

# HousingTimeline

FALL 2016

- 1** Apply for housing at [housing.wwu.edu](http://housing.wwu.edu).  
PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD: **February 1 – May 1**
- 2** Request to be roommates with someone you know. *(optional)*  
ROOMMATE REQUEST PERIOD: **February 1 – June 15**
- 3** Check **MyHousing** for notice of deposit due.  
NOTIFICATION BEGINS: **Late May**
- 4** Pay your deposit online or by mail.  
DEPOSIT DEADLINE: **June 15**
- 5** Check **MyHousing** for your room assignment.  
ROOMS ASSIGNED: **August 1 & September 2**



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# University Residences

Guide to Housing & Dining on Campus



*Active Minds Changing Lives*





# From the Director

**Congratulations** on your admittance to Western Washington University. This is an environment working successfully to integrate "Active Minds Changing Lives." Our department's mission is what we aspire to emulate in every day conversations and support of students: "University Residences Engages Students in Diverse and Inclusive, Healthy, Safe and Sustainable Communities That Foster Academic Success and Personal Growth." Data from our annual quality-of-life assessment indicates:

- 99% of residents feel safe living on campus.
- 95% recommend living on campus to new students.
- 92% are satisfied with their experience living on campus.

It's important you also show dedication to fully exploring the richness of campus. In fact, words of a previous on-campus student summarize the Western living experience: "College is what you choose to make it. If you open yourself up to new people and ideas it can be the best time of your life."

Again, welcome to the Western residential community. Among the vibrant living environment and wide range of activities, is a community of engaged student leaders, collaborating with staff to build an inclusive home for students. Living on campus will facilitate you reaching your personal goals. And University Residences staff are dedicated to creating an environment that encourages academic excellence and learning.

**Leonard Jones**

Director of University Residences



GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES 2016-2017

# WELCOME!

## Application Deadline

For priority consideration,  
apply for fall housing  
by **MAY 1**.

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# Why Live On Campus?

Uniquely designed to foster academic success and personal growth, living on campus lets you immerse yourself in the whole college experience, be part of a community with students from everywhere, try new things and make a ton of friends.

## Safety & Convenience

Western maintains over a million square feet of housing and dining space on its 215-acre campus. Sixteen residence halls and one apartment complex are home to over 4,000 students. Buildings are furnished with Wi-Fi, digital cable, laundry facilities, community kitchens and computer labs, and they are fully staffed with custodians, maintenance mechanics and live-in personnel. Dining venues are open 12-14 hours a day, and offer options for vegans, vegetarians and omnivores alike. And since Western's campus is only a 20-minute walk from end to end, living on campus gives you easy access to your classes and professors, libraries, computer labs, the bookstore, the Viking Union, student recreation center, student clubs, intramural sports, athletic events and performing arts.

## Ways to Get Involved

In addition to Western's 200+ clubs and organizations, your residential community is rich with opportunities to meet new people, have fun, get involved and make a difference. For generations, residents have been organizing programs and events focused on music, education, social responsibility and community service.

- › Birnam Wood Murder Mystery
- › Halloween on the Ridge
- › Higginson Festival of Music (HigFOM)
- › Piccadilly Dance
- › Ridge Cup Challenge
- › South Campus Glory

## Leadership Opportunities

Student-run organizations help govern and support Western's residential communities by coordinating programs, activities and events that stimulate community, education, leadership and service. As an integral member of your residential community, you can take a leadership role through your hall council, the Residence Hall Association (RHA), and the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH).

## Academic Support

While faculty and staff work collaboratively to ensure all students receive the resources they need, students living on campus uniquely benefit from additional support systems within their residential communities. Each community is guided by a full-time, professional resident director who holds students accountable to community standards, advises hall council, provides crisis response and support, and coordinates programs and activities that facilitate academic objectives. Under the supervision of the resident director, each community is supported by several part-time, paraprofessional student staff known as resident advisers. Resident advisers are rigorously trained, active members of the residential community who serve as leaders, role models, and designated points of contact. Resident directors and resident advisers provide academic support and resources for residents at all achievement levels.

## Personal Growth

University Residences engages students in diverse and inclusive, healthy, safe and sustainable communities that foster academic success and personal growth. Students learn and develop personally as a direct result of living in Western's residential communities, and important aspects of that learning and development are influenced by the intentional efforts of our staff, campus colleagues and the students themselves. Western's residential experience is nationally known for an educational approach that helps students learn about themselves and how to live and work with others. By focusing upon self, others, relationships and community, living on campus provides experiences that benefit your personal life, your academic achievement, and your professional future.

