



Dobson Hall



MOVE-IN TIMES

New and Transfer Student move-in is Saturday,

August 29 from 8am-2pm.

New Student orientation begins Saturday, August 29 at 3:30pm.

Continuing Student move-in is Sunday, August 30 and Monday, August 31 from 10am-2pm.

CONTINUING STUDENTS MAY NOT MOVE IN EARLIER THAN SUNDAY, AUG. 30



Dobson Hall, named after George R. Dobson and built in 1965, provides a living environment for men and women. Dobson is the largest traditional residence hall on campus with over 320 residents and has a staff of 11 RAs, 1 SA, and the RD. The hall is very active in hall and campus sponsored events, including Dobson Hall Jail-n-Bail, our Trick or Treat program for area children and Homecoming in the Fall.

Involvement in Hall Council, Homecoming, and other hall activities will give you a jump start this year as you help to build a positive community in Dobson Hall. The Dobson Hall Staff wishes you the best of luck in the upcoming academic school year.

Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, August 29

Halls Open for New Students

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 30

Check-in for Returning Students

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, August 31

Check-in for Returning Students

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, September 1

Classes Begin

October 4-10

Homecoming Week

Friday, October 16

Fall Break: No Class

November 26 - November 29

Thanksgiving Break

December 13 - 18

Finals Week

Things To Bring For Check-in!

- Your Pioneer Passport
- A check made out to Dobson Hall for Activity Membership (for more info see page 5)
- Personal Data Form (in assignment letter and on our website).
 - Information includes emergency contact, vaccinations and other health related questions.
 - In the event of an emergency, we need a personal data sheet on file to give to the EMT. This information is kept confidential.

Your New Address

Your Name
Room # Dobson Hall
1200 Greenwood Ave.
Platteville, WI 53818

PLEASE ADHERE TO YOUR SCHEDULED CHECK-IN TIMES. STAFF WILL BE BUSY WITH NEW AND TRANSFER STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES. EACH STUDENT MUST CHECK IN, NOT JUST ONE OF THE ROOMMATES.

Have you contacted your roommate yet?

One of the best ways to start off a successful year is to contact your roommate prior to arriving to campus.

See page 3 for more details.

If you will not be attending UWP this Fall, please contact the Student Housing Office immediately at 866-864-7647 (toll free).

Helpful Hints for a successful Move-in Day

When you arrive to move into Dobson Hall, the following information will make the move in process just a little bit easier for not only you, but for everyone else as well.

- You will see an unloading zone in front of the building. When you pull in, members of the UWP Welcome Crew may be available to assist you in unloading your vehicle. Your family and possible help from Welcome Crew can unload your car into one of our unloading zones. As soon as your vehicle is empty, please move your vehicle to a parking spot. This ensures that others have the opportunity to utilize the unloading zone as well. Someone from your party should remain with the belongings.
- Members of the Welcome Crew are also here to help move your items up to your room, please feel free to ask for help. Welcome Crew are not allowed to assist in moving large or valuable items such as TVs, couches, etc.
- If you have rented a loft, it will help your process if you check in prior to picking up your loft.
- If you are building your own loft, please note that no sawing or cutting of wood may occur in the building. Power tool use is prohibited in the hall.
- You will begin the check in process in the lobby of Dobson Hall where someone will greet you.
- Feel free to ask any questions you may have to any staff member.

MENINGITIS AND HEPATITIS B

Students who live in a Wisconsin residence hall will complete a form at check-in indicating the dates they received immunization OR that they have been provided the information but do not choose to have immunizations.

If you have received these vaccines, please bring dates of immunization.

THE PERSONAL DATA FORM, PAGE 2, HAS INFORMATION REGARDING THESE IMMUNIZATIONS. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE HOUSING WEBPAGE. PLEASE BRING DURING CHECK-IN.

PARKING PERMITS

The 09-10 parking permits are available from Campus Police. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.uwplatt.edu/police/commuter.html>

Direct billing is available thru the end of August and the permit charge will be reflected on the September university bill. Students who order permits thru the summer will have the permits delivered to the residence hall mailboxes the day before the halls open for fall semester, unless the student indicates they want it mailed to another address.

Campus Police strongly recommends that students order their permit before August 21st.

Enforcement begins the 1st day of classes.

BIKE LOCKER RENTAL

Bike lockers may be reserved at the Office of Student Housing, Royce Hall during check-in hours.

Cost is \$38/year or \$21/semester and will be charged on your university account.

All students with a bike locker will need to sign a contract at the housing office, obtain your receipt and pick up your key.

Bikes cannot be stored in the residence halls.

Moped and motorcycles will not fit in the bike lockers.

Meal Access Office

Questions about your meal plan or eating on-campus?

We can help!

Email mao@uwplatt.edu or stop into Glenview Common's Meal Access Office

Textbook Center Hours

New students are encouraged to utilize the **Saturday** hours of 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to pick up their textbooks. Returning students won't be back yet, so there will be fewer people!

