When to Arrive

Your room assignment and personalized arrival instructions will be posted in MyHousing on August 1 or September 1. (See back cover.) Residential buildings open for official arrival on September 23, but you may arrive sooner if one of the following situations applies:

- You may receive a recommended early arrival date of Friday or Saturday. If you choose to arrive on the day we recommend, you do not need to register for early arrival and you will not be charged the early arrival fee. Log into MyHousing to check for early arrival recommendations.
- If you are involved in a program or activity that requires you arrive early, please follow your program’s arrival instructions.
- If you are a student employee and your job requires you arrive early, please follow your employer’s arrival instructions.
- If you are coming from another state or country, or you want to arrive early for personal reasons, please follow the instructions for early arrival on page 3.
- Regardless of recommended early arrival time, any student may arrive Friday or Saturday for the standard early arrival charge. Follow early arrival instructions to sign up.

Where to Check In & Unload

1. Use the driving directions on page 10 to arrive at your community’s staging area. Be prepared to wait in your vehicle for a turn unloading. You may want to bring a snack and something to read. Knowing your building name and room number will help with navigation.
2. When it’s your turn to unload, staff will direct you to a loading zone near your building where you will have 20 minutes to unload your vehicle before it must be moved to the designated parking lot.
3. Follow the signs to your community’s check-in station and bring official picture ID such as your driver’s license, passport or Western ID card.
4. After unloading, move your vehicle to the designated parking lot. Free shuttle service is available on Saturday and Sunday from key campus points to the designated parking lot.

Check your status in MyHousing

housing.wwu.edu/myhousing
Volunteers are Here to Help

Moving-in assistance for students and family members will be available at peak times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A crew of 300 student volunteers (HELPs) will assist with traffic control, curbside unloading and carrying stuff to your room. If you are interested in joining our volunteer crew – and participants get to move in four days early at no additional charge, please visit the HELPs website to register at housing.wwu.edu/helps.

Dining on Sunday, September 23

Western offers over a dozen dining venues, including campus cafes, markets and dining commons. All venues accept cash, credit card, Viking Dollars and Dining Dollars. Most venues open on Monday, but the following are open on Sunday:

- **VU Café**: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **VU Market**: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **VU Subway**: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **VU Panda Express**: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Viking Commons**: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Ridgeway Commons**: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Fairhaven Commons**: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday Night: Attend Your Community’s Opening Events

Move-in weekend culminates on Sunday night with events designed to help you get to know your neighbors and staff. Start by joining your resident adviser and hall mates for dinner in the commons. Then join your community for an orientation that includes introductions, an important overview of policies and procedures, desk services, laundry, quiet hours and more.

Early Arrival

For students who need to arrive sooner than Sunday, September 23, two options are available for an extra fee. Be aware that most campus services are not available until Sunday, including the dining halls, Residential Technology Services (ResTek), Wilson Library and the Wade King Recreation Center. Please note that in order to ensure a quality arrival experience, we are unable to accommodate requests to arrive sooner than Friday, September 21.

**Option 1: Arrive Friday, September 21**
- Check in 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Early Arrival Fee: $65.80

**Option 2: Arrive Saturday, September 22**
- Check in 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Early Arrival Fee: $32.90

Early Arrival Registration & Billing

Early arrival registration is available August 1 through September 21 at housing.wwu.edu/earlyarrival. Check MyHousing for confirmation of your early arrival registration. Charges are nonrefundable and will be billed to your student account the first week of the quarter.

Early Arrival Check-In

Use the driving directions on Page 10 and follow the signs to your residential building. Check in at your community’s front desk with official picture ID such as your driver’s license, passport or Western ID card. You will have 20 minutes to unload your vehicle before it must be moved to an official parking lot.

