



Rivier University

2020/2021
**NEW STUDENT
GUIDE**



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Welcome



Welcome To Raider Nation!

I am excited you are joining the Rivier community! As you come to know Rivier, you will find a community that cares about your success both in and out of the classroom. We have so many opportunities for you to become involved and engaged at Rivier—whether in a club or organization, athletic team, or leadership position.

This New Student Guide is designed to provide everything you need in order to successfully start at Rivier in the fall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Student Engagement by either calling (603) 897-8254 or emailing orientation@rivier.edu. If you are not sure which office to call for something, please reach out, we are happy to direct you to the correct place.

You can also visit www.rivier.edu/newraider for more information.

Again, welcome to Raider Nation! We are happy to welcome you to Rivier through our virtual orientation events this summer!

Eric Blackburn
Director of Student Engagement



New Student Checklist



- ☐ Create your **RIVNET (MyRiv)** account. This should be done before Virtual Orientation begins on June 22. Go to www.rivier.edu/accountrequest
- ☐ Register for **Virtual Orientation**. Go to: <https://events.rivier.edu/event/126793>
- ☐ Complete **housing forms** if you intend to live on campus at: www.rivier.edu/newraider
- ☐ Upload **health forms**. All students (residents and commuters) must complete these forms. Links are found on page 5.
- ☐ Complete requirements for student-athletes.
- ☐ Complete financial aid requirements. Links are found on page 7.
- ☐ Pay your bill. (Deadline is July 15, 2020).



Virtual Orientation

Deposited students access all week starting June 22!

Create your RIVNET account after you deposit and prior to Virtual Orientation. Your RIVNET account provides access to your Rivier email and MyRiv student portal. Go to www.rivier.edu/accountrequest to create your RIVNET account.

Our Virtual Orientation is a required program for all incoming students. Parents and family members will also be invited to live and on-demand sessions highlighting University resources.

While it's disappointing that we aren't able to welcome you to campus in person this June, we've created a Virtual Orientation that will be the next best thing to experiencing all that Rivier University has to offer.

Through the virtual platform you will have an opportunity to:

- Explore Rivier's history, mission, and core curriculum
- Connect with student support services
- Receive your fall course schedule
- Learn about important next steps to take over the summer
- Get connected with a current Rivier student orientation leader
- Meet fellow members of the Class of 2024
- And much more!





Living on Campus



Rivier typically houses more than 400 undergraduate students in our four residence halls. Traditional-aged freshmen and transfers are assigned to Guild Hall, while many returning students and upper-class transfers live in Trinity or Brassard Hall. Our fourth residence area, Presentation Hall, is home to the University's Wellness Housing program. New students may opt to live in Wellness Housing by special contract.

All new students live in double rooms. Some students with special accommodations through the office of disability services have single rooms for medically necessary reasons. To explore special accommodations, email Darcy Murphy at damurphy@rivier.edu.

Each room has a bed, desk and chair, dresser, closet, curtains, and a microfridge (combination microwave and refrigerator/freezer). Each hall has lounges for socializing or studying. Laundry facilities are located in each building free of charge. Xfinity services available to all residents on Rivier's Wi-Fi network. This allows students to stream content of their choice through a TV (with ROKU or HDMI) or any personal device that has streaming capabilities.

[For a list of suggested items to bring to Rivier, use this link.](#)

To secure a place on campus, just complete paperwork that is linked below as a fillable form. Simply open the form, complete and save it. Email housing@rivier.edu and attach all of your forms – and you're done!

Once the housing office has all of your forms, your file will be complete and you will receive your room assignment by August 1. Any questions may be emailed to housing@rivier.edu.

Roommates are matched using the roommate information form.

If you have met someone you'd like to live with, just enter the information in the space provided on the roommate information form and we will honor that request.

Please download, complete, save, and submit:

- [Residence Hall Agreement](#)
- [Roommate Information Form](#)
- [Emergency Contact Form](#)
- [Missing Student Policy and Notification Form](#)



Health Forms

Commuter and resident students have required health forms to complete before starting classes at Rivier. To submit your health forms, you will sign in to our health portal, which is a HIPPA compliant platform that allows confidential upload of your records. Please follow the instructions below:

Creating Your Student Health Portal Account

Step 1 As soon as you receive your acceptance letter

Create your Rivier email account at this link: www.rivier.edu/accountrequest

You will need your student ID number (found on your acceptance letter). If you need assistance retrieving your student ID number, please call Admissions at (603) 897-8507.

Step 2 Once your Rivier email account is active

Create your health portal account at this link: <https://rivier.medicatconnect.com/>

Click the **REGISTER** button to create an account

You will need your Rivier username (from your email account) and Rivier student ID number for this; if you need assistance contact IT Support at (603) 897-8469.