“ I have learned more about myself and the person I want to become in the future by living with new people and building relationships with them.

— First Year Student



**Our Mission** | University Residences engages students in diverse and inclusive, healthy, safe and sustainable communities that foster academic success and personal growth.



*Two views of the same room in Mathes Hall.*



**Every room** comes with a set of furniture for each student, along with:

- Wireless Internet
- Digital cable TV service
- Window blinds or draperies
- Vinyl flooring or carpet
- Recycle bin
- Trash can

# Rates & Amenities

**Average size** of a double room is 175 square feet. Standard furnishings include twin bed, desk, chair and clothing storage for each student. Most beds are extra-long and all can be set up as bunks or adjustable-height singles.

## Community Essentials

Each residential community has a full range of amenities including a front desk, laundry facilities, community kitchen or kitchenette, study areas, computer lab, TV lounge, piano, game room, bike storage and permit parking.

## Tech Support & Computer Labs

Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides personalized technology education and support to campus residents. ResTek consultants assist with safe Internet habits and troubleshoot problems with Internet connections and cable TV. Residential computer labs provide 24-hour technology access for residents and are equipped with Microsoft Office, laser printing and Internet.

## Meal Plans

Western's campus offers a comprehensive dining experience with three residential dining commons and nine retail cafés and markets. All venues accept cash, credit card, Viking Dollars and meal plans. Meal plans are required for hall residents and available to off-campus commuters, faculty and staff. See page 14 for more information about meal plans and other dining options.

## Parking & Transportation

Limited residential parking is available by permit only and costs about \$275 for the academic year. Priority is given to students with the most credits earned. More information is available at [www.ps.wwu.edu/parking](http://www.ps.wwu.edu/parking).

**Bicycles:** The University recognizes bicycles as a preferred form of transportation. Racks designated for bicycle storage are provided throughout campus and within each residential community.

**Community Transit:** Students taking at least six credits per quarter pay an Alternative Transportation Fee. This allows you to use your student ID card as a bus pass for unlimited rides on the Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) system.

## Housing during Breaks

Residential buildings remain open during breaks and residents enrolled for the coming quarter are allowed to remain in residence for all or part of the break. There is no additional cost for break housing provided you fulfill the terms of the Housing Agreement. Please note that meal service in the dining commons is suspended during Thanksgiving break, winter break and spring break.

## Electronic Billing & Payments

Your tuition, fees, housing and meal plan charges are automatically billed to your WWU Student Account before the start of each quarter, and your account balance is due on the first day of classes. Payments are made in person, by mail or online. Past due accounts are subject to a monthly \$40 late fee and 1% interest charge. Refunds are issued by direct deposit to your designated bank account. Quarterly monies for students with financial aid or scholarships are applied to the student account at the start of the quarter for automatic payment of tuition, fees, housing and meal plan charges.

## Housing & Dining Rates

Following approval by the Board of Trustees, official rates for 2016-2017 will be published May 1, 2016. In the meantime, refer to the current housing and meal plan rates below and take into account a slight increase for next year. When estimating the cost of room and board, please note meal plans are required for hall residents and optional for Birnam Wood apartment residents.

### Housing: Annual Cost (2015-2016)

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Residence Hall Single Room: | \$ 7,573               |
| Residence Hall Double Room: | \$ 6,512 ← most common |
| Residence Hall Triple Room: | \$ 5,220               |
| Apartment Double Room:      | \$ 3,282               |

### Meal Plans: Annual Cost (2015-2016)

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unlimited Meals per Quarter: | \$ 3,830                |
| 125 Meals per Quarter:       | \$ 3,440 ← most popular |
| 100 Meals per Quarter:       | \$ 3,058                |
| 75 Meals per Quarter:        | \$ 2,664                |
| 5 Meals per Week:            | \$ 1,766                |

housing and dining rates  
[www.wwu.edu/financial](http://www.wwu.edu/financial)

# Housing Options

The **housing application** invites you to select up to six housing preferences from more than 50 unique options. Assignment priority is given to students who apply for admission the earliest and meet the housing deadlines.

