



Student Life

Houghton College “prepares students to live and lead as change agents in our world.” How exactly does this take place? As conceived historically, a liberal arts education occurs both inside and outside the classroom. At Houghton College, faith and character development are foundational to this process. Our community of faith and learning includes supporting, celebrating and sharpening one another. The Houghton College experience is one of academic challenge, spiritual vitality and interpersonal connectedness. The typical Houghton student studies hard but also serves, gets involved in extracurricular campus activities, participates in intramural sports and forms lifelong friendships through clubs, athletic teams, fine arts performances and residential living. The members of the Department of Student Life encourage this comprehensive student experience through educationally purposeful programming and serve alongside students as we continue to become the persons God created us to be. As students live, learn, grow, play, participate and pursue vocational calling, it is our hope that they become truly liberally educated.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Houghton College is a distinctively residential community. Most students, faculty, and staff live, learn, work, and worship within the tranquil setting of the village of Houghton. The residence life experience is a significant and integral aspect of the educational process. Residence life, together with classroom, chapel, co-curricular activities and general campus interaction, provides an immediate setting for students to examine new or different perspectives, ideas and attitudes. A successful residence hall experience is often closely related to a student’s attitude and willingness to learn.

The responsibility of the staff in each residence hall is to help create an environment conducive to the educational, spiritual, social, physical and emotional development of its resident students. Each hall’s resident director (RD) oversees and coordinates student activities, student conduct, and living conditions. A student resident assistant (RA) lives on each wing or floor and serves as a peer leader and guide for each living unit. A leadership council provides additional programming in each hall and in upper-class housing.

While residence hall staff members strive to provide the best living environment possible for our students, continuing and maximum student growth depends ultimately on the individual’s willingness to accept responsibility and participate in the residence hall community. Through the efforts of students and staff, the college’s goal of integrating faith, learning, and living can become a reality in individual lives.

All students are required to live in a college residence. All first- and second-year students, as well as some juniors and seniors, live in our four traditional residence halls. Houghton also endeavors to provide more flexible options for upper-class students. Depending on enrollment patterns, in certain years some of the residence halls may feature special upper-class floors with additional visitation and cooking privileges. Juniors and seniors are also eligible to apply for one of three other housing options: a townhouse, which has seven or eight students sharing a four-bedroom townhouse with full kitchen facilities; a two-bedroom apartment in a college-owned complex, each apartment housing four students; or a Community Living Option (CLO) which permits a student to privately rent a room or apartment within the village of Houghton. CLO’s are granted on a very limited basis, primarily to senior students, based upon projected enrollments. Additionally, some upper-class students reside in the residence halls. Local or married students may elect to commute from home.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Knowing God and seeking His will for our lives will pave the way for a life of service. The classroom, Bible study groups, our mentoring program, outreach teams and informal conversations combine to build relationships as we strive to “spur one another on toward love and service” (Hebrews 10:24).

Chapel meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The operating premise for chapel is to provide a biblically-based service of worship in which students are encouraged to become more like Christ in attitude, character, motivation and perspective on life. Those participating in chapel include faculty, staff, students, off-campus speakers, worship teams and college choirs/ensembles. Chapel includes worship through music and song, biblical exposition, personal testimony, missions, church and college heritage. Chapel is required as a commitment made by each student to enhance the building of “community.”

Regular **church attendance** and participation in a local congregation are strongly encouraged.

Christian Life Emphasis Week (CLEW) is a cooperative program of spiritual enrichment offered by Houghton College and the Houghton Wesleyan Church. At the beginning of the fall semester, CLEW services are held during the evenings as well as during the regularly scheduled chapel services. In the Spring PRAXIS challenges the campus to examine specific ways of putting their faith into practice. Campus and guest speakers, seminars, panel discussions and other venues all focus on the theme for the year. CLEW and PRAXIS are intended to foster spiritual renewal within the student body, faculty, staff and administration and to draw all to Houghton College’s purpose of education in the service of the Kingdom of God.

