Duquesne University

Mission Statement

Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit is a Catholic University, founded by members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritans, and sustained through a partnership of laity and religious. Duquesne serves God by serving students – through commitment to excellence in liberal and professional education, through profound concern for moral and spiritual values, through the maintenance of an ecumenical atmosphere open to diversity, and through service to the Church, the community, the nation, and the world.
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Expectations of a Duquesne University Student

1. Read, understand and live out the values
   contained in the Mission Statement.
2. Build on the values you have received from those
   who love you and strive to meet their expectations.
3. Be diligent and sincere in your education, open to
   learning and change and strive for academic excellence.
4. Be honest and have integrity in all that you do.
5. Recognize the importance of service to
   others and our community.
6. Grow spiritually, preparing for life, not just
   a career.
7. Appreciate diversity, be welcoming to others.
8. Respect your body and avoid addictions.
9. Develop a sense of self around your ethical
   and spiritual values.
10. Develop friendships and know the value
    of teamwork.
11. Be proud of Duquesne, show school spirit
    and support University activities.
12. Be at peace, love God, your neighbor
    and yourself.
Dear Duquesne Student,

WHETHER YOU ARE AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR GRADUATE STUDENT, residing off campus is a much different experience than residing on campus. Living off campus provides more freedom and independence, but also requires greater responsibility. All students who do not reside in University housing are considered to be commuter students.

The Office of Commuter Affairs extends a student's education and supports community building beyond the Duquesne University campus. This Off-Campus Guide is a great resource that provides a wealth of information to make living off campus a great experience.

As a student, you represent the Duquesne University community. The manner in which you interact with your neighbors and community is a reflection of your role as a Duquesne student. We encourage you to take pride in being a wonderful, respectful neighbor and community member. Please get to know your neighbors, provide them with your contact information and acknowledge them when you see them. As a Duquesne student, please remember that you are expected to uphold the Mission Statement and Expectations of a Duquesne Student as well as abide by the Student Code of Conduct found in the Duquesne University Student Handbook.

You are sharing a community with young professionals, families with children, older adults, and individuals who have lived in the community their entire life. It is important to recognize that their lifestyles and schedules may be very different from yours. Please respect your community in the same manner you do the Duquesne campus and your hometown.

Duquesne’s Office of Commuter Affairs is committed to supporting you in your experience as a commuter student. It is important to know that on occasion we receive community complaints regarding disruptive behavior and properties that are not following various community guidelines. As these situation arise we follow up with Duquesne students.

I hope you have a wonderful experience living off campus. The Office of Commuter Affairs staff is here to support you. If you should ever need our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Lewis
Director, Office of Commuter Affairs
Duquesne University
Dear Off-Campus Student,

STUDENTS CHOOSE TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS throughout the City of Pittsburgh for many reasons such as close proximity to campus, affordable housing and to experience the uniqueness of our local neighborhoods.

Your community is home to a variety of individuals including life-long residents, families with children, young professionals and other students. They are proud of their neighborhood and work hard to keep it clean, safe and prosperous. As a resident in this community, you now have these same obligations.

In addition to greater freedom, living off-campus comes with greater responsibility. Your neighborhood has specific community codes and standards. It is important you become familiar with them and abide by them. No matter where you reside, you are a representative of Duquesne University and are expected to live up to the Duquesne University Mission Statement and Expectations of a Duquesne Student subject to the policies and guidelines outlined under the “Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct.”

As a Duquesne University student, I expect you to be a good neighbor and responsible community member. Make every effort to get to know your neighbors. Be considerate and respectful of the people and places that have welcomed you to their neighborhood. Remember the importance of service and make every effort to participate in community service opportunities in your area.

Also, remember that you are still a member of the Duquesne University community. You should continue to take advantage of all the programs, activities and services that Duquesne University has to offer.

I hope you enjoy living in your neighborhood and have a successful and productive year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas K. Frizzell
Senior Vice President for Student Life
Duquesne University
Important

City of Pittsburgh Ordinances

Social Host and Underage Drinking
You should know that the City of Pittsburgh has a Social Host and Underage Drinking ordinance. A host, which is defined as a person who owns, leases or is in possession and control of the residential property where a gathering takes place, may not, knowingly or with constructive knowledge, conduct or accommodate a gathering including underage drinking. Any host who violates the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to $500 or, in default thereof, imprisonment not exceeding 72 hours.

Prohibiting Non-Permitted Occupancy of Rooftops
No person shall occupy or use the roof or roof overhang of a building when such roof is not designed and permitted for such occupancy by the City Building Code, except when performing repairs or maintenance of the roof or in an emergency situation, or where expressly permitted by a lease agreement.