## Residence Halls

Western offers 16 unique residence halls in a variety of sizes, architectural styles and vintages. Every hall is available to all ages and class standings, and all are coeducational with one gender per room, suite, wing or floor. For mixed-gender rooms, see the gender-inclusive community below.

**Corridor Style:** Rooms typically flank a central hallway and residents share a community bathroom down the hall. Corridor-style buildings have a traditional feel and make it easy to meet new people.

**Suite Style:** Two to five rooms are clustered around or linked to a shared bathroom. Suite-style buildings promote strong relationships between roommates and suitemates.

## Single, Double & Triple Rooms

Double occupancy rooms are the campus standard, but some residence halls offer triples and a few singles. Single rooms are assigned only to students who request them, and the demand always exceeds the supply. Triples are available upon request, but you may be assigned to a triple even if you did not request one. Residence hall room rates are consistent across campus and solely based upon room capacity: single rooms are the most expensive and triple rooms are the most economical. See rates on page 5.

## Alcohol-Free Areas

Alcohol-free areas are intended for students (regardless of age) who want a living environment that supports an alcohol-free lifestyle. Residents in alcohol-free areas sign a contract agreeing to support and maintain an alcohol-free lifestyle. Several alcohol-free areas are available across campus. Students of legal drinking age (21) are allowed to possess and consume alcoholic beverages within their room unless underage students are present, or they live in a designated alcohol-free area.

## Gender-Inclusive Community

Buchanan Towers and Birnam Wood offer gender-inclusive suites where room assignment is not based upon gender. Gender-inclusive areas support LGBTQ students and their allies by allowing students of different genders to be roommates and suitemates. Gender-inclusive areas are reserved for non-freshmen, but freshmen may request special consideration through [ResLife@wwu.edu](mailto:ResLife@wwu.edu).

## Honors Program Community

For students enrolled in the Honors Program, University Residences and the Honors Program collaboratively offer a living-learning experience in Edens Hall. Students benefit from living with students who share the same academic goals and interests and where residential programs and activities complement the classroom. To ensure successful placement in the Honors Program Community, apply to the program on time and select the Honors Program Community in your housing application. Space is limited!

## Fairhaven College Community

For students enrolled in Fairhaven College, the Fairhaven College Community offers an optional living-learning experience in stack 11 of the Fairhaven Complex. Students benefit from living with students who share the same academic goals and interests, where residential programs and activities complement the classroom. To ensure successful placement in the Fairhaven College Community, apply to Fairhaven on time and select the Fairhaven College Community in your housing application.

## Viking Launch Community

Viking Launch is an early-start program offered to fall freshmen by Western's Extended Education. Students enrolled in Viking Launch are automatically placed as a cohort in the Fairhaven Complex or Ridgeway Kappa.

## International Communities

Western offers residential experiences for students seeking exposure to other cultures, languages and perspectives.

**Japanese Roommate Experience:** Hall residents can experience Japanese culture by being roommates with a student attending Western through the Asia University America Program (AUAP), an English language and cultural orientation program for students enrolled at Asia University in Tokyo, Japan. The AUAP invites American roommates to get involved in its cultural programs and activities.

**Buchanan Towers International Community:** Buchanan Towers offers activities, events and opportunities for American and international students who want to learn from each other; for students who want to explore global topics as a group; or for students returning from a study abroad who want to further their interest in international education.

## Accommodation for Special Needs

University Residences is committed to supporting the University's educational purpose and mission, and works in partnership with *disAbility Resources for Students* to provide students access to all levels of the residential experience. Students requiring a special housing assignment due to a disability or other condition must request reasonable accommodation to ensure appropriate placement. Typical placement for students with special needs may involve a single room, wheelchair access, visual alarms, kitchenette or special furnishings.

