MOVING IN 2023
Move-in occurs Thursday, September 21 - Sunday, September 24*

- Sign-up for a move-in date and time, starting August 16
- Meal service begins with Thursday Dinner
- Classes begin Wednesday, September 27

*Early arrival may be an option if you are in a special program. Follow your program’s specific arrival instructions.

Where to Check In & Unload

1. Use the required arrival instructions on page 3 to arrive at your community’s car queue and check-in tent. Bring official picture ID such as your driver’s license, passport or Western ID card to receive your keys. Here you will get in line, receive your room keys and car tag, then wait to be directed to an unloading line.
2. When it’s your turn to unload, staff will check your car tag and direct you to your building’s loading zone. You will have 30 minutes to unload your vehicle.
3. After unloading, move your vehicle to the C-lots for free parking during move in. Students, families, and guests can look for shuttle locations for rides back to their residence hall.

Access to Your Building and Room

At check-in you will receive a set of keys and/or fob that gives you access to your community, building, room and mailbox. You are financially responsible for your keys/fobs. Lost or damaged keys/fobs create a security risk to you and your community and must be reported to your front desk immediately.

More Move-In information:
housing.wwu.edu/Move-In

MOVE-IN TIP: Bring water, something to read and a snack! You may have to wait in your vehicle for a while before unloading.
Important Steps on the Big Day

1. **Check your student email**
   We will send important information regarding move in to your Western email approximately a month before arriving at Western.

2. **Follow our Moving-In driving directions**
   Driving directions to your staging area are on page 7 (where cars queue up by the check-in tent). Some areas have a car line to wait in before you arrive at staging area car queue, so only cars that have been in the the line are allowed into the staging area.

3. **Get in the car queue**
   Waiting here can be 20 minutes to several hours, so come prepared with patience, snacks and your cell phone.

4. **Recieve your car tag**
   All vehicles are given a car tag from staff while in queue.

5. **Recieve keys at check-in tent**
   While in car queue, student takes official picture ID to check-in at tent and receives keys. This prepares you for green light to go to building unloading zone.

6. **Unload car at building unloading zone**
   Let our crew of over 300 volunteers help unload your car. Reminder: unloading car tag required – see step 4. You must leave one person with car at all times.

7. **Move car to longer-term parking**
   Move your empty vehicle to one of the C-lots and take the shuttle back to your residence hall.

8. **Set up your room**
   Arrange your room the way you and your roommates like and meet your neighbors.

9. **Attend Community Opening Events**
   Don’t miss the first floor/stack meeting in your community, and dinner with your RA and other residents of your floor or community.

*For special programs and activities that require early arrival, follow instructions provided by your program.*

**MOVE-IN TIP:** Explore what to do around town before your family leaves: www.bellingham.org.

**VOLUNTEER AT MOVE-IN**

**Join our welcoming teams and arrive early at no extra charge!**

**Volunteer with Western Welcome Team**
Be part of the move in team that welcomes over 4,000 students to their new home. WWT volunteers will assist with traffic control, curbside unloading and carrying stuff to student rooms. Arrive on Tuesday free of charge and receive meals. WWT shifts occur during peak times on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Sign up before August 18:**
housing.wwu.edu/life-on-campus/jobs/western-welcome-team
WHAT TO BRING

Resident Checkout Program
Before you buy, check out for free! Western’s Resident Checkout Program offers on-campus residents free short- and long-term checkouts of residence hall essentials, games, cleaning supplies, and more. For more information about current inventory and 2023-24 reservations, visit the RCP website.

Suggested Essentials
- **Approved appliances:** electric tea kettles, coffee makers, blenders, electric fans, air purifiers, rice cookers, microwave ovens up to 900w, mini-fridges no larger than 4.5 cubic feet.
- **Clothing:** plan for rain, snow and sun; bring warm layers, sensible shoes, rainproof jacket with hood, warm coat, waterproof boots, scarf, hat and gloves.
- **Emergency kit with rechargeable flashlight**
- **Environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies**
- **Flashlight:** plan for shorter daylight hours in the winter.
- **Laundry gear:** laundry bag, hamper or basket, detergent, hangers.
- **Linens:** extra-long twin sheets, mattress pad or topper, pillows, blankets, comforter, sleeping bag, towels.
- **Medical:** prescription medications, pain reliever, cold remedies, tissue, thermometer, antacid, allergy medicine.
- **Official documents required for employment:** Social Security card, passport, driver’s license, birth certificate.
- **Personal technology:** laptop, tablet or desktop computer, USB-connected printer, game console, TV, fire-safe surge protector.
- **Security items:** fireproof lockbox or locking storage chest, laptop cable lock.
- **Storage:** food, dishware, clothing, hangers, outdoor gear.
- **Toiletries:** shower caddy and bathroom supplies.