Occupancy Ordinance
Students who live off campus should be advised that according to City of Pittsburgh Code, no more than three unrelated individuals are permitted to reside together in one rental housing unit.

Transportation

Upass Program for Discounted Bus Rides
The Pittsburgh Regional Transit (formerly known as Port Authority) provides many transportation options for students. Thanks to a unique partnership with the Pittsburgh Regional Transit, discounted bus rides are available to all students who enroll in Duquesne University’s new UPass program.

LEARN MORE AT
duq.edu/upass

General Information

Pittsburgh Regional Transit
(Bus Schedules, Bus Stops, Light Rail System, etc.)
412.442.2000
portauthority.org
Commuter Center

The Commuter Center, located on the 1st floor of the Duquesne Union, is where most off-campus and commuter students make their “home” while on campus. We regularly host exciting programs and engaging activities.

Office of Commuter Affairs

The Office of Commuter Affairs works diligently to help students feel at home and part of the Duquesne family. Our staff strives to ensure that students excel both academically and socially by providing services, programs and facilities to meet your needs. Our commuters are very pleased with the resources available to them. We regularly look for new offerings as well as ways to improve our current practices and services that support commuter students.

Room 115, Duquesne Union
412.396.6660
commuteraffairs@duq.edu
duq.edu/commuteraffairs

Commuter Lounge

The Commuter Lounge provides an area with comfortable furniture, multiple outlets to charge phones or computers, as well as a kitchenette area including a refrigerator, microwaves and dining area. It is also steps away from The Incline, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A and other food options.

Additional seating is also offered down the hall from the lounge area that is just as spacious and comfortable.

Commuter Council

Commuter Council is the student-run governing body for all commuters. Interested in joining Commuter Council? Stop by their office in Room 114.

Commuter Collaboration Commons

Located in Room 112, the Commuter Collaboration Commons is a hidden gem with several computers, a printer, and meeting displays for your use. You may collaborate here with classmates or study in between classes.

Lockers

Lockers are available for rent if you don’t want to carry everything with you. To start a new locker rental agreement, please go to duq.edu/campuslink, search for Center for Student Involvement and fill out the Duquesne Union First Floor Locker Rental Agreement.

NiteSpot

The NiteSpot is a popular area where you can study, relax, eat and meet with friends. The area has billiard and ping pong tables. Many campus events and student organization activities are held in this fun space.

PB&J Wednesdays

Every Wednesday at noon join us for complimentary peanut butter and jelly sandwiches made by various members of Duquesne’s faculty and staff. The line starts forming early, so mark this on your calendar!
A Message from **DU CARES**

- You can choose your behavior, but you cannot always control the consequences of that behavior. Keep that in mind.

- The drinking age in Pennsylvania is 21. There are no exceptions to that law. Failure to abide by this law can have serious consequences.

- Alcohol is not a legitimate excuse for bad behavior. While some people will dismiss behavior under the guise of “Well, he was drunk. What did you expect?” This is not an adequate response. We expect that someone who drinks will stop drinking before they stop thinking. You are responsible for your behavior. The more alcohol you consume, the less control you have over your behavior. Stay in control.

- Excessive alcohol consumption rarely leads to something good, but often when people get in trouble because of alcohol it is because of the excess. One candy bar may be good, seven may make you sick. For those with a peanut allergy, even one can cause severe problems. Alcohol is not so different.

- You are responsible for the behavior of your guests while they are at your residence. If you serve alcohol, you are responsible for them to some degree even after they leave. There is a reason why bars have “We Don’t Serve Visibly Intoxicated Persons” policies. They share the responsibility for their guests’ behavior.

- While you want to have fun and see your friends, do so without violating the rights of others (especially your neighbors). If there are cups outside, clean them up. Stress to your guests that it is not OK to urinate on the neighbors’ lawn or garage. These are your neighbors! Treat them with respect and dignity – and encourage and expect your guests to do the same.

If I can be of any help, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Dan Gittins) at 412.396.5834, gittinsd@duq.edu or in my office in Assumption Hall.

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A Message from the **Office of Student Conduct**

duq.edu/student-conduct

**KNOW THE CODE!**
Be aware of University policies and consequences for violating them.

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**
On Campus
In the Classroom
In the Local Community and Beyond.
Wherever you are, you are an ambassador for Duquesne.