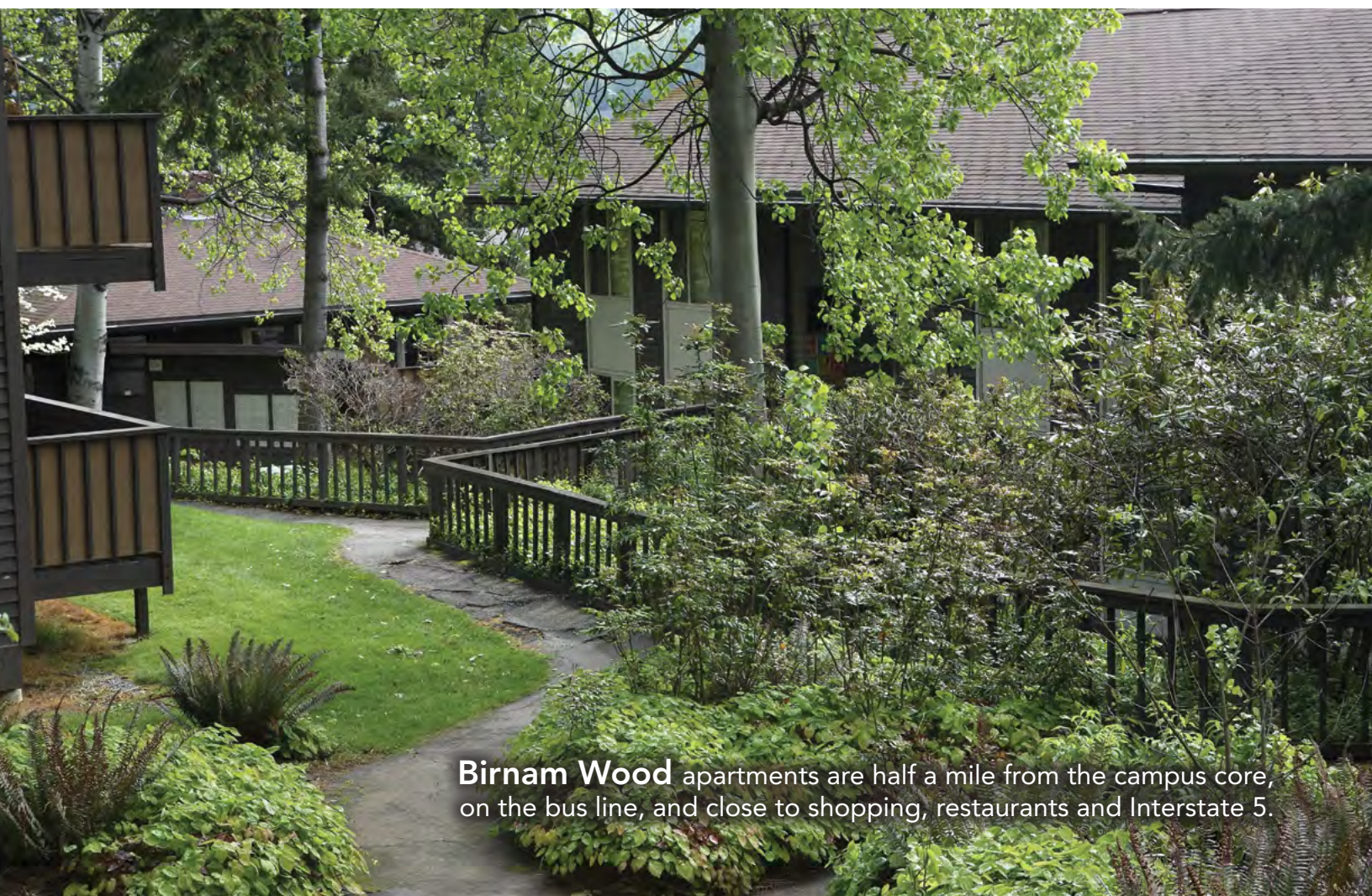
**Assistance Animals:** While pets are prohibited in Western's residential buildings, service dogs and emotional support animals are permitted in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Before bringing an assistance animal into a residential building, we ask that you follow the standard procedure for requesting reasonable accommodation.

disAbility Resources for Students  
[www.wvu.edu/depts/drs](http://www.wvu.edu/depts/drs)

## Student Apartments

Apartment living for non-freshmen is offered in Birnam Wood where 130 units accommodate 520 students. Each apartment is furnished for four students and includes two double-occupancy bedrooms, full kitchen, living room, dining room, storage closet, bathroom and balcony. Quarterly cost includes wireless Internet, digital cable, utilities, and use of the laundry facilities. Residents have access to the community building, front desk, computer lab, bike storage and permit parking. Birnam Wood is supervised by a full-time, live-in apartment coordinator and five part-time, live-in community advisers. Meal plans are available to but not required for Birnam Wood residents. Birnam Wood is reserved for non-freshmen, but freshmen may request special consideration through [Housing@wvu.edu](mailto:Housing@wvu.edu). Two-bedroom apartments for married students or students with dependents are offered on a space-available basis; contact [Housing@wvu.edu](mailto:Housing@wvu.edu) for rates and availability.