Food Locations & Hours

Meal service in the dining commons begins on Sunday, September 23; however, the following food venues are open for early arrival:

**Friday, September 21**
- **VU Café**: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **VU Market**: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **VU Subway**: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Saturday, September 22**
- **VU Café**: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **VU Market**: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **VU Subway**: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Essential Checklist

- **Cell phone.**
- **Clothing:** Average winter temperatures are 32-50°F; plan for rain, snow and sun; bring warm layers, sensible shoes, rainproof jacket with hood, warm coat, waterproof boots, scarf, hat and gloves. Average spring temperatures are 50-75°F.
- **Toiletries:** shower caddy, bathroom supplies, blow dryer, shaving and hair products.
- **Medical:** prescription medications, pain reliever, cold remedies, tissue, thermometer, antacid, allergy medicine.
- **Bedding:** extra-long twin sheets, mattress pad or topper, pillows, blankets, comforter, sleeping bag.
- **Towels:** bath towels, hand towels, dish towels, paper towels, cleaning rags.
- **Laundry gear:** laundry bag, hamper or basket, detergent, dryer sheets, hangers.
- **School supplies:** pens, pencils, notebook, stapler, calculator, USB drive, laptop, backpack or book bag.
- **Media:** books, music, video games, board games, journal, scrapbook.
- **Security items:** keychain or lanyard, fireproof lockbox or locking storage chest.
- **Environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies:** mini vac or broom, disinfectant wipes, spray cleaner, bathroom cleaner, sponge, dish soap.
- **Emergency kit with rechargeable flashlight**

Prohibited Items

- **Firearms or weapons:** firearms, ammunition, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, Airsoft guns, rockets, hunting knives, switchblades, sling shots, sticks/clubs, laser pointers, dangerous chemicals, decorative swords, toy guns that look real.
- **Flammable materials or explosives:** explosives, fireworks, gasoline or any other flammable fluid; candles, incense, or any other open-flamed device; decorative cuttings from plants or trees.
- **Hazardous appliances:** electric hotplates, burners, toasters and toaster ovens (allowed in suites with kitchenettes), space heaters, electric blankets, halogen lamps over 300w, hover boards, any appliance that is not UL approved.
- **Non-university beds or accessories:** bed risers, bed parts or modifications, water beds.
- **Pets are prohibited,** but fish in tanks under 10 gallons are allowed. Assistance animals are not considered pets.

Assistance Animals

If you plan to bring a service dog or an emotional support animal, you must complete a needs assessment in advance with Disability Resources for Students at www.wwu.edu/depts/drs. For more information see the Animals on Campus section of the Policies and Procedures for University Residences.

Resident Favorites

- **Approved appliances:** electric teakettles, coffee makers, blenders, electric fans, air purifiers, rice cookers, microwave ovens up to 900w, mini-fridges no larger than 4.5 cubic feet.
- **Organizers and decorations:** personal memorabilia, posters, poster tape, corkboard, whiteboard and markers, lamps, storage bins, throw pillows, compact comfy chair, storage ottoman, over-door shoe bag.
- **Personal technology:** laptop, tablet or desktop computer, laptop cable lock, USB-connected printer, game console, TV with a QAM tuner and coaxial cable, fire-safe surge protector.
- **Snacks and beverages:** food storage containers, zip-close plastic bags, mugs, durable plastic dishware, eating utensils, can opener.
- **Half-inch socket wrench** for bunking or lofting your bed; not needed in Buchanan Towers, BT East, Beta, Gamma, or Fairhaven stacks 11 and 12.
- **Official documents** required for employment, such as your Social Security card, passport, driver's license, birth certificate, etc. See page 9 for more information.

Personalizing Your Space

Essential to the college experience is the process of creating your home away from home. Collaborate with your roommate to rearrange the furniture, customize your beds and personalize your space:

- For tips and ideas, visit our Facebook and Pinterest pages through housing.wwu.edu.
- Avoid damage charges at the end of the year by using removable adhesive products designed for damage-free decorating and organizing.
- Find out if your roommates or suitemates are sensitive to fragrance, peanuts or other allergens before you invest in a supply of snacks, dryer sheets or air fresheners.
- Make a plan to share larger items, such as mini-fridge, microwave oven, television, etc.

Birnam Wood Apartments

Each apartment unit is furnished for four students and has two bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, dining room, bathroom, storage closet, and a patio or balcony.

