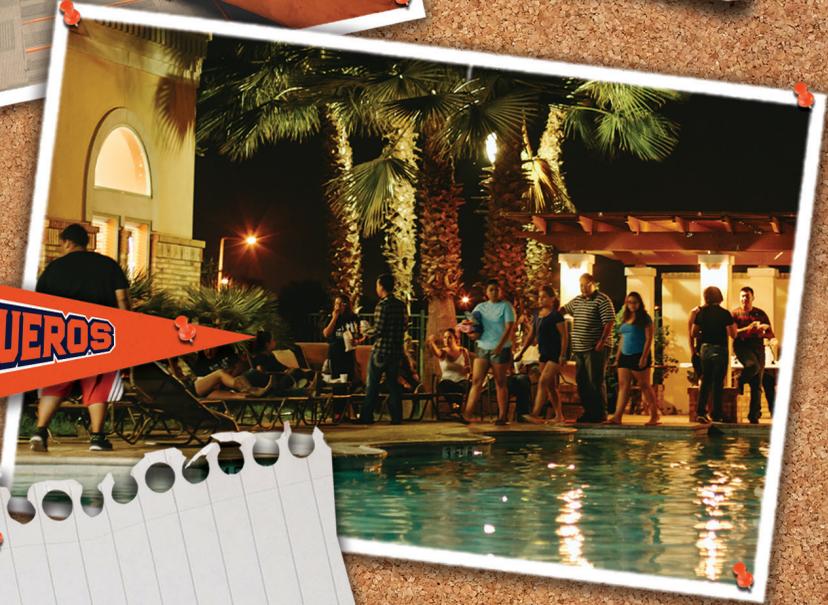


THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY



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MOVE-IN GUIDE - FALL 2015

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Attend Orientation

At orientation you will...

- Enroll in classes. All residents must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester.
- Confirm your academic major, learn about course requirement or change your major (if necessary).
- Get your VOne Card (student ID).
- Learn about financial aid.
- Buy textbooks.

Make a Packing List

Review the suggested list of items to bring and not to bring included in this guide. To avoid duplicates, be sure to talk with your roommate and/or suitemates to decide who is bringing shared items.

Check Your Room Assignment & Move-In Information

Contact your roommate prior to Move-In Day. You may log in to your student housing account to verify your room assignment, move-in date and view your roommate information.

Visit my.utrgv.edu and click on the housing icon.

Room Charges & Payment

All charges will be available on my.utrgv.edu via ASSIST.

- Your first payment is due on Aug. 25, 2015.
You can pay online via your ASSIST account on my.utrgv.edu
- Remember late fees are \$50, so be sure to pay on time.
- You can pay on campus at Payments and Collections, located at the MAIN Tower.



What to Bring:

- ❑ Linens – pillow, blanket, quilt or comforter, mattress pad, towels, washcloths and sheets (mattress size is full for single rooms and twin extra long for double rooms).
- ❑ Personal toiletries including toilet paper
- ❑ Surge protector (no extension cords)
- ❑ Housekeeping supplies – spray cleaner, trash liners, small vacuum, air freshener
- ❑ High-efficiency laundry detergent, clothes hamper, hangers, ironing board, and iron with auto shut-off feature
- ❑ Food/eating utensils
- ❑ Television/DVD/stereo/headphones and gaming systems (we recommend ethernet surge protectors for these and other items connected to the ethernet wall port.)
- ❑ Personal decor items – posters, photos, etc. No nails, screws or staples, only use blue painters tape or 3M Command Strips
- ❑ Desk lamp (no halogen bulbs) and desk organizers
- ❑ Closet organizers
- ❑ Bicycle lock (if you bring a bicycle to campus)

Do NOT Bring...

- Pets (other than fish in a maximum 10-gallon tank)
- Open coil heating or cooking devices
- Candles or incense
- Guns, fireworks, paintball markers, cross bows, bows and arrows, water guns or “look alike” gadgets
- Drugs/paraphernalia
- Avoid large amounts of cash
- Extension cords or multi-plug adapters without surge protectors
- Wireless routers (routers and ethernet switches are not allowed)

Things to Remember:

- Renters insurance (highly recommended)
- For Move-In Day we encourage you to bring a dolly, bungee cords, plastic or tarp (in case of rain) to speed up the check-in process.

TIP

If you do not have all these items, please do not feel obligated to buy them. You'll do fine without most of them. You might want to wait to see your room. Make sure to pack all belongings in boxes or totes. Loose items can easily be lost or misplaced. All boxes and totes should be labeled with the student's name, apartment number to be clearly identified.



First-Year Students

All new students to campus (excluding the transfer students) are required to move in on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 only. Check-in Desk will open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. There will be a mandatory assembly that evening at 6 p.m. at the Casa Bella Clubhouse.

#1 – Arrive at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

We are suggesting residents and their family members arrive in Brownsville, Texas by taking the last exit toward University Boulevard. There will be signs to guide residents and their families.

2651 FJRM, Brownsville, TX, 78521

#2 – Park

When arriving you will be directed toward your assigned building, make sure you know what room you will be living in. There will be parking available near your building. Do not remove your items from your vehicle until you have checked in first at your designated building. Once you have checked in and inspected your room, go to your vehicle to acquire your items. Also, please limit the check in process to the student only and bring your VOne Card and Texas ID.