**How to Apply for Birnam Wood:** Follow the standard housing application procedure (see page 12) and make Birnam Wood your top housing preference in your housing application. Space may not be available for all who request Birnam Wood, so be sure to select alternative housing preferences in your housing application.



**Birnam Wood** apartments are half a mile from the campus core, on the bus line, and close to shopping, restaurants and Interstate 5.

# Compare the Halls

## NORTH CAMPUS



### EDENS HALL

158 residents • 3 floors  
Double & triple rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Elevator accessible  
Indoor bike storage  
Wheelchair suites available

*Priority given to students  
enrolled in the Honors Program*



### EDENS NORTH

111 residents • 4 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Some elevator access  
Indoor bike storage



### HIGGINSON HALL

221 residents • 5 floors  
Double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Elevator accessible  
Covered bike storage  
Wheelchair suites available



### MATHES HALL

300 residents • 9 floors  
Double rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Elevator accessible  
Covered bike storage

★ WINNER ★  
NRHH Hall of the Year 2014-15

## THE RIDGE



### HIGHLAND HALL

137 residents • 2 floors  
Double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Outdoor bike storage



### RIDGEWAY ALPHA

RIDGEWAY ALPHA  
107 residents • 3 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free throughout  
Covered bike storage



### RIDGEWAY BETA

207 residents • 4 floors  
Double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Bunk-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Indoor bike storage



### RIDGEWAY DELTA

115 residents • 4 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Covered bike storage

**Every residence hall** is coeducational and open to students of all ages and class standings. Double occupancy rooms are the campus standard, but some halls also offer triples and a few singles. Each community has a front desk, laundry facilities, community kitchens, study areas, computer lab, TV lounge, piano, game room, bike storage and limited permit parking. See page 7 for student apartments.

#### SOUTH CAMPUS



##### NASH HALL

336 residents • 7 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Elevator accessible  
Covered bike storage  
Wheelchair rooms available



##### BUCHANAN TOWERS

411 residents • 8 floors  
Double & triple rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Kitchenette in every suite  
Bunk-able XL twin beds  
Gender inclusive available  
Elevator accessible  
Indoor bike storage



##### BUCHANAN TOWERS EAST

99 residents • 5 floors  
Single & double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Common area in every suite  
Bunk-able XL twin beds  
Elevator accessible  
Indoor bike storage  
Wheelchair suites available



##### FAIRHAVEN COMPLEX

650 residents • 4 floors  
Single & double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Bunk-able XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Some elevator access  
Outdoor bike storage  
Wheelchair suites available

★ WINNER ★

Go for the Green 2014-15



##### RIDGEWAY GAMMA

226 residents • 4 floors  
Double rooms  
Suite-style bathrooms  
Stationary XL twin beds  
Alcohol-free available  
Indoor bike storage



##### RIDGEWAY KAPPA

225 residents • 4 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Outdoor bike storage



##### RIDGEWAY OMEGA

108 residents • 3 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Covered bike storage



##### RIDGEWAY SIGMA

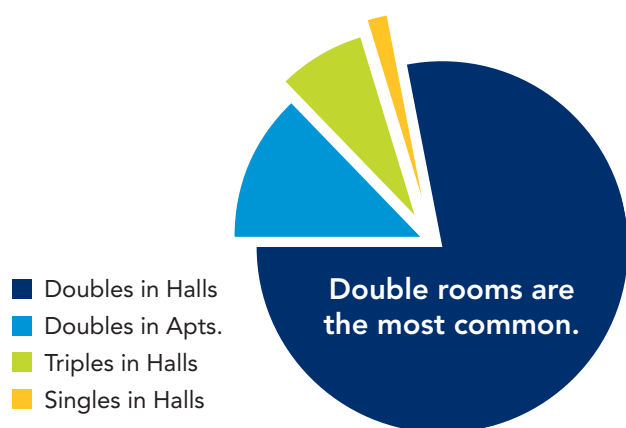
108 residents • 5 floors  
Single, double & triple rooms  
Community bathrooms  
Loft-able XL twin beds  
Covered bike storage

photos and floor plans  
[housing.wvu.edu/tour](http://housing.wvu.edu/tour)



# Roommate Options

The vast majority of campus residents live in double rooms, and Western gives you a choice when it comes to your roommate assignment: pair up with someone you know, or let us match you with someone new.