Sunday evening **Koinonia** is a service of worship and prayer held at Wesley Chapel. Student worship bands lead this ministry under the direction of the Houghton church’s assistant pastor and the college’s ministry team coordinator.

Outreach Ministries include the Allegany County Outreach (ACO), Mime Team (Impressions), Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA), Global Christian Fellowship (GCF), Habitat for Humanity, and Youth for Christ. These student-run organizations are designed to provide students with opportunities to apply their faith through service to the church and community.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The mission of the Student Health Center (SHC) includes the treatment of illnesses and injuries, and the promotion of health and wellness in an environment that reflects the love and compassion of Christ.

Location

The SHC is conveniently located in the lower level of Gillette Residence Hall and can be accessed from the parking lot next to the Campus Center. It is staffed by registered nurses and an on-site physician and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services

Services available at the Health Center include unlimited access to our nursing staff while the SHC is open for the assessment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. Allergy injections, administration of immunizations, phlebotomy, and daily medication delivery from the local pharmacy are also part of the services offered at the Health Center. Appointments can be made with the college physician as needed following a nursing evaluation. Same day appointments can usually be accommodated. All onsite nursing and physician services (with the exception of admission physicals) are covered through an annual health fee. Charges for medications, laboratory testing, radiology and other ancillary or off-site services are billed to the student’s insurance company by the providing facilities, and fees for those services, therefore, may apply, according to the terms outlined in an individual’s insurance plan. Referrals are made to local physicians, area specialists, or ER/hospitals as needed.

After Hours

When the SHC is closed, students with emergent health needs should contact 911. If the issue is not life threatening, questions should be directed to Residence Life Staff (RA, RD) who have a list of contacts that can be used if needed to assist in decision making.

Insurance Policy

Houghton College requires that all students taking at least 12 hours of credit provide proof of health insurance coverage. The college makes a reasonably priced, limited benefit Accident and Illness Policy available to students who do not have insurance coverage otherwise. The college program operates under an “opt out”

policy, meaning that students will be automatically enrolled in the college negotiated plan (and the charge for such will be applied to their student account) *unless* they submit a waiver providing information regarding alternate insurance coverage. Because a person's insurance coverage may change periodically, a waiver must be submitted *each year* before matriculation can occur. The college accident insurance is mandatory for all intercollegiate athletes and is an option for all other students. The Health Center staff is available to answer questions and to assist in the filing of claims if needed.

Medical Leave

If a student has a medical condition (physical or psychological) that interferes with that student's ability to perform academically, or if that student's behavior/condition is such that other students are being hindered in their academic/living environment, a medical leave from the college may be granted. Such leave is granted by the dean of students. This is not a disciplinary action, and students given medical leave are encouraged to return to the college to continue their studies as soon as they are able to do so. An evaluation may be required to ascertain whether the behaviors/conditions that warranted the granting of the leave have been sufficiently addressed.

Immunization Requirements

In keeping with New York State's stringent Public Health Law, all students are required to provide documented proof of immunization (2 doses of vaccine) or immunity (by blood work) to measles, mumps and rubella. In addition, state law requires that a waiver form be completed in regard to the meningococcal vaccine indicating a specific choice to either receive or decline the immunization. The Health Center strongly recommends that students living in the dormitories receive this vaccine. TB testing and an up-to-date tetanus/diphtheria immunization are also required. Hepatitis B immunization is recommended. In addition to the immunization records, an admission physical/health form is required to be submitted prior to the beginning of classes. Failure to meet these requirements may result in being restricted from attending classes.

The Student Health Center staff desires to help students in any way possible in order to support them during their time here at Houghton. We hope that students who have health concerns will feel free to come by and speak with us. It is a privilege to serve students in this place and we always appreciate suggestions as to how we can do it better.