**MAKE GOOD CHOICES!**
The Student Handbook applies to behavior that occurs both on and off campus.

**REPORT AN INCIDENT**
Duquesne University

Amnesty for Student Drug or Alcohol Violations

A student(s) and/or organization(s) may be reluctant to seek medical help for themselves or others because of potential disciplinary consequences. The Amnesty Policy seeks to remove barriers that prevent students from seeking necessary medical attention and to ensure that the health, safety, and wellbeing of members of the Duquesne community is a primary concern.

Students and/or organizations are expected to contact the Department of Public Safety at 412-396-2677 when they believe that medical assistance is needed for an individual. The Department of Public Safety will assist the individuals by directing fire and ambulance emergency crews to the scene or by taking other protective measures. When off-campus, students and/or organizations are expected to call 9-1-1.

Students and/or organizations that seek assistance from these sources, the individual assisted, and others involved will not be subject to University disciplinary action with respect to violations of the Student Code of Conduct concerning drugs or alcohol. Individuals who call for medical assistance are expected to remain with the intoxicated student until help arrives. Further, all parties involved are subject to timely completion of recommended alcohol/drug education activities, assessment, and/or treatment depending on the level of concern for student health and safety. Serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of concern. Failure to complete recommended follow-up will normally result in disciplinary action. Likewise, organizations involved in an incident must agree to take recommended steps to address concerns. Amnesty does not preclude or prevent action by police or other legal authorities pursuant to relevant state or federal criminal statutes.

Student organizations that fail to seek immediate medical assistance for members or guests in need of attention will likely be charged with violations of the Student Code of Conduct and face dissolution or termination as the outcome of such charges. It is imperative that student organizations seek medical assistance for their members or guests in such an emergency situation.

Finally, Duquesne considers the reporting of alleged violations of sexual harassment and misconduct to be of great importance to our campus community. To encourage reporting, students reporting alleged violations of TAP 31 and TAP 61 may be granted immunity from student conduct charges for possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs. See TAP 31 and TAP 61.

Use of Body Cameras

All uniformed Duquesne University Public Safety personnel (police and guards) and all uniformed City of Pittsburgh police officers wear body cameras which may be used to record video and audio during interactions with the public.

Good Neighbor Tips:

Let your neighbors know if you plan to host a gathering.

You are responsible for your guest’s behavior – even as they leave and walk through the neighborhood. Ensure they are respectful of your neighbors. Do not let them ruin your reputation.

Know who your guests are!
Be a Wonderful and Respectful Neighbor

The following are suggestions to build a good relationship with your neighbors and foster a healthy community in which to live.

- **Know your neighbors:** It’s always a good idea to introduce yourself to your neighbors, and to create and maintain a positive relationship with them. Exchange cell phone numbers with them and let them know to contact you if they ever have any concerns.

- **Greet your neighbors:** Demonstrate an interest in them. Make an effort to meet them and learn their names.

- **Get involved with your neighborhood:** Be an active member of your community.

- **Lend a hand:** Your neighbors will appreciate any help you offer, so look out for opportunities to lend a hand.

- **Keep noise to a reasonable level:** Whether you like to host social gatherings, listen to loud music, or play video games, you should always be aware of the noise you are creating. The use of outdoor speakers is never a good idea.

- **Maintain your property:** Your neighbors care about the exterior of your home, and litter outside may make things seem “out of control.” Make sure to keep your lawn and sidewalks clean and clear! Take pride in your residence.

- **Take out your trash:** It’s important to know when your trash pick-up days are so that your trash is out at the appropriate time.

- **Be cautious when parking:** Be considerate of your parking habits and avoid taking numerous parking spots, blocking sidewalks and driveways and always consider safety implications.

- **Watch your speed:** Make sure to pay special attention to the children, elderly and pets in your neighborhood.

- **Keep drinking age in mind:** If you are serving alcohol at your residence, ensure your guests are of legal drinking age. It is illegal to provide or serve alcohol to minors, and there are consequences for these acts.

- **Host friends, not parties:** Large parties create noise, trash and parking problems that your neighbors may not appreciate. Keep your gatherings to a minimum and at appropriate times.

- **Take responsibility for your guests:** While at your residence, your guests are your responsibility. Instruct them to respect your neighbors’ property and the community.

- **Report suspicious activity:** One thing your neighbors certainly value is the safety of their community. Therefore, if you see any suspicious activity in the area, it’s always a smart idea to report it!

- **Respect local codes and ordinances:** Be aware of any local codes and ordinances that may be in effect, as these were developed to protect you and your neighbor’s rights.