## The Roommate Experience

The residential experience is designed to help you learn about yourself, and how to live and work with others. These learning outcomes begin with your roommate experience—even if you knew your roommate before coming to Western. Some students are nervous about sharing a room, and others are eager to meet new people and get involved. Either way, your roommate experience will teach you something about yourself, and even more about others, relationships and community.

## What makes roommates successful?

Your resident adviser will be your first point of contact regarding roommate-related issues or concerns. To ensure a good start, you and your roommate(s) will meet with your resident adviser within the first two weeks of the term. Establishing a good roommate relationship is not rocket science, but it does require some intentional behavior:

1. Get to know each other before you arrive, and start by talking rather than texting.
2. Share decisions about how the room will be organized.
3. Communicate with honesty and respect.
4. Set and maintain limits on noise, bedtime and visitors.
5. Respect each other's values and perspectives.
6. Protect the safety and security of the room.
7. Always ask permission before borrowing things.
8. Be mindful of your behavior and how it impacts others.
9. Don't expect to be best friends. Successful roommates are merely friendly, open and respectful.

## Option 1: Let Us Assign You a Roommate

The housing application includes a survey about your daily habits and tendencies, and your responses are used to assign a compatible roommate. Roommates with similar bedtimes, study habits, smoking status, and noise tolerance prove to cohabitate quite well, even if they share nothing else in common. Letting us assign you a "random" roommate is highly recommended because it can result in an amazing first-year experience, an unexpected friendship, and unique opportunities that come only from a relationship of circumstance.

## Option 2: Request Someone You Know

Once you apply for housing, you and a friend can request to be roommates. Roommate requests for fall quarter must be completed **no later than June 15**.

- Most rooms are doubles and some are triples, so roommate requests are for two or three students. Requests for particular suitemates are not accepted.
- In order to be assigned together, each member of the roommate request must pay their deposit on time.
- Room assignment is based upon the best priority date in the group and that student's housing preferences.
- Please note that a two-person roommate group does not guarantee a double room. You may be assigned to a triple room with a third person that we select.

## Option 3: Search for a Compatible Roommate Online

Once you apply for housing, you have the option of searching for potential roommates on our secure website, *MyRoommate*. Searching for a compatible roommate is a great option for students desiring someone with characteristics similar to your own, such as academic interests, religious beliefs, food allergies, etc. Once you have identified a mutually satisfactory match, the two of you must complete the process for requesting someone you know. (See above.) Please note this option is available for fall housing applicants only, February 1 through June 15.

## Gender-Inclusive Roommates

If our roommate options do not support your gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation, please contact us to discuss a placement that is right for you.

# Apply for Housing

**New students** who meet the housing deadlines are guaranteed housing their first academic year at Western, or remainder thereof if admitted mid-year. Students desiring on-campus housing for a second, third or fourth year are accommodated on a space-available basis through the housing renewal process.

## STEP

# 1

### Apply for housing at [housing.wvu.edu](http://housing.wvu.edu).

Once the housing application opens, you are eligible to apply for housing even if you have not yet confirmed your admission. Select the housing application that coincides with your admission application term, and log in with your WWU ID number and birthdate. Choose a meal plan, select your housing preferences, and take a roommate survey. Once you submit your application, begin tracking your status in **MyHousing** and explore the roommate options on page 11. Late applications may be subject to space availability or temporary assignment.

#### PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD

Fall Quarter: February 1 - May 1  
Winter Quarter: October 1 - December 1  
Spring Quarter: January 15 - March 1

## STEP

# 2

### Check **MyHousing** for notice of deposit due.

Following the priority application period, housing applicants who have confirmed their admission are prompted in **MyHousing** to pay the \$200 housing deposit. Do not pay your deposit until you receive notice of deposit due; early payments will be invalid.

#### NOTIFICATION BEGINS

Fall Quarter: Late May  
Winter Quarter: Early December  
Spring Quarter: Early March

## STEP

# 3

### Pay your deposit online or by mail.

When our notice of deposit due appears in **MyHousing**, follow the payment instructions carefully to ensure proper processing of your deposit. To make sure your payment went through, check your deposit status in **MyHousing** a few business days after submitting your payment. If you do not pay the deposit by the deadline, we will assume you no longer want housing and your housing application will be canceled.

