Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Are there laundry facilities in Oak St. Residence Hall?
Yes, coin-operated laundry facilities are available in Oak Stl. Students provide their own laundry detergent (brought from home or available at CVS next door). Washing and drying cycles costs $1.50 each. Machines run on quarters or debit/credit cards. There is a change machine available.

What size are the beds?
The beds in the residence halls are standard twin beds. Students must provide their own linens, bedding, and pillows.

When can I move in? May I move in early?
Due to the continuous use of the rooms during the summer, it is not possible for students to move in prior to the designated move-in day. Move-in day is July 12, 2015. Please plan to arrive between 1:00-3:00pm.

Can I have appliances in my room?
Students may use small appliances such as hairdryers in the residence halls. Cooking appliances in any capacity are strictly forbidden, including, but not limited to, toasters, camp stoves, and hot plates. Open flames and open coils are forbidden. MECA also does not allow air coolers of any kind.

Is WiFi available on campus?
Yes. WiFi is free and available in the dorms and in the Porteous Building.

Are pets permitted in the residence halls?
No pets are allowed on campus. The presence of animals within MECA housing poses serious health, safety and maintenance risks. Please note that service animals are the only exception to this rule. If you have a pet allergy please indicate so on the Medical form.
Are telephones provided?
A public phone is no longer available in the lobby. We highly recommend that students bring a personal cell phone during the three-week program.

Where should my parents and friends send letters and packages? Where do I pick up my mail?
Friends and family can mail you letters and packages here:
For USPS (regular mail) please use: Your Name, Pre-College 2015, 51 Oak Street, Portland, ME 04101. For FedEx please use: Your Name, Pre-College 2015, 522 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101.

When will I get my deposit back?
Housing deposits are refunded after a student completes the checkout process when our staff has the opportunity to review your room status. Typically refunds are mailed within three weeks from the last day of Pre-College. Any charges for room damages will be automatically deducted from the deposit and the balance returned to you.

What do you suggest I bring with me to Pre-College?
Please refer to the Student Handbook for the Student Supply Checklist. It’s worth reminding you here to bring a reading lamp and a small room fan. Our residence halls provide overhead light only and are not air-conditioned.

Reminder
While students may study in the residence halls, we ask that you make art only in the MECA studios. Lockers will be provided in the Porteous building in which students may store their art supplies, if needed.