Fall Book Distribution (1st week of classes):

Monday through Thursday: 8 am to 7 pm

Friday: 8 am to Noon; 1 pm to 4 pm

Need Help with your Internet Connection?

The ResNet Staff will be roaming the halls on August 29th to help with computer setup. Watch for the black, orange, grey and purple ResNet shirts.

They will be equipped with network cables for purchase. A campus ID is required for the purchase of a 10ft cable; \$5 will be charged to your student account.

If you have trouble locating us, check in your hall's main lobby from 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm. If we missed you and need help after these times, contact the ResNet Office at 342-1990, resnet@uwplatt.edu or 122 Royce Hall.

Insurance Information

Situations may occur when belongings including rental textbooks, clothes, bikes, computers, etc. disappear (stolen, misplaced) or become damaged. **The university does not accept any liability for this type of loss and you are strongly urged to determine if you are covered by your parents' insurance or invest in adequate personal property/renters insurance if necessary.**

LOFT DISTRIBUTION

Bedloft.com lofts are distributed to new/transfer students Saturday, August 29 from 8am-2pm in the parking lot between Dobson and Melcher Halls. Returning students may pick up lofts Sunday from 10am-2pm or Monday from 10am-2pm in the parking lot between Dobson and Melcher Halls. **A minimum of 2 people are needed to carry the loft to the hall.**

If you are interested in renting a loft and haven't done so yet, contact www.bedloft.com by August 26th to reserve and pay for one. Also at this website, you can purchase a futon.

A limited number of lofts may be available the day of loft pickup. However, lofts are not guaranteed unless you have purchased them in advance. Loft rental is \$95 plus tax and \$10 for an optional shelf. Only credit card or check will be accepted as payment.

New Students!

In order to help you to adjust to life in college, we have a "New Student Orientation" for all incoming students at the beginning of each year. You will be given the opportunity to explore the campus and the Platteville community.

Every year we schedule many exciting events and activities that will help you to learn more about college life and meet many of the other students on campus. The New Student Orientation schedule will be distributed when you check-in, but you can check out the orientation schedule online now at <http://www.uwplatt.edu/admission/orientation.html>

You and Your Roommate

Learning to get along with someone you hardly know may be one of your biggest challenges in college. Begin by establishing a pattern of open communication and cooperation with your roommate. Take time to share your reactions to some of the following sentence leads. This process will help you understand each other more fully and to pinpoint potential areas for negotiation and compromise.

- The background I come from is...
- What I miss most and least about home is...
- I came to UW-Platteville because...
- This year, I'm most looking forward to...
- This year, I am worried about...
- I like to spend money on...
- I like to sleep at these times...
- I need approximately ____ hours of sleep each night.
- When do you get up in the morning?
- When do you go to sleep at night?
- Do you fall asleep with the TV/radio/fan on?
- The grades I hope to earn this semester are...

- My typical approach to studying is...
- Where do you study?
- What noise can you tolerate while studying?
- I think drinking and drug use are...
- Some things I feel strongly about are...
- For me, making friends is...
- Something that is likely to annoy me is...
- You can use these belongings of mine...
- These items of mine are off limits to you and your friends...
- Are we going to share food?
- How will we handle weekend guests?
- Do you have a significant other?
- When will that significant other be allowed to visit?
- What's an appropriate sound level for TV, games, computer, music, etc?

These discussion topics may seem trivial, but many roommates split over such issues. Please take the time to discuss these items with your roommate before you come or as soon as you meet! Do not assume that your roommate knows your living style, even if you are already friends!

About your Resident Director- “RD”

Dobson Hall Resident Director

Matt Zielinski	155-Lobby	3260
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Hello Dobson Hall residents! My name is Matt Zielinski and I will be your Resident Director (R.D.) for the 2009-2010 year.

I have been working hard over the summer and looking forward to the return of students to our halls.

As the Resident Director, my daily responsibilities consist of dealing with the general management and operation of Dobson Hall as well as interpersonal areas such as advising and counseling individuals and groups. I supervise eleven Resident Assistants (R.A's), one S.A (Senior Assistant) two clerical staff, several student custodial staff, and serve as the primary conduct hearing officer for all discipline cases which occur that involve Dobson Hall residents.

In addition, it is my goal and hope that Dobson Hall will serve as a dynamic environment for your personal, academic, and identity development.

On a more personal note, I am originally from Madison, WI. This will be my fourth year as the RD of Dobson Hall and fifth here as an RD on campus, however I am no stranger to UWP as I received my undergraduate degree from UWP and was an RA in Melcher Hall for three years during that time. After graduating, I spent some time at a college in central Iowa as the Director of Residence Life. I'm glad to be here in Platteville, I truly enjoy UWP and the Platteville area. Our campus has so much to offer our students whether it be academically or for fun.

I enjoy traveling, watching all types of sports, as well as playing some! I am a huge Wisconsin Badger and Chicago Cub fan as well. I am married to Kim (also a UWP alum) and she works here in Platteville as an elementary school teacher. We have a one year old son, William(Will) who has been keeping us busy this summer!

