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Belin-Blank Center

# Residential Life

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Welcome! We are very pleased that you will be joining us here at The University of Iowa for one of our many pre-college summer programs. This Student Handbook, in combination with the [Summer Housing Guidebook](#), is designed to answer your questions and to help you and your parents know more about what to expect when you arrive on campus.

The Belin-Blank Center has an excellent reputation of providing high quality academic courses along with rewarding out-of-class programming. Each member of our Resident Advisor (RA) Staff completes training that focuses on providing a safe, comfortable, and enriching environment. We assume responsibility for students 24 hours a day and keep our student-to-RA ratio at approximately 10:1.

As always, feel free to call with any questions or concerns you or your family may have. Our phones are answered 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday. We do have voice mail if you wish to leave a message after hours. Calls are answered the following business day. If you need to reach your child due to an emergency, please call our office during our office hours; after-hours, call the 24-hour desk at Catlett Residence Hall. The numbers are included below.

We believe that you will have an exceptional academic and social experience as part of the Belin-Blank Center Summer Programs and look forward to seeing you soon!

## Residence Life

Welcome to Catlett Hall! This will be your home during your stay on the UI campus. A meal plan is included in your program registration fee, so students will not need to bring food with them. To make this experience rewarding and fun for everyone, we have some basic guidelines and other information to ensure the comfort and safety of you and your fellow residents.

### Residence Hall Staff

The Resident Advisors (RAs) will be living on your floor and will be assisting you throughout the program. There will be several different programs taking place at the same time, each with its own RA staff. Resident Advisors have received training for their work with pre-college students and are under the supervision of the Belin-Blank Center administrative staff.

### Check-in/Check-out

On the opening day of your program, check-in will be held from 1:00-3:00 in the lobby of Catlett Hall. If you will be arriving by public transportation, please notify the Belin-Blank Center in advance. Students should be completely checked-in before the opening at 4:00 pm.

You may check out of the residence hall any time before or after the closing on the final day of your program. Once you have all of your belongings out of the room, lock the door behind you and return the key to the Catlett Hall front desk, where desk staff will officially check you out of your room. Please be aware that you will be charged for any repairs or replacements in your room. When leaving, be sure to double-check your room so that you don't leave anything behind.

### Roommates

Each room will have two (or three) students participating in the same program. Living in a close group, you will likely develop friendships and learn a great deal about people. It is important for you to respect other people and their rights. Privacy is important to people, so remember, if you play music or want to talk to a friend, keep the volume low. Keep your room neat and keep in mind that you are sharing your living space with others.

### Residence Hall Floors

Males and females are assigned to separate floors. At no time is a student permitted to be on an opposite gender floor or in an opposite gender room. This includes stairwell landings, floor lounges, or RA rooms. Special accommodations are available to students with health concerns or for those who do not identify as male or female.

## Getting to Campus

### Directions to the Blank Honors Center and Catlett Hall

From the North of Iowa City (I-80): Take the Dubuque St. exit (244) south from I-80. Turn right (west) on Church St. Church St. will curve left onto Clinton St. Follow Clinton St. two blocks to Burge Hall (on your right). The Blank Honors Center is directly adjacent to Daum.

From the South of Iowa City (Hwys. 1, 6, & 218): Take Riverside Dr. north to Burlington St. Turn right (east) on Burlington and proceed to the third traffic light (Clinton St.). Turn left (north) on Clinton St. and continue through five stoplights to Burge Hall (on your left). The Blank Honors Center is directly adjacent to Daum.

### Parking

Limited parking is available on the street outside of Catlett Hall. Because a number of students will be arriving and departing on the same day, we ask that you only park near Catlett while you are moving your belongings in or out. There is a parking ramp (North Ramp) located between Catlett and the Blank Honors Center. To reach the ramp, go south on Clinton to Market St. Turn right onto Market, go to the end of the street, and turn right onto Madison Ave. Follow Madison to the parking ramp entrance. Take the elevator to the upper level of the ramp.

### Contact Information

If you need to contact us, please call Belin-Blank Center at (319) 335-6148 or (800) 336-6463 during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:30 PM Monday – Friday. Please leave a message if it falls outside of the time listed. Catlett front desk is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and their number is (319) 335-1249.