- The cost of your room includes WiFi, digital cable TV, utilities and use of onsite laundry facilities.
- Bedrooms include two extra-long twin beds, two desks with chairs, one dresser and one closet.
- Kitchen appliances include gas stove and oven, full size refrigerator, and garbage disposal. Residents must bring their own dishes, utensils, cookware and small appliances.
- Residents must also bring their own toilet paper, cleaning equipment and supplies.
Standard Furnishings
Every room comes with WiFi, digital cable, window coverings, recycle bin and trash can. Standard furnishings for each student include extra-long twin bed with mattress, dresser or built-in drawers, closet or wardrobe for hanging clothes, a desk and a chair. Land-line telephone capability is available for an extra quarterly fee.

Bed Options
All of the beds on campus are extra-long twin with mattresses ranging in length from 79 to 81 inches. Although your bed will be set up and ready to use when you arrive, you may have the option of customizing it into a loft, bunk or high single/captain. Read more about customizing your bed by going to Moving In at housing.wwu.edu. Extensions for students taller than 6'7" may be available if requested in advance from Housing.Bed-Parts@wwu.edu.

Laundry Facilities
Self-service laundry rooms are available in each residential community and unlimited use is included in your room cost. Doing your laundry does not require a laundry card, coins or tokens of any kind. Laundry rooms are equipped with energy-efficient front-loading machines, and washers are compatible with both regular and high-efficiency laundry detergents.

Student Property Insurance
The University assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to your personal property from any cause. We strongly recommend you obtain insurance by verifying coverage under a parent’s homeowner’s policy or by purchasing student renters insurance such as College Student Insurance or National Student Services Inc. See the Moving In section of the Housing website for links.

Housekeeping
Residents are responsible for the regular cleaning of their room, suite or apartment, including the proper disposal of trash and recyclables. You and your suitemates are also responsible for cleaning your bathroom. Environmentally-friendly cleaning products are strongly encouraged. If you live in a hallway style building with community bathrooms, such as Edens North, Mathes, Nash, Ridgeway Alpha, Delta, Kappa, Omega or Sigma, the bathrooms are cleaned daily by custodial staff. Toilet paper is provided in the residence halls; Birnam Wood residents must provide their own toilet paper.

Vehicle Parking
If you intend to park an automobile, motorcycle or scooter on campus, you must obtain a parking permit through Parking Services. An academic-year permit costs about $315, and the fall application process for parking permits begins in August. Most residential buildings have parking nearby; lot assignment priority is based on academic credits earned. For more information, visit the Parking Services website at http://www.wwu.edu/ps/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. Bicycles stored anywhere else are subject to impound. To see the type of bike storage available in your building, go to housing.wwu.edu/tour.

View photos and floor plans housing.wwu.edu/tour
Your WWU Universal Account

Every student has access to an array of computer services that includes MyWestern, Web4U, student email, computer labs and WiFi. Access requires a one-time activation process to generate your universal username and password. Activate your WWU Universal Account at [www.wwu.edu/webactivate](http://www.wwu.edu/webactivate).

Connecting to the Internet

WiFi is provided throughout the residence halls and is included in your room rate. When you move in, you will complete an online registration process using your universal login. Your computer must have current antivirus software and be patched with the latest security updates for your operating system.

WiFi Notes: Home vs. Campus

Be aware that wireless routers are not needed on campus, and are not allowed on our network. Some products that stream media from mobile devices – smartphones, tablets, laptops – to a TV or other media players via Universal Plug & Play, do not work on our network. Note: since wireless printers connected to our network can be seen and possibly used by other students in neighboring rooms, we recommend using a USB cable. For more information, visit our website at: [restek.wwu.edu/get-online/other-devices](http://restek.wwu.edu/get-online/other-devices).

Digital Cable TV Service

Traditional Digital Cable TV and the new Xfinity on Campus television streaming service is provided to all students living on campus. For more information, visit [restek.wwu.edu/services/television](http://restek.wwu.edu/services/television).

Residential Computer Labs

Residential computer labs, equipped with Microsoft Office, laser printing and Internet, provide 24-hour technology access in each housing community.

