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To  
Ferrum College



2007-2008



## FERRUM COLLEGE

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*Office of the President*

Dear Students:

Welcome to Ferrum College! We are so pleased that you have chosen this very special place to create new experiences, make lasting friendships, and expand your horizons. The following information has been gathered to provide answers to many of the questions that you will no doubt have and offers you guidance concerning living and learning at Ferrum.

We firmly believe that the interactions of people, programs, and activities are at the heart of your growth as a student. The size of our student body allows you to take an active part in the many co-curricular activities offered at the College. Whether service, outdoor, sports or leadership oriented, you will find an extensive array of opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. At Ferrum, you will be challenged and engaged academically, and you will learn professional and social skills that will last a lifetime and prepare you for graduate school or employment in your chosen field.

The next few years will be exciting and rewarding. The Ferrum College faculty and staff are prepared to help you on your journey to a superior college education. Thank you for choosing to become a part of the Ferrum family.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Braaten  
President

## College Calendar 2007-2008

The following is a list of important events on the Ferrum campus for new students entering the 2007-2008 academic year. The list does not include the many social and cultural events that occur during the year.

### FALL SEMESTER - 2007

August 31

September 3

October 18-21

October 27

November 17-25

December 11

December 13-17

December 18

New Students Arrive on Campus,

Orientation Program Begins

Classes Begin

Fall Break

Folklife Festival

Thanksgiving Holiday

Last Day of Classes

Exam Period

Semester Ends

### SPRING SEMESTER - 2008

January 14

January 15

March 3-March 11

March 12

April 6-9

April 24

April 25

April 26-30

May 4

May 5

Check-In

Classes Begin

Spring Break

Classes Resume

Easter Break

Last Day of Classes

Reading Day

Exam Period

Baccalaureate

Commencement

### Break Closings

Residence hall facilities are not open for occupancy during Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break (between semesters) and Spring Break. In order to stay during Fall Break or Easter Break, students must register with the Residence Life office. Residents may leave their personal belongings (at their own risk) in the rooms during these breaks. At the end of the fall and spring semesters, students are required to vacate campus 24 hours after their last exams. Only graduating seniors and those students participating in graduation exercises are allowed to remain in the residence halls or apartments.

## Residence Hall Life

Residence hall life at Ferrum College will become an integral part of your total education. It is here that many friendships will be established and much learning will take place. The residence life staff members strive to make each residence hall a living and learning environment where you can feel free to be yourself and also have the opportunity for quiet study. Residence hall programs offer many opportunities to develop interpersonal and leadership skills.

Ferrum College has several housing options to offer new students. Double rooms are offered in Riddick Hall, which are located around scenic Adams Lake. The corridor-style floors have community bathrooms. These residence halls have wall-to-wall carpet in rooms and hallways.

Another attractive housing option offered to new students is double occupancy rooms in Bassett Hall with suite arrangements and semi-private baths.

## Residence Hall Facilities

**Bassett Hall** houses 420 men and women in attractive suite arrangements. The central section of the building contains a recreational lounge, as well as faculty and staff offices.

**Chapman Hall** has a bird's-eye view of Adams Lake. This corridor style building offers single occupancy rooms for upperclassmen, community bathrooms, laundry facilities, vending services, and a comfortable TV lounge. Chapman is home to 109 men and women.

**Riddick Hall** also overlooks Adams Lake and is home to 130 men and women. Each floor has double occupancy rooms and community bathrooms. In addition, a comfortable TV lounge, a vending area, and laundry facilities.

**Susannah Wesley Hall** is located near scenic Adams Lake and is home to 70 women. Each floor is corridor style with community bathrooms and single occupancy rooms. Amenities include vending machines, a comfortable TV lounge, and laundry facilities.

**Roberts Hall** is located on campus and is home to approximately 40 men and women. Each floor is corridor style with community bathrooms and double and single room occupancy.

**Hillcrest Apartments, Ferrum Village, Arthur Hall and the New Residence Hall** are apartment style housing facilities for upper-division men and women.

## **Life in the Residence Hall**

Living in a residence hall is one of the many learning experiences you will enjoy at Ferrum College. You will have an opportunity to become actively involved in campus life and interact with students from diverse backgrounds. The blending of personal, social, and academic interests, which naturally occurs in the residence hall environment, provides an excellent setting for co-curricular learning opportunities.

Our aim is to provide you with a residence hall setting that enhances and supports your academic and personal goals. You will find that a residence hall is more than just a place to sleep; it is a place for you to learn and grow. The residence halls are where friendships are made, equations are balanced, stories are written, movies are watched, birthdays are celebrated, study groups are formed, popcorn is popped, and programs are presented.

