4 Hallways and common rooms are air conditioned

Regardless of which building you have been placed in you will have access to:

A 24/h Porter's Desk

Common Rooms

Solur Alumni Hall Exercise Room

# **Residence Fees**

Residence fees are charged to your financial account in ACORN when your room has been assigned. Fees are charged per session (Fall, Winter), and must be paid in full by the deadlines found in the Fee Schedule below.

All deposits must be paid in StarRez, but the remainder of your fees are charged in ACORN. Deposits paid in StarRez will appear as credits in your ACORN account. Once residence fees are charged, they will be applied against those charges.

Room Type	5- Day Meal Plan	7-Day Meal Plan
Standard Single (Excluding Loretto)	\$19,163	\$20,213
Standard Double (Excluding Loretto)	\$18,215	\$19,265
Loretto Single	\$18,321	\$19,371
Loretto Double Shared Ensuite	\$18,072	\$19,122

### Residence Fees by Room Type\*

Notes: 1. Fees listed do not include incidental for non-SMC students, or residence council fees of \$11/semester. 2. A small number of ensuite rooms are available at SMC, and will incur an additional fee of \$1800.

#### Cancellation

We understand that your plans for September may change.

Those who cancel by July 25 will receive a \$500 refund of their first deposit. See the Occupancy Agreement for more details.

### <u>Fee schedule</u>

July 25 - Second deposit of \$1,000 is due

Sept 30 - Fall residence fees are due for all students

**Nov 30** - Winter residence fees are due for non OSAP students

Jan 31- Winter residence fees due for OSAP students and other students with deferred fees

### Choosing a Meal Plan

Living on campus means waving goodbye to the hassle of grocery shopping, meal prep, and post-dinner clean-up!

At SMC and Loretto, there are no dormitory cooking facilitates, which means that every resident has a meal plan. Students will get to eat at either the Canada Room or the Loretto Dining Hall, depending on their residence placement. Both serveries have a variety of food to fit a large range of taste buds and dietary needs, so dig in and enjoy!

5-Day Meal Plan	Provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday to Friday	<ul> <li>Ideal for students who:</li> <li>Enjoy going out to eat on weekends and/or</li> <li>Visit home on the weekends</li> </ul>
7-Day Meal Plan	Provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday to Friday, as well as brunch and dinner on the weekends	<ul> <li>Ideal for students who:</li> <li>Plan to spend most weekends in Toronto and/or</li> <li>Enjoy the convenience of being able to eat prepared meals on campus every day</li> </ul>

### SMC and Loretto residents have two "All You Care to Eat" meal plan options:

**Note:** Meal plans can be upgraded from 5-Day to 7-Day at any point in the school year. The last day to downgrade your meal plan is September 30th. To request a change, contact <u>smc.residence@utoronto.ca</u> with your request and student number.

Chef's Table

# FAQs

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When will I find out which building I've been assigned?

Most incoming first year residents will be assigned to either Elmsley Hall or Queen's Park Building, as those buildings have entirely first year populations. The Historic Houses and Sorbara have a few rooms (both single and double) that may be assigned to first years if space allows. Room assignments take place at the end of July.

## What do I do if I have a preferredroommate?

First year residents are invited to participate in Roommate Selection via the application process. Roommate Selection allows students to interact with potential roommates, giving you the opportunity to find the best fit for you. Both roommates must agree to the pairing before they will be assigned together. #2

# FAQs Cont.



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### • How likely am I to get a single room?

While most first year residents will be assigned to double rooms, there are a small number of single rooms available in mixed-communities.
A: Students should indicate their preference for a single room in the application to be added to a single room assignment lottery. Note: You should still participate in Roommate Selection, in the event that a single room is not available.

How can I request an Accessibility
 Accommodation related to living in residence?

If you need accessibility accommodations relevant to your residence application, be sure to contact the <u>Accessibility Services</u>
 A: office as soon as possible. Their team can provide a letter of accommodation, and will contact the residence on your behalf.
 Contact:

Phone: <u>416-978-8060</u> Email: <u>accessibility.services@utoronto.ca</u>

### WHAT TO BRING TO RESIDENCE

Excited to move to residence, but not too sure what to bring? Not to worry, we have got you covered!

### TEXTILES

- Bedding (sheets, pillowcases, blanket) and pillow(s)
- Bath towels, hand towels, face cloths
- If desired, you can order bedding, bath linens and closet storage from Residence Linens or My Dorm Store!

### DECOR

Decorations such as posters, pictures, plants Sticky tack, 3M hooks, painter's tape only to hang posters

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Personal care and hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, etc.)
- Hair dryer
- Shower caddy, shower flipflops
- Ear plugs and mask for sleeping

### WARDROBE

- Clothes hangers
- Clothes, footwear, and outerwear for all
- ) seasons
- **)** Umbrella

### CLEANING

- Cleaning supplies (e.g., all purpose cleaner,
- ) disinfectant, washcloth)
- 🔵 Umbrella
- Laundry basket or bag

### ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCES

- C Electronics and their chargers
- Power bar or extension cords
- Optional: Electric kettle with auto shut off, coffee maker, microwave
  - Double rooms: Check in with your roommate to avoid duplicates of these items.
- Tabletop fan, desk lamp (built-in for Elmsley Hall, Loretto, and Queen's Park)



### At SMC each room comes furnished with:

- Bed (once your room is assigned, check View my Room via <u>Manage my Housing</u> for your room's bed size)
- Desk and chair
- Closet/wardrobe
- Recycling and garbage bins
- Window furnishings (blinds/curtain)

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND CONTACT**

### June - July

- Residence Guarantee offers will be sent to students via their email
- To accept an offer, a \$1,000 deposit is due

### July 25, 2024

- A second deposit of \$1,000 is due for all residents.
- This is also the deadline to receive a partial refund for your first deposit. Please note that your second deposit is non-refundable.
- Cancellations after offer acceptance are subject to the withdrawal policy.
- Note: Refunds are processed through Student Accounts. Please be aware that there will be delays in receiving these refunds.

### July to August 2024

- Waitlist application offers sent for any remaining spaces
- Once second deposits are paid, room assignments will begin
- Residences fees are posted to your ACORN account

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### August 25, 2024

• First-year student Move In Day!

### September 3, 2024

• Classes begin for Faculty of Arts and Science students

#### December 23 @ 11:30 a.m.

• All remaining students must vacate their rooms by 11:30 a.m. but may leave their belongings in a waiting area

#### January 5th @ 10 a.m.

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• Residence reopens for the Winter semester

### **CONTACT**

For any questions please see our <u>website</u> or email us at <u>smc.resdeince@utoronto.ca</u>