CAREER SERVICES

The office of Career Services has a twofold purpose: 1. to promote the value of a liberal arts education as it relates to employment, and 2. to contribute to the teaching mission of the college by "preparing students to enter their chosen vocations directly or through further professional or graduate studies." In fulfilling these purposes the office of Career Services seeks to provide the following:

Career Counseling

The knowledge of one's personal values, goals, skills, interests and personality is fundamental to any wise career choice. Whether selecting courses for a semester, choosing a major, or deciding on a career path, self-awareness is critical. Through a variety of testing instruments and interviews, students are encouraged to expand their vision of career by considering their relationship with God, family, Christian-community and society at large. Practice in making decisions is emphasized.

Career Guidance

An understanding of the world of work is essential for finding a place where an individual's knowledge and gifts can be used. The office of Career Services provides resource materials of career information, internships and summer opportunities, plus information regarding graduate and professional schools. In addition, the office of Career Services homepage provides links to career planning sites on the Internet.

Job Search Resources

The office of Career Services subscribes to a variety of directories and employment newsletters to assist students in locating employment. Referral networks, placement newsletters and cooperative efforts with the Alumni Office regarding resume referrals are some of the ways students registered with the office of Career and Life Planning are informed of employment possibilities. The office of Career and Life Planning homepage is another tool students use to locate employment opportunities. Houghton College has partnered with *Monstertrak.com* to provide our students and prospective employers with an electronic meeting place.

Job Search Preparation

Learning how to write resumes, application letters and graduate school essays, along with learning to prepare for an interview and how to conduct an effective job search are important skills that require expertise and practice. The office of Career Services provides workshops and skills training in these areas.

Consultation and Networks

The Career Services coordinator serves as a resource person to faculty for classroom presentations and academic advising. Additionally, the coordinator is an active member of the Niagara Frontier College Placement Association, a professional group of career counselors in western New York, which sponsors career fairs for their students and alumni.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Counseling Center provides personal counseling to all students desiring these services. Counseling is a growth process that can be beneficial to most students at some time during their college experience. Students come to counseling with many different issues for discussion. Typical comments presented in counseling are:

- “...I seem to be able to make friends easily enough...I just don’t seem to be able to keep them.”
- “...I’m down an awful lot...no energy or motivation...just can’t seem to get anything done.”
- “...Things at home aren’t going so well. It’s stressing me out and I’m not handling it very well.”
- “...I think I love him (or her), but I’ve thought that before. How can you be sure?”
- “...I’m trying to be more independent, but that’s causing problems at home and with some of my friends.”
- “...Since we’ve broken up I can’t seem to get back into anything. I can’t get on the top of this.”
- “...I’m bothered by my attitude toward food and my eating habits...do I have an eating disorder?”
- “...I’m having some doubts about my Christian faith.... God seems nowhere these days”
- “...I’m anxious and stressed a lot lately....I think I’ve even had some panic attacks... anything I can do?”

Perhaps you have said similar things but haven’t thought of stopping by to discuss these with a counselor. One or two conversations may enable you to face these issues more effectively.

At times events from the past can result in emotional conflicts that require more extensive counseling. Such situations are often characterized by a student who is “getting by” but is suffering considerable emotional pain or confusion. The Counseling Center staff is interested in helping you with these concerns. The Center also has a consulting psychiatrist on campus one day each month to provide psychiatric evaluation, medication, follow-up and consultation services.

Finally, the Counseling Center provides group experiences for addressing eating disorders, recovery from abuse, divorce in the family and grief through death or loss. These groups will be offered on the basis of need or popular request.

The Center has professionally-trained counselors to help you with any of the above concerns. Appointments can be made to meet with a counselor by visiting the Center located on the first floor of the Campus Center. All counseling information is confidential and will not be used without your consent.

INTERCULTURAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Intercultural Student Programs Office exists to enhance Houghton’s goal of becoming a globally engaged community by providing cross-cultural experiences, diverse student programs, and culturally educational activities for Houghton students and community. Activities often include trips to cross cultural churches, culture nights in Java 101, coffeeshouses, heritage celebrations, panel discussions, and other cultural activities.

One of the primary goals of the Intercultural Student Programs Office is to work closely with our international students, third culture kids (TCKs), and minority students in order to make sure they have a successful and enjoyable Houghton experience. It is our desire to serve these intercultural students by anticipating their unique needs, serving as an advocate and a resource around campus, being a place of support and encouragement, planning fun and useful activities, and providing any other missing links. Some important activities and events that Intercultural Student Programs coordinates for these students includes the Transition Orientation Program, the Host Family Program, help getting a New York state driver’s license, visa assistance, and other activities.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Exploring, competing, serving, playing, climbing and worshipping; students in Houghton’s unique setting augment their central educational experience through participation in a vibrant community life. The Student Programs Office seeks to enrich the student experience through a varied program of activities. Some of our activities encourage service, some contribute to the educational mission of Houghton College and others

are for pure fun. Students have the opportunity to cultivate their leadership skills, to participate in cultural, athletic, co-curricular and spiritual programs and to join or lead one of 30+ campus clubs and organizations (see below). In addition to a wide variety of campus activities, Houghton's 1300 acres of woodland offers rich opportunities for exploring on horseback, cross-country skis and hiking trails. Our ropes and initiatives course is used for physical education, leadership development and draws visitors from around Western New York.

Our rural location both contributes to and necessitates one of the greatest distinctives of our students' experience - a dynamic, residential campus community. It is the goal of the Student Programs Office to offer and oversee a comprehensive and vibrant array of activities and opportunities which reflect the ethos of our academic community.

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

CAB works with the Director of Student Programs to provide a wide array of quality on-campus entertainment reflecting the Christian character and geographic setting of our community.

Campus Center

The recently renovated Van Dyk Lounge is first and foremost for the use and enjoyment of Houghton College students, employees, and alumni. The Campus Center Recreation Room has foosball games, pool, and table tennis that are available for college student use.

Clubs and Organizations

While academic excellence is emphasized at Houghton, we realize the importance of students being involved in activities to complement their classroom education. Clubs and organizations provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and to take leadership roles. By being involved in co-curricular activities, students begin to clarify career goals and to understand how their education can be translated into action.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA, under the leadership of its officers and through its various working committees, provides an opportunity for students to become directly involved in campus decision making. In addition, its members attempt to resolve campus problems and serve as a communication channel between student organizations and faculty, staff, and administration. The Student Government Association creates an atmosphere for the discussion of campus issues and programs that contribute to the growth of each member of the student body.

Student Clubs and Organizations

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) - works to promote choral singing and helps to organize the development of choral groups of all types in schools, churches, and on campus.

Allegany County Outreach (ACO) - provides opportunities for students to share the love of our Savior Jesus Christ with children throughout our county through establishing and maintaining friendships. The "big brother/ big sister" program is designed to foster relationships between college students and the children of Allegany County. This program includes group events and parties as well as one-on-one involvement of students with their little "brothers" and "sisters." College facilities and cultural events are also available through invitations to eat together on campus and attend athletic events, plays, and religious programs.

Artist's Guild - fosters an appreciation of the visual arts and their effect on our lives through use of the Chapel Gallery, art displayed in JAVA 101, museum excursions, film showings, and communication with local artists.

Climbing Club - provides a safe, Christ-oriented atmosphere where climbing, leadership, encouragement and hard skills are developed and promoted both in the gym and off-campus trips.

The Drawing Board - provides Houghton College students with a unique creative outlet in which contributors express themselves through the medium of comics.

The Environmental Club - works to encourage awareness and action on campus for environmental issues.

Equestrian Society - The purpose of this society is to create a Christian environment in which equestrian students work together to increase public awareness of their program and its services and to enhance opportunities for students and community members.

Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) - This group seeks to raise awareness about social justice issues around the world and to provide opportunities for people to make a difference.

Gadfly Society - aims to provide a forum for voluntary co-curricular endeavors of interest to philosophy majors, minors and other philosophically-minded persons and to promote awareness of the relevance of philosophical perspectives to issues.

Global Christian Fellowship - GCF's purpose is to bring the community and campus to a greater understanding of, and commitment to, their place in God's mission for this world.

Gospel Choir - enriches our campus through helping students express our Christian heritage through multi-cultural fellowship, celebrating the richness of gospel music. Our purpose is not geared only toward entertainment, but it is to expose the student body, faculty, and staff to this style of worship and praise.

Helping Houghton Seniors (H2S) - The purpose of H2S is to bridge the gap between Houghton students and the Houghton elderly by building relationships and serving.

Heritage Club - enriches the campus through providing programming to celebrate cultures represented on campus.

Impressions Mime Team - The purpose of the mime team is to serve as ministers of the gospel through the expression of mime and to reach out to encourage the community; to encourage and edify the church and share the gospel with the unsaved.

Imitators of Christ - promotes nurturing relationships between students and community members for the spiritual growth of those involved.

Intercultural Student Association (ISA) - promotes cultural awareness on campus and aids in the cultural adjustment of international students, third-culture kids and American-born minorities.

MercySeat Ministries - In submission to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, Mercyseat ministries seeks to encourage people to passionately pursue God both corporately and individually.

Music Educators Club - acquaints students with the rewards and challenges of music and its teaching in contemporary society and provides information, resources, and exposure to students for professional expertise.

Paddle Sports - seeks to provide recreational opportunities for students that will enhance their college experience.

Psi Chi - a psychology honor society that provides students with learning experiences, work opportunities and summer opportunities in the field of psychology and encourages students to view psychology with a Christian perspective.

Psychology Club - Seeks to encourage students to integrate psychology and the Christian faith, provide learning experiences that will be educationally illuminating, and help prepare students for a future in psychology.

Gold Bar Club (ROTC) - Houghton College Army ROTC is dedicated to training the future leaders of the United States Army as well as training good leaders for Christian service. Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) is open to all Houghton College students without a commitment to the US Army for the first two years. After two years (Junior academic status) it is necessary to make a decision whether or not to serve in the US Army.

Salvation Army Student Fellowship - The Salvation Army Fellowship seeks to encourage spiritual growth and commitment to Christian service.

Shakespeare Players - The players aim to present Shakespeare plays in a way that is entertaining and applicable to modern audiences while remaining loyal to the original presentations.

Sigma Zeta - a math and science honor society that encourages and fosters the attainment of knowledge in the natural and computer sciences and mathematics and recognizes the attainment of high scholarship among those in membership.

Ski Club - provides opportunities to novice and experienced skiers throughout western New York.

Society for Human Resource Management-Houghton College Chapter - The purposes of the chapter are: a) to provide students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into the effective management of

personnel in the field of Human Resource Management through affiliation with the Niagara Frontier Chapter of SHRM and the National SHRM organization.

Sociology Club - is open to any student who is interested in sociology. It provides learning experiences, service opportunities, and informs students of career opportunities and summer opportunities in the field of sociology.

Swim Club - This club exists to gather swimmers together for Christian fellowship and to develop discipline, a team mentality and communication skills.

Teachers for Today and Tomorrow (TOTT) - as scholar-servants we aim to share God's love by building a support system within the local education community to inform current and future education students about the rewards and challenges of the teaching profession.

Tennis Club - stimulates interest and awareness of the game of tennis while teaching skills necessary to the tennis player's repertoire.

Theological Society - This is a forum to develop discussion of topics related to Christian belief and practice, and its purpose is to encourage students to think more deeply about the significance of the Christian conception of reality for their vocation or ministry.