Internship Opportunities

The ResTek internship program is an opportunity for residents to get paid training and work experience by assisting other residents with their Internet connection during the first week of fall quarter. Interns get early arrival privileges free of charge, as well as meals and a T-shirt. Apply at [restek.wwu.edu/internship](http://restek.wwu.edu/internship).

Tech Support

Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides technology education and support by phone, email and room visits on issues concerning Internet connectivity, cable TV, game consoles and copyright law. For more information, check out the ResTek website and follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Residential Dining Commons

Three dining commons serve 36 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week, including breakfast, light breakfast, lunch, light lunch, dinner, late night and weekend brunch. The commons are open 12-15 continuous hours on weekdays, giving you maximum flexibility within your class 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 and comfortable seating in any of the dining commons:

→ North Campus: Viking Commons
→ The Ridge: Ridgeway Commons
→ South Campus: Fairhaven Commons

Campus Cafés & Markets

Choose from a full range of retail locations to suit your taste, budget and schedule. 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.

Viking Dollars

Viking Dollars are prepaid debit funds that go on your Western ID card for exclusive use at the cafés, markets or dining commons on campus. Purchases made with Viking Dollars are discounted 10 percent and food purchases are exempt from sales tax (another 8.7 percent). Purchase Viking Dollars at the Atrium in Amtzen Hall, Miller Market, Zoe’s, VU Market, Edens Hall 109, or online at [dining.wwu.edu](http://dining.wwu.edu).

Monitor your dining balance [dining.wwu.edu](http://dining.wwu.edu)
Meal Plan Options

Meal plans are required for all students living in the residence halls, and optional for students living in Birnam Wood. Meal plan changes can be made at the Dining Services office in Edens Hall 109. Upgrades are accepted anytime, and downgrades are accepted through the second Friday of each quarter.

Unlimited Meals per Quarter: Designed for students who dine at least three times a day. Ten meals a quarter may be used for guests. Includes $203 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 $203 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 $203 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 $203 Dining Dollars per quarter.

Birnam Wood (and off-campus commuter) Voluntary Meal Plans

- Unlimited meals per quarter plus $300 Dining Dollars
- 95 meals per quarter plus $300 Dining Dollars
- 65 meals per quarter plus $300 Dining Dollars
- 33 meals per quarter plus $400 Dining Dollars

Using Your Meal Plan

Each residential meal plan comes with a quarterly allowance of meals plus $203 Dining Dollars. Meals are available at any dining commons: swipe your Western ID card when you enter the commons and one all-you-care-to-eat meal will be deducted from your dining balance. 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.

Our Commitment to Students with Food Allergies

If you are living with food allergies, you are familiar with managing your health and wellness. Western works hard to provide the tools you need to maximize your dining experience here on campus. Most students with severe allergies successfully navigate campus living with the following resources and best practices:

1. Our registered dietitian is available for consultation and can help you create a personalized plan for making healthy food choices in the dining commons.
2. Our dining management team is available for your questions, concerns and personal food requests.
3. Weekly menus for each dining commons are available at dining.wwu.edu.
4. Manufacturer-provided menu and nutrition information is available upon request.
5. For food served in the dining commons, signage clearly identifies food allergens.
6. For food offered in campus cafés and markets, nutrition and allergen information is available upon request.
7. With advance notice, you may personally review the ingredients in our dry or cold food storage.
8. For bulk foods or condiments that are prone to cross-contamination, you may request them in individually packaged servings.
9. Upon request, dining staff will gladly change their gloves or use fresh utensils if you are concerned about cross-contamination.
Cancellation Before Arrival
If you have changed your mind about living on campus or about attending Western altogether, please notify University Residences in person or by email to Housing@wwu.edu and include your name, student ID number, and a statement canceling your housing reservation. Refund or forfeiture of the $200 housing deposit is determined by several factors and specified in the Housing Agreement.