Life in the residence halls, however, will be what you make it, so you need to be prepared to contribute and BECOME INVOLVED.

## **Living With a Roommate**

Living with a roommate can be both exciting and challenging. Having a roommate can also be a lot of fun. A roommate can teach you new things, go to meals with you, help you study, or just hang out with you. Roommate names and addresses will be sent to all residential students with roommates when the assignments are made. You may want to contact your roommate before you arrive on campus to discuss your living arrangements as well as the make-up of your room.

During the first week of school, you and your roommate will be asked to negotiate a roommate contract. The Roommate Contract will help you to discuss and agree on important items such as study habits, guests, room security, bedtime, borrowing or sharing items, noise levels, private time, room clutter, and phone messages. Your Community Advisor will assist you in the process. By using this Contract, you will prevent some of the uneasiness that could develop because you don't know how your roommate feels about certain things. Take time during the summer and at the beginning of the year to invest in your roommate relationship. It will pay huge dividends in the end!

## **Intentional Democratic Communities (Community Standards)**

Each residence hall is governed by the social contracts developed by the community of students which resides in each building. The Intentional Democratic Communities governance model is usually referred to as Community Standards. After developing Roommate Contracts, students also develop Community Living Agreements for each floor, which give structure to their interpersonal relationships and living/learning environments. Residence hall staff members assist students in developing these three social contracts at the beginning of each semester. Community Standards are posted in the lobby of each building for residents and guests to follow during the year. The College's policies and Residence Hall Policies can also be found in the Student Handbook.

## **Leadership Opportunities for You in the Residence Hall**

There are a variety of leadership opportunities for you to get involved with in your residence hall:

**Residence Hall Association (RHA)** is the campus-wide organization comprised of representatives from each of the residential areas. RHA plans activities for all of the halls and promotes a sense of community among all students. RHA has sponsored dances, talent shows, and many other activities. Each residence hall floor also has an RHA representative, two fire marshalls, and an intramurals liaison.

This kind of involvement will give you the opportunity to get involved and make a difference in your residence hall. All freshman are encouraged to join and participate in the Residence Hall Association. For more information, please contact Candace Martin at 540-365-4553 or email at [cmartin@ferrum.edu](mailto:cmartin@ferrum.edu).

## **Residence Hall Computers**

Students are highly recommended to bring their own laptop computer. You can find out more detailed information at the Ferrum College Computer Services website by going to <http://computer.ferrum.edu/> and checking out the FAQ page. There is some great information listed here to help you make your computer decisions.

## **Your Residence Hall Staff**

All of the residence halls have professional and student staff members who are available to assist you with your transition to Ferrum College.

There is a student Community Advisor (CA) located on every floor. It is the CA's responsibility to provide information to floor members, plan activities, and promote community standards. CAs are there to assist you and are good resource people for you to get to know. Each residential area is supervised by a full-time professional Residence Hall Educator, who holds either a bachelor's degree or a master's degree. He or she works with the CAs and Hall Council on programs and improvements in the hall, but mostly, he or she will provide assistance to individual students. The overall responsibility of the residence hall program is under the supervision of the Director of Residence Education. This individual is a student development professional who holds bachelor's and master's degrees and has previous residence life experience.

The Community Advisors, Residence Hall Educators, and Director of Residence Education make up the Residence Education staff. The staff will assign rooms, address maintenance needs, facilitate programming, and counsel and advise students. The Office of Residence Education is located in B-1 Bassett Hall.

## Questions and Answers

We know that you probably have a lot of questions, so we've answered some of the questions we commonly hear. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Residence Education at (540) 365-4461 or visit the Residence Education Website at [www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation](http://www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation).

### Are students required to live on campus?

As a residential college, Ferrum College requires all full-time students to live in college housing and participate in the College board plan each semester of the Academic year that they are enrolled. Students who are 24 years of age or older, married, or live with their legal guardians within a certain range from campus are eligible to commute, must fill out an off-campus waiver request application, and be approved to live off.