Youth for Christ - works to communicate the life-changing message of Christ to every young person in the county through a program of evangelism with the intent to bring the spiritual salvation of Jesus Christ to the youth of the Southern Tier area and to encourage and foster spiritual growth in the tenets of Christianity. Students provide leadership, counsel and organization for Youth for Christ - Campus Life clubs.

Young Life - is a relational outreach to kids, with the message of love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Young Life is based on the idea that we, as Christians, need to go on their turf, to go where the kids are. When doing this, we attempt to build relationship with high school students (Young Life) and junior high students (Wyld-life), so that we might earn the right to be heard by them. The goal of this ministry is to introduce kids to Jesus and get them involved in their local church.

Residence Halls Gillette Leadership Council
 Lambein Leadership Council
 Rothenbuhler Leadership Council
 Shenawana Leadership Council
 FATS (Flats and Townhouses) Leadership Council

Publications *Boulder* (Yearbook)
 The Lanthorn (Literary/Art publication)
 STAR (Student newspaper)

Other Opportunities for involvement

Artist Series - The Houghton College Artist Series features nationally and internationally known artists, groups and productions which vary from year to year.

College Choir - The College Choir is composed of students chosen for musical and vocal competence by audition. Concerts are given each year, including an extended tour during spring break. The choir rehearses daily.

Philharmonia - The Philharmonia is made up of qualified instrumentalists. Representative selections of classical, romantic, and modern literature are performed. Membership is by audition and permission of the conductor.

Symphonic Winds - Symphonic Winds provides students the opportunity to perform significant symphonic band literature. Concerts are performed on and off campus. Membership is open to advanced wind and percussion players and is by audition and permission of the conductor.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

The mission of the New Student Programs Office at Houghton is to support new first-year and transfer students in their transition to becoming fully engaged members of the Houghton College learning community.

Partnering collaboratively with departments across campus, orientation programs help students and their families gain the information and interpersonal support they need to be successful.

The three components of orientation at Houghton College are Spring Highlander Connections Day, Fall Orientation, and FYI (First Year Introduction), a small group experience for first-year students during their first semester on campus.

Orientation College begins officially with Highlander Connections Day during the Spring prior to enrollment. A parallel slate of programs exists for parents and students. This day-long experience gives students the opportunity to select courses, to get to know peers and orientation leaders, and to take care of other important business such as financial aid. After spending a day on campus at a HC Day, students and families report a sense of belonging, a sense of confirmation in their choice, and a sense of confidence that they will have a successful transition when classes begin.

The Fall Orientation program gives all new students and their families a chance to have the college all to themselves in the days just prior to the beginning of classes. President Mullen enjoys an opportunity to speak with the parents of our new transfer and first-year students. Parents are encouraged to stay through the New Student Dedication Program on move-in day.

FYI (First Year Introduction) is a small group experience required of all first-year students. Led by a student orientation leader who is specially trained to assist first-year students in their transition to college, FYI gives students the opportunity to support one another and to engage in a local service experience.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Houghton College Safety and Security Office is located on the first floor of the Campus Center. An officer is on duty 24 hours daily and can be reached by dialing 585.567.9333. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday on class days. For all fire, ambulance or police emergencies, call 911.

Safety and Security Mission Statement

The Department of Safety and Security will serve our college community by promoting:

- Our mutual responsibility for campus safety
- Protection of campus property
- Program to prevent crime
- Enforcement of college policies and the law

Campus Law Enforcement

The Safety and Security personnel of Houghton College are uniformed officers, employed by the college to protect Houghton College personnel and property. These officers have the authority to require identification, issue parking citations, and sign complaints with local and state police on behalf of Houghton College. They are on duty twenty-four hours a day every day of the year.