The Housing Agreement
The term of the Housing Agreement is the length of the academic year, or remainder thereof if you moved in midyear. Termination of occupancy before the last week of spring quarter may result in checkout penalties and a contract breakage fee, except in cases of graduation, school withdrawal, study abroad or internship. For more information, visit housing.wwu.edu/apps/policies/.

Policies and Procedures
As a member of the residential community, you are responsible for understanding and abiding by the residential policies and procedures, including the Housing Agreement, the Community Standards and Conduct Procedures. Before you move in, take the time to get familiar with the policies and procedures at housing.wwu.edu/apps/policies/.

Housing during Quarter Breaks
Residential buildings remain open during winter and spring breaks and students enrolled for the coming quarter are welcome to stay on campus for all or part of the break. There is no additional cost unless you move out during the break or within the first 14 days of the new quarter. The dining commons and most eateries are closed during breaks.

Access to Your Building/Keys
At check-in you will receive either a set of keys, or an access fob and a set of keys. This gives you access to your community, building and room. You are financially responsible for maintaining your keys/fob; never loan them out, leave them unattended, or use them in a way that damages them. Lost or damaged keys/fobs create a security risk to you and your community and must be reported to your front desk immediately. The cost to replace your keys and re-core locks is between $100 - $300, depending upon the number of doors and keys affected. Lockout keys are available at your front desk for immediate and short-term use.

Room Transfers
Students desiring to change rooms within the housing system may initiate a request with their Resident Director no sooner than the third week of the quarter. Transfer requests may take several weeks or longer to fulfill depending upon current occupancy. Unauthorized room transfers may result in improper checkout fee or key charges.

Moving Out during the Year
If you need to move out for any reason, you are expected to follow the proper checkout procedure described in the Residential Policies and Procedures at housing.wwu.edu/apps/policies/. See the Housing Agreement for checkout deadlines, possible checkout penalties and contract breakage fees.

Year-End Closing
The academic housing term ends on the last day of spring quarter and all residents are expected to be completely moved out no later than 4 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2019. Detailed instructions for moving out will be distributed to students in early May and posted online.
Official Email Communication

Your student email account is the University's official mode of communication and you are held accountable for all information sent to your student email address. Housing staff regularly send official, time-sensitive communication by email and you are advised to check your email daily. You may set up email forwarding to redirect your MyWestern email to a personal email account. If need help with your student email, contact ATUS at 360.650.3333 or helpdesk@wwu.edu.

Paying Your Student Account

1. Room and board are billed to your student account before the start of each quarter, and your student account is accessible through MyWestern. Housing and meal plan rates are available at housing.wwu.edu.

2. Students are responsible for meeting the University’s payment deadlines even if college expenses are covered by a family member, financial aid, loans or scholarships.

3. Your student account balance is due by the first day of classes and is payable online, in person or by mail. Unpaid account balances, or any additional charges incurred later in the quarter (for actions like increasing your meal plan, upgrading your room assignment, or replacing your keys) are due when assessed, and late after the 15th of each month.

4. Quarterly funds for students with financial aid are applied to the student account for automatic payment toward tuition, fees, housing and meal plan charges. If your financial aid does not cover the entire balance due, you are responsible for paying the remainder on time.

5. Billing notification and late notices are sent to your official student email address. To include someone else in billing notification and the online payment system, you must set up an authorized user account in your student account.

6. A delinquent student account can result in late fees, meal plan suspension, registration hold, eviction and cancellation of classes. You can avoid delinquency by reading your student email, monitoring your student account, communicating with family members, and completing the FAFSA process if you desire or expect financial aid.

7. For complete information about managing your student account, using the online payment system, or paying miscellaneous charges out of your financial aid, visit the Student Business Office website at www.wwu.edu/sbo.

Preparing for a Campus Job

More than 2,800 students are employed by Western on campus in part-time positions, and another 500 students work for University Dining Services. Visit Student Employment for information about student jobs on campus.

Receiving Mail & Packages

To ensure your mail successfully reaches your residence hall, address mail and packages as presented below, using your official first and last name. You should always use trackable, insured options when mailing packages, especially when they contain cash or anything of value. When tracked items arrive, you will receive an email at your university email account that it is ready for pickup. For more details on resident mail, visit https://housing.wwu.edu/apps/current/mail-and-deliveries.