### What should I bring from home?

Some of the things that you might find helpful include:

pillow	toiletries	touch-tone telephone
linens	trash can	iron
blankets	hangers	toilet tissue(Bassett Hall)
towels	laundry bag/basket	rugs/carpet pieces
laptop computer	printer	

For a more detailed list please refer to the Residence Education Website at [www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation](http://www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation)

### Is there anything I shouldn't bring?

There are certain things that aren't allowed in the residence halls or on campus. Prohibited items include: firearms, fireworks, bows/arrows , hunting knives, darts, candles, incense, space heaters, open-coiled hot plates, Foreman grill (or like grills), halogen lamps, refrigerators over five cubic feet, microwave ovens over 700 watts, water beds, air conditioners, and non-aquatic pets. For a more detailed list please refer to the Residence Education Website at [www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation](http://www.ferrum.edu/residenceeducation).

## **Can I bring my own furniture from home?**

The furniture that the Ferrum College supplies remains in the room. The College does not remove furniture, nor does it have storage facilities. If you plan to bring furniture from home, please make sure that it will fit in the room with the existing furniture in the room. Lounge and lobby furniture in the residence halls may not be brought into a residents room for personal use.

## **What about microwaves or refrigerators for my room?**

You may bring your own compact **5 cubic foot** refrigerator and microwave ovens under **700 watts**.

## **Where can I study?**

There are designated times each evening that official quiet hours are in effect. During non-designated times, you will still be asked to observe 24-hour courtesy hours. Aside from your room, each residence hall has a couple of study rooms set up for individual study or group study. You may also find the library or the Academic Resources Center a great place to "crack the books." During exam periods, 24 hour quiet hours are observed in all residential areas.

## **Where can I park my car?**

Parking is available for residence hall students in parking lots adjacent to each residence hall. You are given the privilege to operate a motor vehicle on campus after proper registration of your vehicle with the College Police Department. If you live on campus your decal is included in the cost of tuition and room and board. You must still follow all instructions with the College Police Department in order to receive a decal. A \$30 registration fee is charged for commuter students. Additional decals are \$5. The parking decal must be properly displayed on your vehicle. It should be displayed on the driver's side of the rear window no more than 5 inches from the bottom. If you have a camper shell or a convertible top, you may put the decal on the left side of your rear bumper. Parking regulations are stated in the Student Handbook.

## **Do I need property insurance?**

Ferrum College does not assume responsibility for losses or damage to property belonging to students. Students, who desire coverage for their personal property, should consult with their insurance agent. Some homeowner's policies include coverage for a student's property but this should be verified. The Business Office also has information for students wishing to purchase a separate policy. Regardless of insurance coverage, students are encouraged to safeguard their property by locking doors and taking valuables home during breaks.

## **Commuting to Ferrum**

Approximately 20 percent of all Ferrum College students commute from home to classes each day. Commuters are often busy with family and/or employment responsibilities before and after classes and active participation in co-curricular activities is often more challenging! Commuters' involvement in campus activities, however, is strongly encouraged. Commuting students usually find a variety of places to spend time between classes. Friends with rooms in the residence halls, the library, Franklin Hall, lounges in classroom buildings, and a commuter lounge located in Franklin Hall are just a few of the places commuters are welcome to use on campus.

## **Commuter Student Association**

The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement, (540) 365-4441, can assist you with information about Ferrum College. Group meetings of the Commuter Student Association are open to all commuters and are held every semester to share information and answer questions.

## **Parking**

Each new commuting student must register his/her vehicle with the College Police Department, (540) 365-4255. A registration fee of \$30 is charged for commuting students. The parking decal must be properly displayed on your vehicle. Parking regulations are stated in [The Student Handbook](#) which can be accessed on-line.

## **Inclement Weather**

Classes are rarely postponed due to weather conditions. For current updates on class schedule changes due to inclement weather, call (540) 365-5555. Commuters should always exercise good judgment in determining the feasibility of attending classes when local weather conditions create safety concerns.

If you cannot make it to campus due to the weather, or for any other valid reason, you are expected to notify your professors of your situation. You are also responsible for initiating steps for making up any missed work.

Residence hall accommodations are also available to commuters who become stranded on campus. The fee for one night is \$15 and is dependant on availability. Call (540) 365-4461 for more information.

## Communication

Because of travel schedules, commuter students sometimes have to work a little harder to hear about campus news and activities. To help you with communication, you will be assigned a campus mail box in Franklin Hall. There will be a \$10.00 key deposit fee which is refundable when you turn in your key. You may sign-up for a free voice mail box number and e-mail address which is required by the Dean's Office that all students have a Ferrum College e-mail address that is accessible both on and off campus. The College weekly web calendar [Campus Update](#), newspaper [The Iron Blade](#), the Student Leadership and Engagement calendar, as well as [The Student Handbook](#) and [College Catalog](#) will assist you with current and important information.