I have big goals for this hall this year and look forward to meeting all of you. Dobson Hall will strive to develop men and women of leadership, character, and service. It is my goal as we start the new year to learn more about ourselves than we thought possible. Please stop by my office (located across from the main desk) anytime during my posted office hours if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat!

See you soon! ~Matt zielinsm@uwplatt.edu

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About your Senior Assistant- “SA”

Dobson Hall Senior Assistant

Courtney McCrary	133	3554
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Hello Dobson Residents! My name is Courtney McCrary and I will be the Senior Assistant in Dobson this year! This will be my second year in Housing and my fourth year living in Dobson. I am a senior, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. I live in room 133 and I will have office hours posted, so feel free to stop by and chat sometime! I look forward to meeting all of you and having a great year in Dobson! See you soon!

~ Courtney

Dobson Hall Resident Assistants

RA	WING	ROOM	PHONE
Samantha Poh	1 West	106	3516
Jared VanWormer	1 EIS	122	3538
SA- Courtney McCrary	1 South	133	3554
Rachel Miller	2 West	207	3566
Becca Westenberg	2 East	221	3626
Justin Beirowski	2 South	238	3652
Todd Hansen	3 West	306	3716
Andy Robertson	3 East	322	3741
Suzi Morath	3 South	338	2703
Roanne Beyer	4 West	407	2007
Abby Vincent	4 East	421	2075
Andrew Najdowski	4 South	437	2095

What is a Resident Assistant (RA)?

A Resident Assistant (RA) is a student staff member who lives on the wing. The RAs are trained to make your UWP experience the best it can be and to help you succeed. They are your primary resource for information about UWP and the things you will experience as a resident here. They are available to answer your questions and will work to create programs for Dobson Hall residents. They are also trained to handle a variety of emergency situations and to mediate conflicts that may arise on the floor. The RAs are here to make your Dobson Hall experience the best it can be, so be sure to make contact with them and utilize their knowledge.

Dobson Hall Council

Dobson Hall Council is a student leadership organization within Dobson Hall. All of our residence halls have a Hall Council, and the ten residence hall's councils collectively make up what is known as Residence Hall Association, or RHA. Dobson Hall sends two students who represent the hall at the RHA meetings and serve as the voice of the students of Dobson Hall. They also bring information that affects the students from these meetings to Dobson Hall residents.

Dobson Hall Council is an *excellent* opportunity to get involved in the hall and with a leadership organization. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings to stay informed and alert to the happenings in hall and on campus. Our hall council also plans social events to get residents of the building together to have fun and get to know each other. If you are the type of person who likes to be in the know, likes to have share your ideas about how to make Dobson a fun environment to live, I encourage you to get involved in hall council.

Many of the Dobson Hall council executive board positions are vacant at this time and voting to fill these positions will occur in early September. We are also looking for wing representatives for each wing!! Being a wing rep or an exec board member are excellent ways to get involved on campus and your Dobson Hall community. These positions are also excellent for growth of your leadership skills as many hall council wing reps and exec. board members go on to become RAs in our halls. Make sure you visit our Hall Council table during your check in where you can ask more questions about hall council or sign up for events related to Homecoming. I highly encourage you all to get involved in these events. For more information about Homecoming you can ask your RA.

Hall Activity Memberships

Each year, Dobson Hall provides the service of a main desk which contains a number of items for residents' use. In order to use the items, you must be a member of the hall and have purchased a hall activity card. The money that the hall generates from this fund goes toward hall improvements and hall activities, such as programming, wing parties, and homecoming events. **The fee for the hall activity card is \$15/year or \$9/semester.** The only major item you can use from the front desk without having purchased the hall activity card is a vacuum.

In order to dramatically speed up your check in time, we encourage you to have your checks prewritten to Dobson Hall for your activity card .

Front Desk Items:

Board Games • Sports Equipment • Tools • Cooking Utensils, Appliances • Pots and Pans • Jumper Cables • Vacuums • and much much more!

2009-2010 Hall Council Executive Board

President: Could be you!

Vice President: Could be you!

Secretary: Could be you!

Treasurer: Could be you!

RHA Representative: Could be you!

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Homecoming Information

This Year's UWP Homecoming Theme is Game Shows: Pioneers Come on Down.

A lot of work needs to be done before the start of homecoming including: selecting two people to represent our hall for Homecoming Court, creating a banner and preparing to participate in many other events!

We need a lot of people to not only be involved in the events but to come out and watch and cheer on our residents competing in the events. Look for more information when you get to campus!



Dobson Hall Trick or Treat

Each year Dobson Hall sponsors Dobson Hall Trick or Treat an indoor, dry, safe and fun trick or treating event for local elementary aged school children. Each wing in Dobson Hall will decide on a theme and will distribute candy to children who tour our building. This year Dobson Hall Trick or Treat will be on Wednesday October 28th. We are always looking for donations for candy and decorations. Look for more publicity as the semester begins and talk with your RA about wing theme ideas or donation ideas. If you would like to make a monetary donation or candy donation, please talk with the RD.