### Packing

Dress for classes and most activities will be casual. Some labs/art studios require long sleeves, close-toed shoes and pants. In addition, you may want to bring dress clothes for special events.

Clothing	Additional	Provided*	Do not bring
Jeans, pants, shorts	Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.	Bed linens	Video games
Short-sleeved shirts	Sunblock	Towels	Small, expensive items
A light jacket/sweater	Umbrella/rain gear	Washcloths	Pets
Clothes hangers	Medicine	A blanket	Candles or incense
Comfortable shoes	Swim wear/beach towel	A pillow	

\* These items will be furnished and changed weekly. You should plan to bring a beach towel in case you go to the pool. White towels may get mixed into University linens. Also, if you are used to sleeping with an extra pillow or blanket, you'll want to bring one with you.

## Schedule

Each day of the program will include a variety of academic and co-curricular activities. In addition, there will be free time for you to work on coursework, projects, or enjoy new friendships.

Weekdays will be structured with classes, and evenings and weekends will be more flexible with a variety of activities. Listed below are typical weekday and weekend schedules:

### Weekday Schedule

7:00-7:30 AM – Wake up! Students are responsible for setting their own wake up time. Early risers may want to get together to do some early morning exercise or read quietly in the residence hall.

7:00-8:30 AM – Breakfast

All meals will be served in Catlett Dining Hall. You will have a choice of hot entrees, fruit, juices, cold cereal, and an assortment of breads.

8:30-8:45 AM – Morning Meeting

A daily meeting for announcements and attendance.

9:00-12:00 PM – Morning Academic Session

12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch

It's back to Catlett Hall for lunch where you will have the choice of hot entrees, a complete line of vegetarian entrees, soup, sandwiches, and a complete salad bar.

1:00-4:00 PM – Afternoon Academic Session

### 5:00-6:30 PM – Dinner

In Catlett Dining Hall, a complete line of vegetarian/vegan/gluten-free entrees, along with a variety of other meal choices.

### 6:30-9:30 PM – Evening Activity

Most evenings include special events ranging from arts performances and special guest speakers to student activities and games. Check the daily schedule located on your RA's door for details.

### 10:00-10:30 PM – Curfew

All students must be on their floors by the time designated for their individual program unless directly involved with an activity scheduled by program staff.

### 11:00-11:30 PM – Lights Out

Students must be in their own rooms ready for the lights to go out at 11:30 pm. If you want to go to bed earlier, please feel free to do so.

## Saturdays

Saturdays will be spent on field trips, cultural events, and recreational activities.

## Sundays

Students generally have free time Sunday mornings until noon. Those who would like can get caught up on correspondence, laundry, or reading. If you like to sleep in, this is your chance! You may also sign up to attend religious services.

Sunday lunch is served in Catlett Dining Hall between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

Sunday afternoons and evenings will also include activities.

## Visting Students

Parents are encouraged to visit the campus any Sunday morning during the program. Students may leave campus with their parents and/or guardian(s) during this time and should return no later than noon. Each student and their parent will sign a release form before the student leaves the residence hall. A staff member will be on duty Sunday mornings to facilitate this process, and the student should report to the staff member on duty when he or she returns to the residence hall. If the student will be leaving with anyone other than a parent or guardian, the program office must have written permission from a parent or guardian before the student will be allowed to leave. Any other visitation or requests to go off-campus will be considered individually by the program director.

## Enrollment Contract

- Belin-Blank Center programs are structured on the premise that all students will participate in the entirety of the program. Space in the programs is limited, and we reserve the right to assign another

student in the place of any student unable or unwilling to participate in or to complete the full program. By signing this contract, the student agrees to participate in the full program and to comply with all its Rules and Regulations, set forth separately below.