#3 – Check-In

Residents will check-in to their apartment room by reporting to their assigned building. This includes confirming their room assignment, receiving keys and reviewing room condition paperwork.

#4 – Unload

Once the check-in process is completed, residents can head back to their vehicle and may begin unloading. Assisted by Move-In volunteers, residents and their families will unload the vehicle(s). Once empty, the vehicle should free up parking for others.

#5 – Move In

Move in to your assigned room. Get to know your roommate and suitemates.

**Unity, Heritage and Troxel Residence Halls, Edinburg, Texas: First-Year Students Move-In Day will be held Friday, August 28. Please contact 956-665-3439 to request a Move-In Guide for the Edinburg campus.*

**Move-In Day for returning students will take place Saturday, August 29, through Sunday, August 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*



Mail & Packages

Mail

Residents can receive mail and packages to:

- Name, Room #
2651 FJRM Ave.
Brownsville, Texas 78521

All mail and packages can be picked up at our front office. Mail and package services begin on Aug. 31, 2015 and end on the last class day for each semester.

Packages

Throughout the academic year, residents can receive packages to their facility. When a package is received, it must be addressed to the resident's name; if not, it will be returned to sender.

Other Services & Amenities

Bicycles

- The UTRGV Police Department offers free tagging of items and bicycle permits are free when you register your bike.
- All bicycles should be secured on bicycle racks located outside of residence halls. Do not secure bicycles to stairways, handrails, entryways, light poles, balconies, fences or trees.

Cable Television

- Basic cable service is free to all residents.
- It includes all local broadcast networks such as ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and CW; a variety of cable channels such as CNN, MTV and USA; and the campus broadcast channel.

Internet

- Wireless Internet connection is available in every sleeping, lobby and study area of the residence halls.

Residential Laundry

- All apartments include a washer and dryer that can be used by the resident at any time.



Housing & Residence Life

Casa Bella Clubhouse
956-882-7191 | home@utrgv.edu

Lead Resident Assistants (LRAs) and Resident Assistants (RAs)

LRAs and RAs are trained student staff members who strive to build relationships with residents; serve as a resource and referral agent for community members, assist in building safety and security by serving on duty every night and conduct health/safety inspections, and help maintain community standards of behavior. RAs are selected as peer educators based on their skills and willingness to assist residents in being successful at UTRGV.

Please help LRAs, RAs and your peers maintain the security of your community by stopping by the front office and signing in; showing your ID to university staff members when applicable; not propping doors open or allowing strangers (people you don't know) into the buildings; and by reporting strangers or suspicious behavior to LRAs, RAs or the UTRGV Police Department at 956-882-2222.

Hall Coordinators (HCs)

HCs are full-time, live-in professional staff members who oversee the day-to-day operations of each residential community. This includes, but is not limited to, supervising LRAs and RAs, advising hall councils, promoting student leadership opportunities, following up on facilities concerns, adjudicating conduct cases related to student behavior, and serving as a professional staff resource to residents living in their community.

Residential Life Office Staff

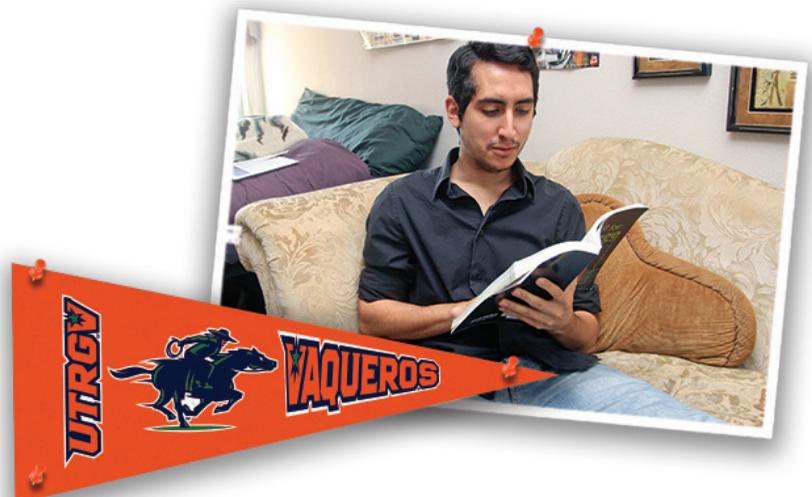
Housing staff members are responsible for the administrative coordination of university housing and conference services. If you have questions concerning your housing agreement, room assignment or billing, please visit the office of Housing and Residence Life at Casa Bella Clubhouse or contact us at 956-882-7191.

Campus Partners

Our campus partners — maintenance, house-keeping and information technology — share the university's commitment to maintaining all of its facilities and services in good condition. Staff work to constantly upgrade facilities and services to meet students needs.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

The Residence Hall Association plays an important part in your residential life. Every student living in a UTRGV residence hall is a member of RHA and may participate in the programs organized by the association and hall governments. RHA meetings are held monthly and are composed of representatives from each hall or living area and other interested students. Representatives address current issues, review policies and sponsor programming to enrich the living environment for the residence halls community. Contact RHA at 956-882-7191.



Residence Halls: Brownsville Campus Map



- Clubhouse
- 200 Building
- 300 Building
- 400 Building
- 500 Building
- 600 Building
- Casa Bella

2651 FJRM Ave. Brownsville, TX 78520

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Housing and Residence Life Offices

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