#### HOUSING DEPOSIT DEADLINE

Fall Quarter: June 15  
Winter Quarter: December 15  
Spring Quarter: March 15

## STEP

# 4

### Check **MyHousing** for your room assignment.

Room assignments are posted in **MyHousing** along with roommate and suitemate information. Roommates are encouraged to contact each other to get acquainted and plan what to bring. See the next page for how rooms are assigned.

#### ROOMS ASSIGNED

Fall Quarter: August 1 & September 2  
Winter Quarter: Late December  
Spring Quarter: Late March

## When are rooms assigned?

Rooms are assigned for fall quarter in two separate rounds including new students of all admission types: new freshmen, new transfers and new graduate students.

### Round 1: August 1

This first round of assignments typically includes students who applied for admission by January 1, applied for housing by May 1, and paid the housing deposit by June 15. When you log into MyHousing on August 1, you will either see your room assignment or a message indicating your assignment will be posted on September 2.

### Round 2: September 2

This second round of assignments typically includes students who applied for admission after January 1, applied for housing after May 1, or paid the housing deposit after June 15. In this round some students receive temporary assignments for the first few weeks of the quarter. Temporary assignments have the same amenities as permanent assignments and typically involve rooming with a resident adviser. Students with temporary assignments move to permanent locations as openings occur.

track your status in MyHousing  
[housing.wvu.edu/myhousing](http://housing.wvu.edu/myhousing)



## How are rooms assigned?

New students who meet the housing deadlines are guaranteed on-campus housing their first year at Western, or remainder thereof if admitted mid-year. Although your housing is guaranteed, there is no guarantee you will be placed in any particular location. Please note, however, that we make every effort to place you somewhere you request.

### Housing Priority Date

The date you applied for admission to the University serves as your housing priority date, and assignment priority is given to students who applied for admission the earliest. Freshmen priority dates for fall quarter typically range from September through January. Confirmed roommate groups are assigned by the best priority date in the group.

### Housing Preferences

In your housing application, you may select six housing preferences from more than 50 options. Every effort is made to place you in one of your housing preferences, but it is not uncommon to be placed somewhere you did not request. It all depends upon your housing priority date, your housing preferences, and your peers' dates and preferences. Based upon typical preferences and priority dates, about 75 percent of new freshmen get successfully placed in one of their housing preferences. Please note that when assigning confirmed roommate groups, we refer to the housing preferences belonging to the roommate with the best priority date.

## Housing Deposit

Following the housing application period, housing applicants with confirmed admission status are prompted to pay a \$200 housing deposit. (See Apply for Housing on the left.) Payment of the housing deposit confirms your commitment to occupancy and makes you eligible for a room assignment. Your deposit is fully refundable when you move out. Once the housing deposit is paid, cancellation of housing before arrival will result in total forfeiture of the deposit with the following exceptions for new students arriving fall quarter:

- › Full refund for cancellations made by June 30
- › Half refund for cancellations made by August 31

## Housing Agreement

The term of the Housing Agreement is the entire academic year (September 18, 2016 - June 9, 2017) or remainder thereof for students admitted mid-year. The Agreement covers the conditions of occupancy and students accept the Agreement when they apply for housing. Except in cases of withdrawal, graduation, study abroad or internship, moving out of the housing system before spring quarter finals week terminates the Agreement and renders a contract breakage fee up to \$400, along with the possibility of additional housing charges.

# University Dining Services

**Dining at Western** is a campus-wide experience supporting active healthy lifestyles, sustainability, social responsibility and community development. We understand the importance of a healthy diet and we strive to meet the needs of students, faculty, staff, and visitors through nutritious and satisfying fare.

## Residential Dining Commons

Three dining commons serve 36 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week, including breakfast, lunch, light lunch, dinner, late night and weekend brunch. On weekdays the commons are open 12-15 continuous hours, giving you maximum flexibility within your busy schedule. Brunch is always served on the weekends, so you know you can sleep late without missing breakfast or lunch. Enjoy buffet-style dining with WiFi, comfortable seating and lots of natural light.