The College switchboard, (540) 365-2121, and most administrative offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. College Police is available 24 hours a day by calling (540) 365-4444. Please feel free to call upon us whenever we may be of service to you!

## Student Services

### Food Services

Our food services staff members take pride in what they do, and it shows. Quite simply, the food is very good. Furthermore, there's plenty of it. You have a choice of meats and vegetables, an expansive salad bar, deli sandwiches, soup or chili, fruit and desserts. A variety of choices are available every day at lunch and dinner. Director of Food Services, Mr. Jeff Gring, (540) 365-4453, will make arrangements for students with special dietary needs.

It is normal to want a change from the dining hall once in awhile. A Subway franchise has been established in lower Franklin Hall. It is open on weekdays and weekends and can be an excellent choice of fare for those late night cravings.

Resident students may choose either of two meal plans as their board meal plan. Each of these plans has Dining Dollars, which may be used in the dining hall or at Subway.

Board Plan A-19 meals per week, plus \$25/semester in Dining Dollars

Board Plan B-15 meals per week, plus \$125/semester in Dining Dollars

Non resident students have two options for purchasing meals. They may set up a debit card account in Franklin Hall's food service office to purchase meals (based on cash prices) in the dining hall or at Subway. Deposits to the debit card account must be in the form of cash or check. As a second option, non-resident students (who are approved to live off campus) may purchase a non-resident meal plan.

Plan C-5 meals per week, plus \$50/semester in Dining Dollars

Cash payments for individual meals are also accepted in the dining hall or at Subway.

During inclement weather when classes are cancelled or delayed, the dining hall hours will be adjusted. If all classes are cancelled, the dining hall will open at 10 am. If classes are delayed, the dining hall will open one hour prior to the start of classes. On days when classes are cancelled or delayed, the dining hall will close at 6 pm.

The Village of Ferrum (within walking distance of campus) provides:

- **Dairy Queen** - Burgers, fries, and ice cream.
- **The 77 Restaurant** - Breakfast and lunch during the week, plus dinner on Friday and Saturday.
- **Ferrum Minute Market** - A grocery and hardware store where you can get every thing from gas to groceries.
- **Happy Pappy's** - A convenience store that also has short orders.
- **D'Kitchen** - Pizza, subs, calzones, salads, and cheesecake.

### Health Services

Personal well being is the key ingredient to a successful college experience. The goal of the Ferrum Community Health Center is to provide education on various wellness and illness issues so as to enable students to make informed decisions concerning their healthcare.

In order to provide quality care, it is required that all full-time students have a completed Student Health Report, including immunizations, on file in the Health Center. This is a state and institutional requirement.

The Ferrum Community Health Center (540) 365-4469 is located on the ground floor of Vaughn Chapel across from the Bell Tower and is available to students:

Monday	8:20 am—5:20 pm
Tuesday	8:20 am—5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:20 am—5:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday	8:20 am—4:20 pm

Health Center staff are trained to manage routine medical problems. If a student requires more intensive care, the proper referral may be initiated from the Health Center to ensure adequate evaluation of the condition. The Ferrum Community Pharmacy (540) 365-9992 with Pharmacist Clifton Coffey is located next to the Ferrum Community Health Center and is available to students: Monday—Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The local hospital, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, and physician offices are located in Rocky Mount, approximately 10 miles from campus.

## College Police

A review of national crime statistics quickly reveals the unfortunate fact that college and university campuses are also subject to many of the problems found in our society. The Director of College Police, Ms. Debbie Hogan, (540) 365-4476, works closely with students to address safety concerns. Officers can be reached at 365-4444 or 365-4255. For emergency situations, 911 should be dialed. The Police Department is a certified law enforcement agency and also works closely with state and local law enforcement agencies. The Department is a member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement and the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement.

The Ferrum College Police Department is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of all traffic and parking regulations on campus. Unlike many campuses that suffer from acute parking shortages, Ferrum has ample parking within a short walking distance of all residence halls and classrooms. Therefore, parking regulations discourage students from driving from class to class.

## Transportation

Ferrum College is located ten miles from U.S. 220, which connects Roanoke and Greensboro, NC. Commercial flights serve Roanoke (35 miles to the north) and Greensboro (75 miles to the south).