Step 3 Complete before August 15 to be cleared for campus housing or class attendance

24 hours after creating an account, sign into your Rivier University email and locate the confirmation email sent from **Medicat**. Click on the confirmation link *directly within* your Rivier email.

Residents: The Physical Exam (completed within one year of enrollment) and Immunization Verification Forms are to be printed out and completed by your primary care provider, then uploaded to the Medicat portal. Please also enter each immunization date into the portal. All other forms are completed directly on the Medicat site.

Commuters: The immunization verification form is to be printed out and completed by your primary care provider, then uploaded to the Medicat portal. Please also enter each immunization date into the portal.

For assistance with the Student Health Portal - contact student life at (603) 897-8244



Resident and Commuter Meal Plans



All incoming students living on campus are automatically enrolled in the unlimited meal plan. After the first semester, students are able to choose between the unlimited, 14-meal, or 10-meal plan. With any residential meal, you get \$150.00 in flex money which you can use at the Cyber Café in the Regina Library or to swipe guests into the dining hall.

Commuter students can purchase a commuter meal plan, which gives you 25 entrances to the dining hall for \$125.00.

Dining Center Hours

Monday-Friday Regular Hours:

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast: 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Lunch: 11:15A a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Continuous Dining: 1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Dinner: 4:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Weekend Saturday/Sunday Hours:

Brunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Continuous Dining: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekend Dinner: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Late Night Hours:

Monday-Thursday, Sunday:
10:00 p.m. – Midnight

Cyber Café at Regina Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Great food, fast, friendly service and a fantastic atmosphere make the Cyber Café the perfect location to grab a quick snack and socialize with friends. Located in the library, the Cyber Café is at the center of student activity.

All hours and availability may be subject to change.

I have specific eating requirements. I am vegetarian or vegan, have food sensitivities, and/or allergies. Do you have options for me?

Yes! We have many options, and we add more every semester. In fact, many items are added based on requests from students. All of our dining locations regularly have menu options that are made with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free ingredients that are clearly identified on our signage. We also offer soy milk, rice milk, almond milk, and Lactaid as well as non-dairy yogurt and gluten-free staple items. We also offer gluten-free items on our deli as well as a dedicated space, our Simple Servings that offers allergen free entrees.



Student Financial Services

Payment Schedule

Go to **My Riv>My Ledger** and click on the **Nelnet payment portal** button to access the payment platform.

Fall 2020 Semester

Your bill is due by July 15, 2020.

Learn More About Payment Options

www.rivier.edu/financial-aid/student-resources/payment-options/

Billing Notification

You will receive a paper bill around June 15, 2020. After that, all communication and notifications regarding billing statements will be sent to your Rivier University email address. Please contact Student Financial Services with any questions regarding your statement at (603) 897-8488 or email sfs@rivier.edu.

Financial Aid Services

Student Financial Services is here to assist students and parents with questions about affording and financing your education. We can help with questions and information about:

- Applying for financial aid
- Any Rivier University grant or scholarship
- Federal and/or state grants
- Student employment
- College savings plans
- Outside scholarships
- And more!

Financial Aid Required Steps

1. Complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) with Rivier FAFSA Code 002586.
2. If you have already submitted your FAFSA and have received a federal Direct Loan, you must complete the two following at Federal Student Aid at studentaid.gov:
 - Direct Loan Master Promissory Note
 - Direct Loan Entrance Counseling

To access your Financial Aid Student Portal, visit www.rivier.edu/np.



Academic and Career Services



Your first semester schedule is created by your Academic and Career Advisor. Rivier's Math department evaluates high school transcripts and SAT scores to place incoming students in a math course that meets their knowledge base. All degree programs except for Nursing, requires two semesters of a language. Nursing students are required to do one semester of a modern language. Once a foreign language preference is chosen, Rivier's Modern Language department will evaluate high school transcripts and place students in a language course appropriate for their skill level.

Students can access their schedules by logging in to their MyRiv portal and first changing the current term to FA20. Next, under Administrative Services, click on My Schedule, and this will bring you to your FA20 schedule.

Please make sure to request any official AP scores and Running Start or Dual Enrollment transcripts are sent to Rivier University. Your Academic Advisor will evaluate these transcripts, and notify you if we can accept these credits.

If a student needs to make adjustments to their schedule, they should contact the Academic and Career Advisor assigned to their degree program. If you are unsure who your advisor is, please email asktheadvisor@rivier.edu, and your assigned Academic and Career Advisor will respond to you.