- › Viking Commons (North Campus)
- › Ridgeway Commons (The Ridge)
- › Fairhaven Commons (South Campus)

## Campus Cafés & Markets

Choose from a full range of retail dining locations to suit your taste, budget and schedule. You'll find a variety of wholesome, delicious fare made in-house, by local providers, or by familiar brands like Starbucks, Subway and Panda Express. We also offer vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. All cafés and markets accept Dining Dollars, Viking Dollars, cash and credit cards.

- › The Atrium
- › BT Station Café & Market
- › The Haven Market & Lounge
- › Miller Market
- › Rock's Edge Café
- › Underground Coffeehouse
- › Viking Union Café
- › Viking Union Market
- › Zoe's Bookside Bagels

## Viking Dollars

Viking Dollars turn your student ID card into a prepaid debit account for swiping in the cafés, markets and dining commons. Purchases made with Viking Dollars are discounted 10 percent, and food is exempt from sales tax. Viking Dollars may be used with or without a meal plan. They may be purchased online, or in person at various locations.

## Students with Food Allergies

Western is committed to providing you with the tools you need to maximize your college dining experience. Most students with moderate to severe allergies successfully navigate campus living by working with our registered dietitian, staying informed of the food options available, and requesting alternatives when necessary.

## Student Employment

University Dining Services employs more than 500 students in locations across campus. Positions include cashier, barista, dishwasher, custodian, food server, food production, cook and more. Job openings are non-work study and posted on the WWU Student Employment website at [www.finaid.wwu.edu/studentjobs/](http://www.finaid.wwu.edu/studentjobs/).

## Our Commitment to Sustainability

University Dining Services is committed to zero-waste initiatives in all its locations, and supports the *Real Food Challenge* national campaign for healthy, fair, green food systems on college campuses. Food sources include 43 regional partners and local farmers. Trayless dining and food composting significantly reduce the waste stream. Our exclusive *Blue Cleaning* technology sanitizes surfaces with ionized water rather than harsh chemicals.





**Meal plans** are required for students living in the residence halls, and optional for students living in Birnam Wood apartments. Choosing a plan that is right for you depends upon your schedule, how often you eat, and your preference for seated dining or grab-and-go.

### Residential Meal Plans

Each meal plan comes with a quarterly allowance of meals and Dining Dollars. Meals are available at any dining commons. Just a swipe of your student ID card deducts a meal from your dining balance, and unused meals expire at the end of the quarter. Dining Dollars may be spent in any of the campus cafés and markets, or to buy additional meals in a dining commons. Dining Dollars carry over from one quarter to the next and expire on the last day of spring quarter. You can monitor your meal plan balance from any Internet-connected computer or mobile device.

#### UNLIMITED Meals per Quarter

Designed for students who dine three or more times per day. Ten meals per quarter may be used for guests. Includes \$176 Dining Dollars per quarter.

#### 125 Meals per Quarter

Designed for students who dine once or twice a day, seven days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes \$176 Dining Dollars per quarter.

#### 100 Meals per Quarter

Designed for students who dine once or twice a day, five days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes \$176 Dining Dollars per quarter.

#### 75 Meals per Quarter

Designed for students who dine once a day, seven days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes \$176 Dining Dollars per quarter.

#### 5 Meals per Week

Provides five meals a week and five guest meals a quarter. Unused meals expire Saturday night, and five new meals are applied Sunday morning. Includes \$176 Dining Dollars per quarter. This meal plan is reserved for Birnam Wood and off-campus commuters.

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# Sustainable Living

Western strives to be a national leader in sustainability values, practices and education. Through our commitment to renewable energy, waste reduction and sustainability-minded courses, Western incorporates sustainability into campus operations, interdisciplinary academics and the residential experience.

## Resident Programs & Involvement

Sustainability advocacy and awareness is a great way to get involved in your residential community. Through Western's **Residents' Resource Awareness Program (ResRAP)**, students learn daily habits that lead to responsible resource consumption and waste reduction. Resident Eco Reps work as sustainability advocates in their communities by facilitating education, outreach and community involvement. Designed to see who can save the most water, landfill, electricity and natural gas, Western's annual **Go for the Green: Total Waste Reduction Challenge** is a campus-wide competition between residential communities. The winning criteria is based upon a percent reduction in electricity and landfill waste, total number of reduction pledges, and attendance at sustainable education events hosted by resident Eco Reps. To learn more about Eco Reps, visit the ResRAP website.



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