

# RESIDENCE LIFE

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**Mission:** Rooted in the Mercy core values of respect, integrity, justice, compassion, and service, the Office of Residence Life cultivates a safe, inclusive, academically rigorous, and engaged on-campus community where students feel important, challenged and supported as they pursue their academic and personal goals.

**Philosophy:** With the understanding that learning occurs beyond the classroom, the Office of Residence Life creates opportunities for students to apply their academic knowledge in “real-world” scenarios. Emphasis is placed on problem-solving, collegiality, vigorous discourse, celebrating and exploring diversity, and learning how to learn. Residence life staff and residents work together to foster an inclusive, accepting community where students are responsible for themselves and each other.

**Description:** Residence facilities are available for all full-time undergraduate matriculating students (registered for at least 12 credits per semester). Residential life is an integral part of the Georgian Court educational program; students have the opportunity to engage with other students from various regions of the United States and around the world. Students participate in programming as well as community-building activities, discussion groups, and club activities. Students are placed in housing based on a cohort model, in which residents live with others based upon their grade level. This allows the Office of Residence Life to provide programming and community building that is tailored to the needs of individual residents.

The Office of Residence Life provides leadership opportunities to students, including but not limited to the resident assistant position (RA). Every floor/wing of each residence hall has a student worker who is trained to build community, respond to student concerns, report crises, and provide general aid to students as proxies for the professional residence life staff. Students are eligible to apply to become RAs after their first semester as a full-time GCU student.

Rooms are assigned to new first-year and transfer students by the Office of Residence Life. In the spring, returning students participate in a housing selection process, whereby students must sign a housing contract to secure their spot in a housing lottery system. Medical accommodations and special housing situations are assigned separately.

Every room comes fully furnished, and students need only supply their own linens and personal items.

Resident students may keep cars on campus by obtaining a parking permit through the Office of Student Accounts in Scully Registration and Finance Center.

For further information about residency, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 732-987-2533.