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## **Special Needs Requests of Transfer, Professional and Graduate Students**

Because placement of first-year students is a university priority, consideration of special needs requests from returning students is based on the need to live on campus, as apposed to off-campus. Requests will only be considered if students have disabilities that would greatly affect their quality of life, such as serious impairments, physical challenges, or other permanent or ongoing medical conditions that might be best met by living on campus. We regret that any requests for special needs that do not meet these criteria will not be considered

Students must be academically admissible before submitting a special needs request. Requests will be based on severity of need, and only if space is available.

## **Special Dietary Needs**

It's easy to make healthy food choices in our residences even when dietary restrictions are observed. During lunch and dinner, we feature approximately eight entrées with at least one lacto-ovo vegetarian selection. Please note that vegans may find it difficult to enjoy variety in meeting their dietary requirements. Along with daily menus, we post ingredient listings of the various entrées, soups and side orders being served.

If you have special dietary requirements, it is important that you refer to the daily menu to ensure appropriate dietary selections. We highly recommend that if you observe food restrictions for medical or religious reasons, or have severe food allergies, you contact your food services unit manager upon arrival in September and meet with the nutritionist. Special foods, e.g., Halal or Kosher, can sometimes be arranged with the unit manager, and can be charged to your residence meal plan. Students with dietary requirements who identify this need as a factor to be considered in their residence assignment process will likely be assigned to Saugeen-Maitland Hall where, due to the increased number of residents, the widest menu selection is available. (The University does not assume responsibility for allergic or anaphylactic reactions.)