### Airlines:

- **Roanoke** - USAirways, United Express, Comair (Delta), ASA (Delta), NW Airlink (Northwest), Continental Express
- **Greensboro, NC** - American, Delta, USAirways, United, Continental, Northwest, Eastwind, Airtran (Orlando only)

### Ground Transportation:

- Roanoke Airport Limousine Service (Roanoke) - (540) 345-7710
- Greyhound Bus Line (Roanoke) - (540) 345-7345

## **Counseling Services**

Confidential counseling services are provided by professionally trained counselors to all students with adjustment or developmental concerns. The College Chaplain and residence hall educators also work with students individually and in small groups to build support systems and to help students make satisfactory personal and academic adjustments. Call (540) 365-4469 to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

## **Student I.D.**

An official student identification card will be issued to you after you arrive on campus in August. The card includes your photograph and serves to verify your entitlement to a variety of campus programs and services. The card will also entitle you to discounts at certain off-campus business establishments. The student I.D. is also used as a resident student's meal card. In addition to meals, dining dollars are assigned based on student meal plan preference. Therefore, the card must be protected and treated as cash. You will also need to keep your I.D. with you at all times.

## **Banks**

You may decide to open a checking account at one of the local banks. BB&T (with ATM services) and The First National Bank of Rocky Mount are located within walking distance of campus. BB&T also has ATM services located on campus in lower Franklin Hall.

## **Check Cashing**

Students may cash personal checks at the Ferrum College Bookstore. In order to process the check, the Bookstore requires students to present their Ferrum identification card at the time of the transaction. The Bookstore will cash a check up to \$50. In most cases, local merchants are willing to accept out-of-town checks.

## **Cleaners and Laundromats**

You are now responsible for your laundry and keeping your clothes clean. Even though laundry is free for on-campus students, you may want to practice on a few loads at home before departing for Ferrum! Learning how to properly load machines and use them correctly will help keep this a free option on-campus. Laundry machines are located in all the residence halls and apartment areas. There is also a laundromat in the village of Ferrum. Dry cleaners are available to serve your cleaning needs in nearby Rocky Mount.

## **Books and Supplies**

The Ferrum College Bookstore, (540) 365-4449, is stocked with items to meet your academic needs (notebooks, pens, diskettes, textbooks, etc.), as well as those required for day to day survival on a college campus (sweatshirts, greeting cards, stuffed animals, toiletries, etc.). You can also buy magazines, ethernet cards, tapes, CDs, gift items, and much more. We estimate that books and supplies will cost approximately \$800 per year. The Bookstore provides many used textbooks to reduce overall expenses.

## **Academic Research-Internet**

The Stanley Library features an internet-based electronic catalogue with links to dozens of research databases and full-text resources. The combination of the internet and other on-line resources ranks the Ferrum library with the best of Virginia small colleges in creating a "virtual library." Internet access and e-mail privileges are also available to students in the computer labs and residence hall rooms throughout campus. The campus computing network is available by modem from off campus to all students.

## **High-Speed Internet Service**

While each residence hall room on campus receives internet access through the college, because of the volume of traffic through the college's network, access to certain websites and certain web-based applications may not be at the desired speed. High-speed internet service is available through the college by contacting the Cable Television Office, (540) 365-4224. There is an additional fee for this service. Information regarding high-speed internet service will be mailed during the summer.

## **Telephone Services**

Telephone service is available in each residence hall room on campus through the Ferrum College Student Telephone Service, (540) 365-4224. Students receive access to campus and local calling as part of the room fee. Each student receives a personal authorization code for the making of long distance calls from campus. Students are required to provide their own touch-tone telephone. Information concerning specifics of this service will be sent to all students during the summer.

## **Voice Mail**

Each residence hall room is provided with an assigned voice mail box for receiving messages. Voice mail offers students many options not accessible by use of an ordinary answering machine. As a result of this service, it is not necessary for students to bring an answering machine. Voice mail boxes are also available on campus for commuter students. While there is no fee for this service, each student is expected to sign an agreement before the service is activated. Agreements will be mailed during the summer months. This service is provided by Ferrum College through the Telephone Services Office, (540) 365-4224.

## **Cable Television**

Cable television service is available in each residence hall room on campus at no additional charge. While cable service is provided through the local Cable Company, arrangements for cable service is made by contacting the Cable Television Office on campus, (540) 365-4224. Basic service includes approximately 70 channels plus HBO. Students will be contacted during the summer months regarding sign-up procedures for this service.

## Religious Life

You can participate in religious life at Ferrum College in a variety of ways. Contemporary Christian Praise services are celebrated each Monday evening in Vaughn Chapel. The worship is ecumenical in nature and participants represent all members of the campus community. Religious organizations on campus include: Ferrum Christian Fellowship (interdenominational), Campus United Methodist Women (interdenominational), and Catholic Campus Ministry. Each organization offers specialized ministries and activities. There are also faculty members on campus who can assist students of the Jewish faith with travel to area synagogues. The Chaplain's Office, (540) 365-4286, maintains a current listing of worship schedules for churches in the area.