What you can expect from us:

- Resume writing and review
- Interview preparation using Interview Stream
- Internship placement
- Employment Promise Program (EPP)
- Service learning opportunities – local and international
- Career planning/job searches using RivierConnect
- On campus career fairs
- Networking events with employers
- Changing your major
- Adding a minor
- Class scheduling each semester



Academic and Career Services Continued

Academic & Career Advisors

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lcarr1@rivier.edu

(603) 897-8245

Learning Commons, Rm. 204D

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Health Sciences
- Human Development
- Human Services
- Pre-Professional Healthcare (PPHC)
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Sociology

Wendy de Penasse

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(603) 897-8230

Learning Commons, Rm. 204C

- Education (All)
- English
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematics
- Nursing Freshmen A-K
- Nursing Sophomores A-K
- Undeclared (Day)

Kerrie Dahl

kedahl@rivier.edu

(603) 897-8223

Learning Commons, Rm. 204B

- Nursing Freshmen L-Z
- Nursing Sophomores L-Z
- Nursing Juniors (All)
- Nursing Seniors (All)

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Learning Commons, Rm. 204A

- ASN (Prof. Studies)
- Business (All)
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity Management
- Global Studies
- History
- Homeland & International - Security
- Political Science
- Sport Management
- Undeclared (Prof. Studies)



Purchasing Textbooks



From the Rivier University webpage, www.rivier.edu, click QUICK LINKS and select the Bookstore under Resources on the drop down menu.

Once on the Bookstore page, click the book icon in the upper left-hand corner.

You will need your course schedule in order to identify the department, course number, and section.

Example:

Select your Term: FA20

Select your Department: ENG

Select your Course: 115

Section: A

Be sure to enter the correct section as books can vary between sections.

Follow the above directions for each class you are enrolled in for the semester. If your books do not appear, do not worry as some textbooks will not appear until later in the summer since faculty are still placing book orders for fall courses. Be sure to check periodically to see if the textbooks have been updated.

If you have any questions on ordering books, please contact the Bookstore directly.

Location: Dion Center, Lower Level

Phone: (603) 888-4145

Email: rivier@bkstr.com



Important Contacts



Public Safety (24 Hours).....	(603) 888-1666	publicsafety@rivier.edu
Academic and Career Advising	(603) 897-8227	asktheadvisor@rivier.edu
Academic Support Center	(603) 897-8580	academicsupport@rivier.edu
Campus Bookstore.....	(603) 897-8277	rivier@bkstr.com
Campus Ministry	(603) 897-8577	campusministry@rivier.edu
Counseling Center	(603) 897-8251	tconsidine@rivier.edu
Disability Services	(603) 897-8497	damurphy@rivier.edu
Health Services	(603) 897-8295	thardy@rivier.edu
Student Life/Housing Services	(603) 897-8244	housing@rivier.edu
Student Engagement Office	(603) 897-8254	eblackburn@rivier.edu
Student Financial Services	(603) 897-8510	sfs@rivier.edu



Campus Map



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| <p>1 Madeleine Hall
Admissions Office</p> <p>2 Heritage Plaza</p> <p>3 Adrienne Hall
Academic Affairs, Business Office, Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, Student Success</p> <p>4 Molloy Hall
President's Office, Human Resources</p> <p>5 Trinity Hall
Student Residence</p> | <p>6 Presentation Hall
Student Residence</p> <p>7 Dion Center
Bookstore, Dining Center, Reception Room, Public Safety and Security, Student Affairs</p> <p>8 Benoit Education Center
Classrooms, Faculty Offices, Cho Educational Resource Center</p> <p>9 Brassard Hall
Student Residence</p> | <p>10 Sylvia Trottier Hall
Classrooms, Computer Center, McLean Center for Finance and Economics, Nursing Labs, Faculty Offices</p> <p>11 Raider Diamond</p> <p>12 Joanne Merrill Field and Linda Robinson Pavilion</p> <p>13 Science and Innovation Center
Opening in 2020</p> <p>14 Muldoon Fitness Center</p> | <p>15 Regina Library</p> <p>16 Guild Hall
Student Residence</p> <p>17 Facilities Management</p> <p>18 Clinical Psychology Lab</p> <p>19 Memorial Hall
Classrooms, Faculty Offices, Global Engagement, Art Gallery, Rivier Institute for Senior Education (RISE)</p> <p>20 Sharon McOsker Tamposi Alumni Legacy Garden</p> | <p>21 Regis Hall
Faculty Offices</p> <p>22 Resurrection Chapel</p> <p>23 The Learning Commons
Academic and Career Advising, Advancement and Alumni Relations, Counseling and Wellness Center, Disability Services, Service Learning, Writing and Resource Center</p> |
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Important Dates



July 15	Housing Forms Due
August 14	Student Health Forms Due
August 26	Fall Athletics Move-in
September 5 & 6	First-year move-in days
September 8	Class of 2024 Orientation
September 9	Classes begin
September 15	End of Add/Drop period
October 12	Columbus Day – No Day Classes
November 17	Final date to withdraw from classes
November 25	Thanksgiving Vacation begins at noon