- **Remember to represent Duquesne University:** Lastly, it’s essential to remember that even when you’re away from campus, you are still a representative of the Duquesne University community. Being a respectful neighbor will ensure a positive experience for you, your neighborhood and the University.

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**Good Neighbor Tips:**

Let your neighbors know when you will be away for breaks. You can ask them to keep an eye on things while you are away.

Dispose of trash properly! It matters!
Do Your Part in Keeping Pittsburgh Clean and Beautiful

To find information regarding the City of Pittsburgh’s trash removal and recycling as well as your collection day and/or schedule reminders, please visit: pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/collection-schedule

- **REFUSE** – WEEKLY
- **BULKY WASTE** – WEEKLY (LIMIT TWO ITEMS PER WEEK)
- **RECYCLING** – EVERY OTHER WEEK
- **YARD DEBRIS** – BIANNUAL

△ All trash/garbage must be tightly bagged before placing in cans and cans must have tight lids. If possible, cans should not be visible from the street. Landlords are legally obligated to provide cans for renters.

△ Municipal waste and recyclables shall be placed for collection no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of collection. Containers shall be removed from collection site and stored no later than 10 p.m. on collection days.

△ Recycling is required by the City of Pittsburgh. Recyclable materials should be placed in either a blue bag or blue bin no bigger than 35 gallons and set out away from your refuse.

△ In the event that the tenant is out of compliance with City regulations governing trash storage, disposal, and recycling, then the City shall issue a citation.

**Trash Removal and Recycling**

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Environmental Services has developed a program which will remind you of your trash and recycling days. It’s free and easy to use, just follow these steps:

- Visit pgh.st
- Enter your street address along with your zip code.
- The trash, recycle and yard pick-up will then show up for your area.
- Then choose the “Get Reminders” option in the upper left corner. There are several options to choose from. You should receive a confirmation text once you enter in your phone number.
Renters Insurance

Protecting Your Property

If you rent, your landlord’s insurance policy provides coverage for the dwelling or building in unexpected circumstances like theft, fire, sewer backup, etc., but not your belongings.

Renters insurance protects your personal property. This means if your things are damaged due to a circumstance outlined in your policy, your insurer may pay the actual cash value of the item or its replacement cost, depending on what kind of policy you choose.

Renters insurance does not necessarily protect you from all risks, so familiarize yourself with what’s covered and what’s not. For example, most renters insurance does not provide coverage for damage due to an earthquake.

Additionally, if your parents have a homeowner’s policy, you can check their coverage to see if it extends to your belongings already, without purchasing renters insurance.

Know Your Rights as a Renter

Having problems with your rental? Having difficulties with your landlord? Not sure what to do? The following provide excellent information and resources:

NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION – Housing Issues
nlsa.us

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER IN PENNSYLVANIA
Safety Tips

- Never walk alone. However, if you must walk alone, have a plan and travel in lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Walk facing traffic. Be cautious of drivers that stop to talk.
- BE AWARE of your surroundings! Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert is what offenders look for in a victim.
- Always tell someone where you will be and what time you are going to return.
- Do not wear headphones while walking or jogging.
- Do not read while walking or standing on the street.
- If you feel you are being followed: cross the street, change directions, keep looking back.
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS: If something “feels wrong”, something probably is wrong.
- If you find yourself in a situation with an assailant, don’t be afraid to loudly call for help.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times; check to make sure your locks are working properly.
- Do not leave your car keys or valuable items in the open where they would be easily found.
- Do not invite strangers, or just casual acquaintances, into your home where they will have the opportunity to case your residence.
- Do NOT go onto rooftops! Doing so is NEVER a good idea.
- If you are home alone and believe someone has unlawfully entered your residence, call 911 immediately – tell the dispatcher your address and where you are located within the house. Yell out to the intruder, “I have called the police, you better leave!”
- If you see something, say something!

Updating Your Information in DORI

In order to be in compliance with federal regulations concerning student location, and to assure the efficient and effective delivery of important University communications, all students are responsible for maintaining current and accurate addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contact information at all times.

Students must regularly review and update their permanent and local (if applicable) addresses and phone numbers and must also report having moved temporarily to a location that would not be considered a local, commutable distance from campus nor would it constitute a permanent address change.

Students will be prompted at the beginning of each semester to log on to DORI and use Self-Service Banner to review and update address as well as emergency contact information. Any necessary changes must be made no later than the final date of registration for each term. Any subsequent changes must be made within 14 days of the actual change. Failure to do so will result in student conduct charges.