**The Chaplain** - Religious life programming is coordinated through the Chaplain's Office. The Chaplain is available to assist students with questions of religious faith, as well as day-to-day decision making.

The Chaplain's Office also assist with many of the community service opportunities at the College. Through the Bonner Scholar Office, (540) 365-4284, programs such as Red Cross Bloodmobiles, visits to area nursing homes and child care centers, and tutoring local elementary school children are available. The Chaplain works closely with the Ferrum College chapter of Habitat for Humanity International, which works to educate the campus community about the lack of adequate housing for many working families, as well as to provide opportunities for students to assist in the construction and renovation of homes.

The Chaplain's Office is located in the Lighthouse on Route 40 within walking distance of campus beside Happy Pappy's and is always open to students. The phone number for the Chaplain's Office is (540) 365-4286.

## Handicap Services

Services at Ferrum College are provided to assist any student with a handicap. The student should notify the Admissions Office of any necessary assistance or accommodations required. This information will be provided to the Section 504 Coordinator who may be reached at (540) 365-4235. If the student has particular concerns, he or she should feel free to contact any of the following offices prior to Orientation: Academic Resources Center, Counseling Services, Residence Education, Food Services, Health Services, or the Registrar's Office.

## Student Leadership and Engagement

Working with bands, comedians, and organizing campus events are some of the exciting prospects of working with Panther Productions, the programming board of the Student Leadership and Engagement Office. The Student Leadership and Engagement Office, (540) 365-4441, works closely with campus clubs, organizations, departments, and outside agencies to provide a variety of social, education, and leadership venues for students to attend. Located in lower Franklin Hall, the Student Leadership and Engagement Office is your gateway to involvement. **GET INVOLVED!**

### Organizations and Clubs

#### Honorary Organizations

Alpha Chi  
Alpha Delta Mu  
Alpha Mu Gamma  
Handbell Ensemble  
Kappi Pi (International)  
Lambda Sigma  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Psi Chi  
Jack Tail Players

#### Performing Arts

Classical Ensemble  
Collegiates  
Concert Choir  
Gospel Choir  
Jazz Ensemble

#### Academic Groups

Accounting Club  
Agriculture Club  
Art Club  
Chemistry Club  
Criminal Justice Club  
English Club  
Passport  
Pre-Med Club  
Recreation Club  
Russian Club  
Sigma Psi Delta  
Social Work  
Students Engaged in Political Action and  
Community  
Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)  
Student Virginia Education Association

#### Campus Media

Chrysalis (literary magazine)  
Iron Blade (newspaper)  
FerrumRadio.com (radio station)

#### Religious Groups

Catholic Campus Ministry  
Ferrum Christian Fellowship

#### Service, Social, Other Campus Groups

Admissions Ambassadors  
African-American Student Association  
Alpha Phi Omega  
BACCHUS (Alcohol Education)  
Big Buddy/Little Buddy  
College Against Cancer (CAC)  
Commuter Student Association  
Environmental Action Coalition  
Femphasis  
Ferrum Dance Team  
Ferrum Greek Council  
Ferrum Step Team  
Kappa Alpha Sigma  
Panther Productions  
Sigma Alpha Kappa  
Spectrum  
Student Activities Committee  
Student Government Association  
SGA Senate  
Theta Chi Epsilon  
Theta Gamma Omega  
Wildlife Club  
Zeta Theta Epsilon

#### Other Leadership Opportunities

Community Advisors  
Class Officers  
Intramural Programs  
Orientation Team

## How to Register for Classes

You probably have a number of questions about courses, majors and requirements. We will help you plan your classes for your first semester at Ferrum, because getting off to a strong start is very important in making a successful transition to college life.

Ferrum College has a core of courses that all students must complete. Known as the **distribution requirements**, this group of courses provides a foundation upon which the many program options are built. Normally freshmen select most of their courses from those that help fulfill the distribution requirements. The distribution requirements can be found in the [College Catalog](#).

A **major** is a program of courses concentrated in a particular academic discipline or area. Each student must have a major in order to complete a bachelor's degree. Thirty-four majors are available at Ferrum College. You must decide upon a major by the first semester of your junior year, although we strongly encourage you to choose earlier.