Your Name
Hall Name, Room Number
516 High St.
Bellingham, WA 98225

Shipping Items Before You Arrive

If you are coming from another state or country, it may be practical to ship some of your belongings to campus in advance.

→ Packages will be accepted a maximum of seven days prior to your arrival; any packages sent more than seven days in advance, may be returned to sender.

→ To ensure proper delivery, address the package in the format presented above and use trackable options.

→ If you have any questions about shipping items in advance, please contact us at housing-mail@wwu.edu.

Western ID Card

Once you are registered for classes, you are eligible for an official Western ID card. Your card serves as official photo ID and gives you swipe-access to your meal plan, Viking Dollars, student bus pass, student shuttle, libraries, Rec Center, athletic events and more. To get your card you will need to show valid photo ID, such as driver's license, passport or state ID. Your initial card is free, but replacements cost $8 each. For more information, visit wp.wwu.edu/westerncard/.

Housing Renewal for Next Year

As a campus resident for 2018-2019, you will have the option of renewing your on-campus housing for 2019-2020. Renewers enjoy the privilege of choosing their own room, roommates and suitemates. Information about housing renewal will be posted online by February 1, 2019. Please note that space will be limited!

Summer Housing

If you plan to attend summer classes at Western, registration for summer housing will be available online April 1 – May 15.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Feel free to use your phone to navigate to Bellingham. Once here, please follow our directions for freeway exit and navigation to campus. This will help you arrive at your designated building and avoid traffic congestion.

TO NORTH CAMPUS

**Northbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 253 (Lakeway Dr)
2. Turn right onto King St
3. Turn right onto Lakeway Dr
4. Continue on Lakeway Dr for .5 miles
5. Bear right onto E Holly St
6. Turn left onto Billy Frank Jr. St
7. Continue on Billy Frank Jr. St for .5 miles
8. Follow signs to your building’s staging area

**Southbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 253 (Lakeway Dr)
2. Turn right onto Lakeway Dr
3. Continue on Lakeway Dr for .3 miles
4. Bear right onto E Holly St
5. Turn left onto Billy Frank Jr. St
6. Continue on Billy Frank Jr. St for .5 miles
7. Follow signs to your building’s staging area

TO RIDGEWAY COMPLEX

**Northbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Way
4. Turn left at light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
5. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for 1 mile
6. Follow signs to your building’s staging area

**Southbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn right onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at next light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
4. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for 1 mile
5. Follow signs to your building’s staging area

TO SOUTH CAMPUS

**Northbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Way
4. Turn left at light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
5. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for .5 miles to Birnam Wood
6. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for another .5 miles to Buchanan Towers and Buchanan Towers East
7. Turn right onto S College Way and follow signs to Fairhaven Residential Complex

**Southbound on Interstate 5**
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn right onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at next light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
4. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for .5 miles to Birnam Wood
5. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for another .5 miles to Buchanan Towers and Buchanan Towers East
6. Turn right onto S College Way and follow signs to Fairhaven Residential Complex
Rooms are assigned on August 1 and September 1, depending upon when you applied for admission, when you applied for housing, and when you paid your housing deposit. Students assigned in the first batch typically applied for admission by January 1, applied for housing by May 1, and paid the housing deposit by June 15. Room assignments are posted in MyHousing along with the names and contact information of any roommates or suitemates. You are encouraged to contact each other to get acquainted and plan your space!

How Rooms Are Assigned

The date you applied for admission becomes your housing priority date, and assignment priority is given to students who applied for admission the earliest. 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 priority date, your housing preferences, and the dates and preferences of your peers. If you would like to move from your assigned location, you may contact your Resident Director after the second week of the quarter to discuss a room transfer.

Temporary Assignments

A few students with later priority dates will receive a temporary assignment, most likely in a double room with a Resident Adviser. As vacancies occur over the first several weeks of the quarter, students in temporary assignments will settle into permanent locations. Students with temporary assignments will be notified via email by September 1.