Up to four address types should be reviewed and updated by students and will be stored and maintained in the Banner Student System. These address types are:

- HOME – permanent residential address.
- LOCAL – address of residence for your studies during the semester if not residing at HOME or in an on-campus RESIDENCE hall.
- RESIDENTIAL – address in one of the on-campus residence halls.
- TEMPORARY – temporary relocation from HOME, LOCAL, or RESIDENTIAL address for your studies during the semester.

Details regarding address updates can be found at Change of Personal Information Procedure.

Fire Safety Information

Take a moment to watch this campus fire safety video from the U.S. Fire Administration:
youtube.com/watch?v=yMQQhMztyuw.
Visit youtube.com/FEMA for more videos.

These tips can save your life!

National Fire Protection Association: Fire Safety Tips:
fnpa.org/public-education/teaching-tools/safety-tip-sheets

Additional Resources

Roommates  Tenant Responsibilities
Living in Pittsburgh  Safety
Finding and Leasing Rentals  Moving Out
Can be found on our website: duq.edu/off-campus-housing
Duquesne University is dedicated to providing an educational environment that supports our Catholic, Spiritan mission and values. This includes a profound respect for the dignity of each person, and a commitment to preserve and protect the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all members of the campus community. Verbal, nonverbal or physical sexual misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated. It threatens this mission and is prohibited by local, state and federal laws, and by University Policy. Additional information about the University’s response to sexual misconduct and harassment can be found online at duq.edu/titleix and in the University’s Student Handbook.

REPORT AN INCIDENT

If you, someone you know is a survivor of sexual misconduct, it is important to have options available to get immediate help and to report an incident. Several confidential reporting options, both University and off-campus, are listed on our “Here to Help” card.

Additionally, any person may make a non-confidential report of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person’s verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, listed for the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response. Contact information for Deputy Title IX Coordinators is also listed below.

Title IX Coordinator and Director of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response
Alicia Simpson
412.396.2560
Duquesne Union, Room 339
simpsona8@duq.edu
titleix@duq.edu

Deputy Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Coordinators (Available during business hours.)
Sherene Brantley (Athletics) 412.396.5243
Jefferson Dedrick (Human Resources) 412.396.5103
Kate DeLuca (Nursing) 412.396.6551
Anthony Kane (Center for Excellence in Diversity and Student Inclusion) 412.396.1117
Annie Mullarkey Sawa (Student Conduct) 412.396.6642

A report may also be made to any employee of the University. Employees have reporting obligations that are further detailed in the University’s TAP 31 and TAP 61.

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND TITLE IX

Duquesne University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates. Duquesne University is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in the education program or activity extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX to Duquesne University may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, or both.

Campus and community resources are available for assistance to anyone impacted by sexual violence. To report an incident of sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct, email the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@duq.edu. Anonymous reporting is available at duq.edu/titleix.
Moving Out Information

Move Out Checklist

Check your lease for your move-out period notice.
Notify the landlord prior to the deadline, in writing, of your intent to stay or to move out after the lease term.

Be sure to pay your last month’s rent.
You cannot substitute your last month’s rent with the security deposit.

Clean the property thoroughly.
A thorough cleaning job includes removing all tacks, nails and tape from the walls. It also includes replacing any light bulbs that are burned out.

Document the condition of the property.
Once this has been completed—and, ideally, once you move your furniture out—complete a move-out checklist and take pictures/video (just like you did when you moved in) to show in what condition you left the property. You also want to do a walk-through with the landlord, so that you can inspect the property together.

Cancel all utility, cable, internet, etc. accounts.
Ensure that you call all of your utility companies directly to schedule a date to disconnect all your utilities. Remember your bills have to be paid in full before you are permitted to close your accounts.

Return all keys.
You might want to have your landlord sign something indicating you returned all keys.

Provide your landlord with a forwarding address.
If you want your security deposit back, you must provide your landlord with a forwarding address.

Review your lease for procedures regarding the return of your security deposit.

Disposal of Bulk items

Follow the City of Pittsburgh guidelines regarding the disposal of bulk waste:

Acceptable Items
Bulk waste includes common large and over-sized items, such as:
• Sofas, Recliner Chairs, Tables
• Box Springs, Mattresses, Dressers

• Stoves, Washers, Dryers
• Toilets, Hot Water Tanks
• Windows, Cabinets
• Fencing in bundles not exceeding 35 pounds or 5 feet in length
• Visit: pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/environmental-services/bulky-waste to determine if your bulk items can be picked up with your regular trash or if you need to schedule a special pick-up!