Many entering students are undecided about a major. This is not unusual. Most students move toward a specific major during the first year of college. As you explore different academic areas and work on fulfilling the distribution requirements, you will begin to develop both aptitude for and interest in certain areas of learning. It is useful to take an exploratory course or two in an academic area you are considering as a major. Ferrum College also provides career counseling and interest analysis testing in the Career Services office, (540) 365-4259 located in the Career and Leadership Center in Franklin Hall. As you grow and develop a keener sense of your strengths, goals, and interests, the selection of a major will very likely become clear.

## Planning Your Schedule of Classes

Students will have an opportunity to register for classes during a registration session in the summer. The College requires you to attend one of these sessions and strongly recommends the earliest session to assure a wider variety of course choices. During these sessions, you will meet individually with your faculty advisor to discuss your class schedule. Your approved schedule will be entered into the computer, and your name will be added to the official class roster. You are allowed to add a course to your schedule or change sections of a course during the first week of each semester. You may drop a course, without penalty, within four weeks of the beginning of each semester.

## Advisors

When you come to Panther Paws (Pre-registration and Assessment Workshop in the summer), you will be assigned an advisor. You and your advisor will work together to plan a course of study to satisfy distribution and degree requirements.

After your first year, you may keep your advisor or change if you find someone with whom you prefer to work.

It is important to understand that the burden of successful college work rests on you. Advisors and counselors do not pull you through. You must do this yourself. Think of advisors simply as faculty who advise. Because they are full-time college educators and because they have been successful college students themselves, they have good advice to share. They will assist you in keeping track of your progress toward a degree and advise you on which courses to take for your program of study.

You should maintain a record of each semester of work. This can be done by establishing a file and saving each semester's registration form and grade report. Official records of academic progress are maintained by the Office of the Registrar in John Wesley Hall. Almost all advisors are familiar with the details of each student's progress and give timely assistance; however, it is your responsibility as a student to follow the academic programs presented in the [College Catalog](#) and to fulfill published requirements.

## Academic Assistance and Student Support Services

Your advisor is ready to assist you with questions about schedule planning, problems with courses, or general matters of getting adjusted to college life. If you have problems or concerns that would better be addressed by more specialized assistance, your advisor may refer you to the Academic Resources Center (ARC) for tutoring, study skills development, or help with a specific disability. Academic difficulties can be related to roommate problems, substance abuse, poor time management, boyfriend or girlfriend matters, or other possibilities. Faculty advisors or members of the Academic Resources Center faculty or staff may refer you to a professional counselor on campus who will provide confidential counseling services. Some students prefer to visit the Chaplain. In all cases, the College makes an earnest effort to provide you with the advice and assistance needed to make your college experience a success. **You must, however, seek assistance when it is needed.** In many instances, the College may not know about your particular problem unless you make us aware of it.

## **The College Catalog**

The College Catalog is a most valuable publication that explains our academic programs and gives a brief description of courses taught. You are expected to keep the copy of the College Catalog that is distributed to you as an entering student through all four years of study, to read it carefully, and to be aware of the various graduation requirements that pertain to your program of study.

To get started as a Ferrum College student, we suggest you read the College Catalog and Student Handbook. They will tell you a lot more about Ferrum College and how to earn your college degree. Both of these documents can be found on the Ferrum College website: [www.ferrum.edu](http://www.ferrum.edu).

## **The Gateway Program**

The Gateway Program is designed to help new students succeed at Ferrum. It consists of four **required** parts. The first is a Panther PAWS session, during which new students come to campus during the summer and participate in informative activities, including signing up for fall classes. The second is freshman advising. The third is Gateway Weekend (Orientation). **This is not just a time to find your way around campus or familiarize yourself with a few do's and don't's; it is critical to your academic success.** The fourth part is the Ferrum Gateway Seminar, which involves learning study skills, examining college policies, and becoming familiar with college resources. The seminar also incorporates discussion of a common reading, which is distributed at PAWS. Because the first year of college is often a student's primary year of transition, the Gateway Program works with students to help them become both good students and fine adults.

## Financial Affairs

### Schedule of Payments

After notification of acceptance, new students must make a \$200 confirmation deposit to the College which indicates your intention to accept the offer of admission. Payments should be made within 30 days of the receipt of the acceptance letter. This confirmation deposit is credited toward your fees for the year and is refundable until May 1.