- Students and their parents/guardians are expected to be aware of, and agree to, the Health Policy listed below. These regulations include a provision that in the event that the student contracts any contagious/infectious diseases (including, but not limited to COVID), the parents will have 24 hours to arrange for the student to be picked up from the program. We will not house any student with a contagious/infectious disease for more than 24 hours.
- Students are expected to remain under the supervision of the Belin-Blank Center staff and faculty from the time they check in until the time they check out. Students are expected to attend all classes, meals, and activities. Students should not plan to leave the program for any reason other than emergency situations during the program. In the event of an emergency, parents must notify a Belin-Blank Center staff member before removing their student from the program.
- Because building a learning community is an important aspect of our program, students may not have guests or visitors other than family during their stay. We encourage parents to limit visitation to the closing at the end of the program. Parents may make arrangements to visit on Sunday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. by contacting the Belin-Blank Center in advance. Parents who wish to visit at other times are asked to contact the Center in advance.
- Students are expected to behave in a respectful and responsible manner toward all Belin-Blank Center staff, faculty, and students. Inappropriate behavior may result in disciplinary action, including termination from the program. All students are bound by the housing regulations listed in the student handbook, The University of Iowa Code of Student Life, and all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
- The University of Iowa QuickCare or University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will provide any needed medical services, and the student and their parents/guardians must pay the expenses of such services. A staff member will accompany the student for any health-related treatment and every effort will be made to contact parents concerning treatment.
- When applicable, the program fee covers tuition, room, board, texts, and activities, which are scheduled as part of the program. Incidentals, such as laundry and personal expenses, are not included in the fee. No refund will be made in whole or in part for any student withdrawn or terminated from the program for any reason after June 1st.
- The University of Iowa and the Belin-Blank Center may use any photographs, videotaping, audiotaping or other records for promotional purposes.

## Rules & Regulations

General safety and respect for others will be expected at all times. Students are subject to all applicable laws of the United States and the State of Iowa.

### Discipline

The following behaviors are considered detrimental and may result in expulsion from the program:

- Willful damage or vandalism to University or individual property.
- Possession of fireworks or weapons of any kind.
- Misuse of fire equipment, including pulling of fire alarms or misuse of fire extinguishers.
- Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal substances.
- Unexcused absence from program classes or behaving irresponsibly in class.

- Willful or consistent misbehavior.
- Operation of, or being a passenger in, any vehicle not authorized for program purposes.
- Failure to comply with program rules or with requests made by program staff members.

### Health Policy:

- The Belin-Blank Center knows that optimal physical and mental health are important considerations in any learning environment. In addition, living away from home carries with it added stress and responsibilities that can impact your overall well-being. Please read the information below carefully and be sure that both the student and the parent acknowledge receiving it. These health and safety measures may be subject to modification during the summer as public health guidance changes.
- If you have chronic or ongoing physical or mental health conditions, be sure to check in with your physician or mental health provider before coming to campus. This is a good time to work through a plan of support for your stay away from home and to be sure that any prescriptions are filled.
- Get vaccinated. Keep yourself and campus safe by being sure that all of your vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Coping with the stressors of living away from home, especially in the time of COVID-19, is challenging for anyone. As a result, it can make caring for your own mental health difficult. If you are already managing a mental health condition, be sure to list it under "Current Health Issues" on your Enrollment Form and continue with any self-care or medication regimes you currently practice. If something comes up while you are on campus, be sure to let one of our staff members know so we can get you the support you need.
- Face masks are not required, but welcome. Please wear a mask if you have symptoms, are unvaccinated, or are exposed to someone with COVID-19. You should feel comfortable wearing a mask if you choose. Please be respectful of one another and do not pressure anyone to wear, or not wear, a mask.
- For the benefit and care of others, you must notify our staff if you are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or any other contagious or infectious disease. If a student tests positive for COVID or any other contagious or infectious diseases, we require that the parents, guardians, or other designated person come to pick up the student within 24 hours. After 24 hours the student will be checked out of the program and parents/guardians will assume full responsibility for their child. A prorated refund will be issued to any student who is dismissed from the program due to health issues.
- The University of Iowa QuickCare or University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will provide any needed medical services and the student and his/her parents must pay the expense of such services. A staff member will accompany the student for any health-related treatment and every effort will be made to contact parents concerning treatment.
- Full details regarding university-wide measures taken and community expectations can be found at [coronavirus.uiowa.edu](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html). For those of you traveling to campus, please see; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>