Set-Out
Bulk Waste may be set out curbside with your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up.
• Limit two items per week
• Place at curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection

Unacceptable Items
The City of Pittsburgh does not collect the following items curbside:
• Televisions, Computers, Peripherals
• Freon Appliances
• Household Chemicals/Hazardous Wastes
• Demolition and Construction Wastes
• Batteries, Light Bulbs
• Car and Automobile Parts, Tires

Excessive Bulk Waste
Any excess material and other excessively large items above the two-item limit will not be collected unless special pickup arrangements have been made.
• A minimum cost of $100 for each half-hour applies to special bulk pickups.
• Personal checks or money orders only. Make checks payable to City of Pittsburgh Treasurer.
• Call 412.255.2773 to arrange for a special pickup.

As your move out day approaches, please consider disposing of items over the course of a few weeks rather than all at once.

Donate and Help Others
If you choose to donate items, several organizations do offer free pick-up: The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and Goodwill.
Important Phone Numbers and Contacts

On Campus Emergency
412.396.COPS (2677)

On Campus Non-Emergency
412.396.6002
duq.edu/campus-safety

DU Alert
duq.edu/dualert
DU Alert is an automated message notification system used to contact students and employees (who have subscribed to the service) about emergencies or major disruptions to campus services.

Off Campus Emergency
911

City of Pittsburgh Non-Emergency
311 or outside of Pittsburgh call 412.255.2621
pittsburghpa.gov/innovation-performance/311

City of Pittsburgh Police Departments
To find the police department for your area visit:
pittsburghpa.gov/police/police-zone-maps

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Duquesne University Office of Commuter Affairs
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412.396.6660
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Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR)
1.866.363.7273

Allegheny County
Health Department
412.687.2243
achd.net

Human Services
412.350.6897
alleghenycounty.us/DHS

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY WEATHER HOTLINE
412.396.1700

Neighborhood Legal Services Association
412.255.6700
1.866.761.6572
nlsa.us

Poison Information Center
1.800.222.1222
upmc.com/Services/poison-center
LIVING ON THE South Side

Many Duquesne students choose to live on the South Side. It is an amazing area in which to live and is one of Pittsburgh’s most unique neighborhoods. The community (from Station Square to the South Side Works) is lined with interesting shopping, innovative dining and entertainment, and the South Side Riverfront Park and Trail. The South Side offers plenty to explore. One of the richest aspects of the South Side is the residents who make it their home.

We work closely with several community organizations including South Watch, South Side Community Council, several Block Watches and the Chamber of Commerce. These collaborations create positive interactions for all South Side residents, students, businesses, visitors, etc. and help to keep the South Side an amazing place to live for everyone.

Set bigger goals for yourself by becoming an active member of the South Side community. Join one of the Block Watches or community organizations. Organize or take part in a community clean-up. If you are a member of a student group or organization, participate in community service projects.
Dear DU students,

Welcome to South Side for those of you who are moving into the neighborhood for the first time. Welcome back to those who are returning. As a resident of the South Side and president of the South Side Community Council, I want to say that we are pleased that you have decided to make South Side your home while you attend Duquesne University. Really! You add youthful energy and life to our community and are part of the fabric of who we are.

At times, however, there can be tension between residents and students and I would like to make the following suggestions so that you can focus on your studies while also being a productive member of our neighborhood.

- Introduce yourself to the neighbors on your street. If you don’t see them, write them a note letting them know that you have moved in. Give them your contact info and ask that they reach you if there are any concerns. (We also ask our residents to do the same.)
- Remember that you are in a neighborhood where people live close by. The houses you are in were not meant for parties of 30, 40+ plus people. If you chose to have your friends over, please remember to keep the noise level to a minimum, end at a reasonable time and clean up after your guests.
- Your roofs, unless you are fortunate to have a real rooftop deck, were not meant for you to sit on. It is dangerous and there is a city ordinance against it.
- Lock your cars and don’t leave anything of value in them. Even if you are running into the house for a minute or two, lock your cars. Theft by auto is one of the top crimes in our neighborhood and throughout the city.
- Packages on stoops can be stolen. You may want to place a note on your door asking that they be placed in the yard, behind a gate, etc. You can ask a reliable neighbor if they can be dropped off in their yard or use the UPS store in the 1700 block of E. Carson.
- Living on your own includes maintaining the property where you live.
  - Trash accumulates on a daily basis and the city has refuse regulations that need to be followed. Remember that your trash should be stored in cans with lids and out of sight. If you don’t have enough trash cans, please contact your landlord.
  - Keep your sidewalk clean especially after trash collection day and remember that you are responsible for shoveling your sidewalk in the winter. If you don’t have a snow shovel and salt, ask your landlord who should be happy to supply them.
- If you have the time, get involved in community events. Tim Lewis, Director of Commuter Affairs, will keep you apprised of what is happening.