### Fees Per Semester 2007-2008

	<b>RESIDENT STUDENT</b>	<b>DAY STUDENT</b>
<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Double Room</b>	Tuition
	\$ 10,420	\$ 10,420
Room & board	<u>3,350</u>	<u>          </u>
PAYMENT DUE August 1, 2007	\$ 13,770	\$ 10,420
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Tuition	\$ 10,420	\$ 10,420
Room & board	<u>3,350</u>	<u>          </u>
PAYMENT DUE December 15, 2007	\$ 13,770	\$ 10,420
<b>TOTAL PER YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 27,540</b>	<b>\$ 20,840</b>

Additional one time Major Events fee of \$45.00 will be added to all above costs. Once your student becomes an upper-class student they can apply to live in on-campus apartments and the rates are slightly different than above listed prices.

Class attendance for each semester is contingent upon paying the semester's fees either directly or through approved financial arrangements. Students who pre-register but do not pay their fees prior to the first day of classes are dropped from class rosters. Special fees for certain classes ( e.g., private music lessons) are billed after registration.

### Financial Aid

Ferrum offers financial assistance to qualified students through several types of aid: scholarships, grants, campus jobs, and loans. The majority of Ferrum's financial aid programs are awarded to students based on financial need as determined by the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The priority deadline for new students is March 1st. The priority deadline for returning students is April 1st.

## Need-Based Aid

If you seek need-based aid, you must complete the FAFSA which can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office or from a high school/college counselor. Students also have the option of completing the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please be sure to list Ferrum College (Code 003711) on your FAFSA. This confidential financial information must be completed with your parents information (if you are a dependent). If using the paper FAFSA it must be sent to the processor in the envelope provided. The results of the FAFSA are sent to our Financial Aid Office and are used by the Financial Aid Office to develop a financial aid package which may include gift aid (grants, scholarships) and self-help aid (work-study, loans). You will be notified of the amount and type of financial aid offered to you in a letter from the Financial Aid Office.

## Non Need-Based Aid

The award programs which are not based on need include the Tuition Assistance Grant for Virginia residents, the Ferrum College Tuition Assistance Grant for eligible out-of-state students, tuition grants for Virginia Conference United Methodist students, merit scholarships, achievement awards, entitlements, and loans available through lending institutions. The various kinds of financial assistance, including academic scholarships, are explained in detail in the [College Catalog](#) and in the Financial Aid brochure which can be obtained either from the Financial Aid Office or the Admissions Office.

If you accept the aid package, certain information enclosed with the award letter must be signed and returned to the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid is awarded for the entire academic year. One-half of the total amount of the award is applied to each semester of the regular academic year. You must apply for financial aid each academic year and must be making satisfactory academic progress to continue to receive aid, if eligible. For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at (540) 365-4282.

Ferrum College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran status, sex, or handicap in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Ferrum College, c/o Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 1000, Ferrum, VA 24088-1000, (540) 365-4235. Inquiries concerning the applications of nondiscrimination policies may also be referred to: Office for Civil Rights, District of Columbia Office, U.S. Department of Education, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Rm. 316, P.O. Box 14620, Washington, D.C. 20044. (202) 208-2545, TDD (202) 208-7741.

## RESOURCE PERSONNEL

	Phone (540)	Location
<b>Academic Advising for Freshmen</b>		
Ms Betsy Smith	365-4270	Stanley Library
<i>Director, The Gateway Program</i>		
<b>Academic Affairs</b>		
Dr. Leslie Lambert	365-4206	John Wesley Hall
<i>Vice President and Dean</i>		
<b>Admissions</b>		
Ms. Gilda Woods	365-4290	Spilman-Daniel House
<i>Director</i>		
<b>Athletics</b>		
Mr. Abe Naff	365-4493	Swartz Gymnasium
<i>Director</i>		
<b>Orientation</b>		
Mr. Dave Newcombe	365-4463	Lower Franklin Hall
<i>Director of Student Leadership and Engagement</i>		
<b>Career Services and Student Employment</b>		
Mr. Rol Walters	365-4259	Lower Franklin Hall
<i>Director</i>		
<b>Financial Aid</b>		
Office	365-4282	Spilman-Daniel House
<b>Food Services</b>		
Mr. Jeff Gring	365-4453	Franklin Hall
<i>Director</i>		
<b>Ferrum Community Health Center</b>		
Office	365-4469	Vaughn Chapel
<b>Religious Life</b>		
Rev. Wes Astin	365-4286	Lighthouse
<i>Chaplain</i>		
<b>Residence Education</b>		
Mr. Jason Jones	365-4461	Bassett Hall
<i>Director</i>		
<b>Student Accounts</b>		
Ms. Denna Austin	365-4239	John Wesley Hall
<i>Coordinator</i>		
<b>Student Affairs</b>		
Dr. Andrea Zuschin	365-4456	Bassett Hall
<i>Dean of Student Affairs</i>		