

Opening, Closing, and Vacation Information, 2025-26

For Undergraduate Housing

Fall Semester Opening

Housing:

- **New students arrive: Friday, Sept. 5, 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Check In will be in Wheeler Hall, Ware Student Center*
- **Returning students arrive: Sunday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** *Check In will be at The Curb, Sawyer Center*
- **Returning students** who are financially and medically cleared with the college for the Fall semester may request to arrive early, at a cost of \$25 per night. **To make arrangements:**
 - Log into Residence <https://colby-sawyer-residence.symlicity.com> to complete an Early Arrival Fall 2025 application
 - Follow the link to the storefront to make payment. Once payment is received, you will be added to the Early Arrival list for your selected arrival date
 - Applications will be available beginning Wednesday, Aug. 13
 - Applications must be submitted and payment made within two business days prior to the selected arrival date, or by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 3 for early arrival on Friday, Sept. 5 or Saturday, Sept. 7

Dining:

- New students: Board plan begins Friday, Sept. 5
- Returning students: Board plan begins Sunday, Sept. 7

Classes begin Monday, September 8

Fall Recess (no classes Oct. 13 - 14)

Housing and Dining: College housing and dining remain open to students at no cost throughout fall recess

Thanksgiving Recess (no classes Nov. 26 - 28)

Housing: College housing closes at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25

- Students with travel concerns may request to stay until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at no cost
 - Students who wish to stay in housing for any portion of Thanksgiving break may do so at a cost of \$100
- To make arrangements:**
- Log into Residence <https://colby-sawyer-residence.symlicity.com> to complete a Thanksgiving 2025 application
 - Follow the link to the storefront to make payment. Once payment is received, you will be added to the Thanksgiving Break housing list
 - Applications available beginning Monday, Nov. 3 and must be submitted by noon on Monday, Nov. 24
- All college housing reopens at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30

Dining: Board plan ends with dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 25 and resumes with dinner on Sunday, Nov. 30

- No meals are available during the break period. Dining services are closed.

Fall Semester Closing

Housing: College housing closes for students at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, or 24 hours after their last final exam, whichever comes first

- Students with travel concerns may request to stay until 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 at no cost
- No housing is available during the holiday shutdown

Dining: Board plan ends with dinner on Thursday, Dec. 18

- No meals are available during the holiday shutdown. Dining services are closed

January 2026 Early Arrival

- **Housing:** Students may choose to return to college housing beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2 at a cost of \$25 per night. **To make arrangements:**
 - Log into Residence <https://colby-sawyer-residence.symphlicity.com> to complete an Early Arrival Spring 2026 application
 - Follow the link to the storefront to make payment. Once payment is received, you will be added to the Early Arrival list for your selected arrival date
 - Applications available beginning Monday, Dec. 8
 - For requests to return on Friday, Jan. 2 to Monday, Jan. 5, applications must be submitted and payment made by Thursday, Dec. 18 (**before the end of the Fall Semester**)
 - All other requests/payments must be made within two business days of the selected arrival date
 - To be eligible, students must be financially clear for the Spring semester prior to arrival

Dining: No meals are available during the January early arrival period

January 2026 Spring Semester Opening

Housing: College housing opens for all students at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19

- Students who wish to arrive prior to Jan. 19 should refer to “January Early Arrival” above
- **Classes begin on Tuesday, Jan. 20**

Dining: Board plan begins on Monday, January 19

Winter Recess (no classes Monday, Feb. 16)

Housing and Dining: College housing and dining remain open at no cost throughout winter recess

Spring Recess (no classes March 16 - 20)

Housing: College housing closes at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13

- Students with travel concerns may stay until 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 at no cost.
- Students who wish to stay in housing for any portion of Spring Break may do so at a cost of \$25 per night.
To make arrangements:
 - Log into Residence <https://colby-sawyer-residence.symphlicity.com> to complete a Spring Break 2026 application.
 - Follow the link to the storefront to make payment. Once payment is received, you will be added to the Spring Break housing list for your selected dates.
 - Applications will be available beginning Friday, Feb. 13.
 - All requests for Spring Break housing must be submitted by Thursday, March 12, or two business days prior to arrival.
- All college housing reopens at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 22

Dining: Board plan ends at 2pm on Friday, March 13 (Grab and Go options will be available until 4pm), and resumes at 2pm on Sunday, March 22

- No meals are available during the break period. Dining Services are closed.

Spring Semester Closing

Housing: Students who are not graduating: College housing closes at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 4 or 24 hours after their last final exam, whichever comes first

- Students with travel concerns may request to stay until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5 at no cost.

Dining: Board plan ends with dinner on Monday, May 4

Closing for Graduating Seniors

Housing: For students participating in commencement: College housing closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 9

Dining: Board plan ends with breakfast on Saturday, May 9.