South Side is a great community in which to live. It is always a joy to see former Duquesne students, who lived in our neighborhood while in school, decide to rent or purchase a home here after graduation.

Best wishes for a great school year!

Barbara Rudiak, Ph.D.
President, South Side Community Council
THE SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SSCC) is an all volunteer 501(c) non-profit, non-partisan, charitable organization dedicated to providing leadership, advocacy and information about quality of life issues impacting residents, property owners, and businesses; along with celebrating the South Side’s unique history and sense of community. The primary goals of the Council are building positive relationships among residents and businesses; voicing collective concerns and issues to government officials; and helping to make South Side a cleaner, safer and more vibrant community.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
There are many ways you can be involved in the South Side and make a difference. The SSCC has many volunteer events throughout the year ranging from graffiti and street clean up to planting green spaces. Students are encouraged to become members of the Council, providing you the opportunity to have your voice heard and help with impactful community projects. Finally, the SSCC is always looking for bright, creative individuals who can help strengthen the organization and increase awareness of the issues impacting the community.

WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU
All of the opportunities listed are great ways to boost your resume and expand both your professional and personal networks. They are also great ways to meet your neighbors and other fellow students in the area. Most importantly, you’ll make a positive impact on the neighborhood.

Learn more: southsidecommunitycouncil.org

South Side Flats Block Watches

BLOCK WATCHES are great community builders and also help to maintain a neighborhood’s quality of life. It is always surprising to learn about the many interesting and diverse individuals and families that live just within our own Block Watch area. Block Watches strive to turn new residents into real neighbors. Our participation in events like National Night Out, the South Side Social, “Beautify Our Burgh”, and regular spring, fall and winter cleanups bring neighbors together. Getting to know your immediate neighbors is the beginning of being a good neighbor, especially if these neighbors are elderly or have special needs.

Please join the South Side Flats “Next Door” site (nextdoor.com) and your own Block Watch. For further information on how you can become involved, contact Robert Cavalier at cava_sty3@mac.com or 412.381.6082.
Student-Athletes + the South Side = Community Partners

As a student-athlete at Duquesne University, the foundation of your success is embodied in the following three characteristics: Driven Learners, Relentless Competitors and Servant Leaders. The goal is for you to reach your full potential as it applies to a high-level of principles and the development of your leadership capabilities, both in your academic and athletic pursuits. You represent the best of what Duquesne has to offer when you put on the uniform for the Dukes, and you are managing your own brand and reputation while doing it. We expect you to serve your fellow students, faculty and staff, and also the expansive campus community.

Choosing to live on the South Side presents a wealth of new experiences and challenges to any student-athlete. You pledge to adhere to the University’s conduct rules and policies that all Duquesne students must abide by, whether they live on or off-campus. You will be exposed to many situations socially. Be a leader, protect your fellow students as well and look out for one another.

Be a Servant Leader too and make sure that you support the Pittsburgh community in which we all live, learn and work in. There will be numerous opportunities for you to engage in volunteer activities as a way to support the mission of Duquesne University and the greater campus population, while representing you and your team in an impactful manner.

Service opportunities are a great way for you to make a positive contribution, while also getting fully integrated into your new surroundings.

You have chosen to live in a neighborhood that is steeped in tradition, culture and history, full of residents that love the South Side and everything it has to offer, so enjoy and embrace it. Be mindful, courteous and respectful at all times to your neighbors and remain fully committed to the “winning” behaviors that we expect from all of our student-athletes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Department of Athletics directly at: 412.396.4917 or christensen@duq.edu.

Go Duquesne Dukes!

Being Greek and Residing on the South Side

Duquesne University has long supported the fraternal movement given the direct relationship between our mission and the purposes and espoused values of the college fraternity. Since its founding in 1878, the heart of Duquesne’s Mission is serving God by serving students through the profound concern for moral and spiritual values. In addition, fraternity men and sorority women take an oath to our respective Greek values and principles, which charge us to be better men and women.

This shared or common mission includes preparing ourselves to become productive members of society and good citizens of the world. As Duquesne students and Greek affiliated brothers and sisters, we are expected to uphold our stated values by maintaining a high standard of conduct at all times, regardless of whether we reside on campus, live off campus, or commute from home. Inappropriate behavior on or off campus will be equally addressed. Such behavior is in conflict with the University’s goals and may warrant Code of Conduct charges and/or direct involvement by the Office of Greek Life, Honor Societies and Professional Organizations and the Greek organizations’ respective judicial or conduct boards.