Vehicle Registration/Parking

Student owned or operated vehicles must be registered at the Safety and Security Office as soon as they are brought to campus. A parking policy established by the Student Government Association and the Student Life Council is in effect. This policy is provided upon request or upon registering a vehicle. Vehicles without proper registration are subject to fines. Repeat offenders may have their vehicle immobilized or towed at the owner's expense. All freshman and sophomore residents are required to park in the Fire Hall parking lot on Route 19. Juniors and seniors may explore further parking options by inquiring at the Safety and Security Office.

Regular permit fees vary in price from \$30-\$150 per year. Permits are available on a per semester basis at a slightly higher per year cost. Temporary permits for the Fire Hall lot will be issued free for the first week and \$10 per week thereafter. These fees help defray the cost of parking lot maintenance.

The college does not assume liability for vehicles on college property, regardless of cause (including vandalism and parking lot conditions).

Firearms, Weapons, and Fireworks

The following items are considered weapons that must be stored in the Safety & Security Office and checked out for appropriate use:

- Any weapon powered by pump action, including any BB gun
- Any weapon powered by compressed air or CO2 cartridge including all paint ball guns
- Any firearm, including black powder weapons

Any blowgun or similar weapon

Any type bow (archery)

Any Martial Arts weapon (i.e. nun-chuks, throwing stars, throwing knives, etc.)

Any knife with a blade three (3) inches long or longer

Any knife with a double-edged blade

Fireworks are not allowed on campus unless approved for a particular event. Students may not possess fire-works of any kind.

Illegal Activity

Policy for Reporting Criminal Actions or Other Emergencies:

Each student and employee of Houghton College is expected to promptly report any criminal actions or other emergencies to the appropriate authorities. The Campus Safety and Security Office, Houghton Volunteer Fire Department and Houghton College Maintenance Department, as appropriate, will take immediate action to respond.

Residence hall directors or assistants act as the point of contact for all emergencies occurring within their residence hall. Appropriate authorities will act immediately on any report of criminal action or other emergencies; will investigate, categorize, and report on each instance; and will involve outside police agencies as appropriate.

Skateboarding and In-line Skating

Houghton College takes the position that sidewalks are intended for pedestrians, to include foot traffic, wheelchairs, and other items used by the disabled to facilitate their mobility. All other use is secondary and must yield immediately to pedestrian use.

While it is permissible to use alternate, non-motorized forms of transportation (such as scooters, bicycles, inline skates, and skateboards), the following expectations must be observed:

- You must yield to and get out of the way of pedestrians (including getting off the sidewalk if a group is walking your direction).
- When there is heavy pedestrian traffic, no other use of the sidewalks is permissible.
- Under no circumstances is it acceptable to practice stunts or tricks on sidewalks. Houghton College will occasionally allow trick riding in limited areas such as parking lots, but this is not a guarantee, nor should it be expected.
- No alternate forms of transportation are ever acceptable inside college buildings.
- Failure to abide by these expectations may result in disciplinary proceedings through the Student Life Office.

Building Hours

Pertinent building hours follow:

Campus Center is open 5:30 a.m. until 3:00 a.m. Academic buildings (Science, Chamberlain Center, Music, Stevens Art Studio, and Physical Education Center) are open 7:00 a.m. till midnight Monday through Saturday. Stevens Art Studio, the Center for Fine Arts, and the Physical Education Center also have limited Sunday hours. The above hours are maintained when the college is in session. During breaks, these facilities will have limited hours if they are open at all.

Securing Personal Belongings

Students are encouraged to keep valuables on their person or locked away at all times. Over 90% of thefts at Houghton are the result of valuables being left unattended. To minimize the risk of theft, keep student residences locked when unoccupied.

Students are strongly encouraged to check their parents' homeowner's insurance policy to confirm that their belongings are covered at college. This is usually a relatively inexpensive rider. College insurance covers only college property.

STUDENT LIFE POLICIES

For a complete listing of Student Life Policies see the Student Guide at:

http://www.houghton.edu/student_life/Student%20Guide%202010-2011.pdf