Throughout your time at Duquesne, you will have years of growth, learning, independence, and opportunity! Choosing to live off campus will provide you with new challenges, experiences, and the chance to give back to the community in which you live. If you choose to reside off campus, your new neighbors will include families, alumni, senior citizens, and students like yourself, all with different daily routines. Be mindful of others, as you are all living in and sharing the neighborhood. Cooperation and respect are expected and critical to ensure an enjoyable living experience for everyone.

Remember: You are representing not only Duquesne University, but Greek Life and your respective chapters. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Greek Life Office at 412.396.6651 or hillk4@duq.edu.
Community Engagement

As you move off campus and begin to build your home in the South Side, you may be interested in learning how to become a more active member of the community.

Engagement opportunities exist in both one-time and on-going formats to allow you to engage with your local community in a way that fits your schedule. Whether you are looking for opportunities as an individual, or are seeking projects to participate in as part of a group or organization we have partners to match your interests and availability.

You can contact the Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research (CETR) at cetr@duq.edu or 412.396.5893 to learn more about community partners in the neighborhood and their current initiatives so that you can find community-based internships, service & research projects, volunteer activities as well as job opportunities.

Even though you might not have lived on the South Side for long, your contributions are so valuable to your neighbors—please take advantage of these unique opportunities and programs:

**BRASHEAR ASSOCIATION:** Duquesne students are needed to help as volunteers at the food pantry and tutors to work in our South Side Slopes elementary schools during and after school.

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY:** Volunteer at monthly story hour and at other ongoing library projects and special events.

**EMMAUS HOUSE:** Volunteer with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through monthly socials and activities.

**SOUTH SIDE MARKET HOUSE SENIOR CENTER:** Volunteer with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services in this drop in facility for elderly residents to participate in meals, social, and educational activities.

**SOUTH SIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Promote why living on the South Side is so wonderful and volunteer at activities like the South Side Soup Contest or work at the Welcome Center right on Carson Street.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:** Support clean ups and green initiatives with the Pennsylvania Resources Council, South Side Chamber of Commerce, South Side Community Council, Block Watches, Friends of South Side Park, South Side Slopes Association and Friends of the Riverfront

**SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY AND CIVIC GROUPS:** Students are actively encouraged to participate, join and attend projects and meetings for:

- South Side Community Council
- South Side Slopes Association
- South Side Chamber of Commerce
- Block Watches
- Various churches and houses of worship

For more information on volunteering, contact Dr. Alia Pustorino-Clevenger at pustorino@duq.edu or visit Community Service Projects on Campus Link.
Duquesne University offers a free shuttle service between campus and South Side for students showing a valid Duquesne ID. It is a convenient and inexpensive way to get to class, study sessions and other events.

The shuttle runs as a continuous loop and pick up and arrival times may vary due to construction and traffic.

Shuttle operations follow the University Academic Calendar, running Monday through Friday from 7 am to 10 pm, when classes are in session. There is no service on weekends, during breaks, the summer semester or holidays. Students must show their valid Duquesne ID when boarding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
duq.edu/shuttle
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – South Side

A convenient and additional resource located on the South Side.

The Carnegie Library is located at 2205 East Carson Street.
The library is open on the following days and times:

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The library includes:
- Public Computers
- Free Wi-Fi
- Wireless Printing – small fee may apply
- Copier – small fee may apply
- Meeting Rooms
- Air Conditioning
- Community Garden (seasonal)

For the latest up-to-date information, please contact them at 412.431.0505 or visit their website at: carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/south-side/

**Good Neighbor Tips:**
Do random acts of kindness such as shoveling snow from your neighbor's walkway, cutting their grass or asking if they need something when you are going to the store.

Say hello when you see your neighbors outside. A friendly smile or wave can go a long way in creating a pleasant atmosphere.
Connect with Commuter Affairs

Join our groups, search for:

“Duquesne University Commuter Affairs”

“Duquesne University South Side Commuter Affairs”

“Duquesne University Uptown & Oakland Commuter Affairs”

@du_commuter

Become a member of our group. Log into DORI, click Campus Link on the upper right-hand side of the page. Search for “Commuter Affairs”

Download free from the App Store

Visit Duquesne University’s Commuter Center:
1st Floor, Duquesne Union
412.396.6660 | duq.edu/commuter-affairs