Prohibited Items
- Firearms or weapons
- Flammable materials or explosives
- Hazardous or large appliances: electric hotplates, burners, toasters and toaster ovens (allowed in suites with kitchenettes), space heaters, electric blankets, halogen lamps over 300w, hover boards, AC units, any appliance that is not UL approved.
- Non-university beds or accessories
- Pets are prohibited, but fish in tanks under 10 gallons are allowed. Assistance animals are not considered pets.
- Wireless Routers

COMMUNICATION

Shipping Items Before You Arrive
It may be practical to ship some of your belongings in advance, especially if you are coming from another state or country.

Your Full Name 516 High Street
Hall Name + Room Number Bellingham, WA 98225

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

For more details on resident mail, visit housing.wwu.edu/life-on-campus/mail-deliveries

Official Communication
Your WWU email is the University’s official method of communication. Housing staff regularly send official, time-sensitive communication by email. You are accountable for all information sent to your student email. You may set up email forwarding to redirect your Western email to a personal email account.

Receiving Mail & Packages
To ensure your mail successfully reaches your residence hall, address mail and packages as instructed, using your official first and last name. You should always use trackable, insured options when mailing cash or anything of value.
Using WiFi
WiFi is provided throughout the residence halls and is included in your room rate. Wireless routers are prohibited on our network. You can access the Internet through WWU WiFi using your universal login.

Note: wireless printers connected to our network can be seen and possibly used by other students. For more information, visit: restek.wwu.edu/get-online/other-devices.

Tech Support
Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides technology education and support by phone and email on issues concerning Internet connectivity, game consoles and copyright law. For more information, visit: restek.wwu.edu.

Residential Computer Labs
Each community has access to a 24-hour computer lab and printer. restek.wwu.edu

THINGS TO KNOW

Standard Amenities
Every room comes with WiFi, window coverings, a recycle bin, compost bucket and trash can. Standard furnishings for each student include: dresser or built-in drawers, closet or wardrobe for hanging clothes, desk and chair.

Housekeeping
Residents are responsible for the regular cleaning of their room, suite or apartment, including the proper disposal of trash and recyclables. Toilet paper is provided in the residence halls; Birnam Wood residents must provide their own toilet paper.

• Suite style bathrooms: You and your suitemates are also responsible for cleaning your bathroom. Environmentally friendly cleaning products are strongly encouraged.
• Hallway style bathrooms: Custodial staff clean your bathroom if you live in a building with community bathrooms.

Laundry Facilities
Each residential community is equipped with energy-efficient front-loading washers and dryers. Laundry is included in your room cost. No laundry card, coins or tokens are required.

Vehicle Parking
If you intend to park on campus contact Parking Services: wwu.edu/parking

Bicycles
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/get-started/explore-the-buildings.

Keep Your Stuff Safe
The University assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to your personal property from any cause. We strongly recommend you obtain Student Property Insurance or request Renters Insurance through your family insurance company.

Paying Your Student Account
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.

The Housing Agreement
The term of the Housing Agreement is the length of the academic year, or remainder thereof if you move in midyear. Termination of occupancy before the last week of spring quarter may result in checkout penalties and a contract breakage fee. For more information, visit housing.wwu.edu/2022-2023-housing-agreement.
Community Standards
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 Community Standards at housing.wwu.edu/life-on-campus/community-standards.

Room Transfers
Students desiring a room change within the housing system can initiate a request with their Resident Director starting the third week of the quarter. Transfer requests may take several weeks or longer to fulfill depending upon current occupancy.

Western ID Card
Once you register for classes, you are eligible for an official Western ID card. The new mobile Western Card is available to all enrolled students and current employees. For more information, visit westerncard.wwu.edu.

Cancellation Before Arrival
If you change your mind about living on campus or 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 cancelling your housing reservation. Refund or forfeiture of the $200 housing deposit is determined by several factors and specified in the Housing Agreement.

More information at: housing.wwu.edu/move-in

MOVE-IN TIP: For room decor inspiration, follow us on Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram!
STAGING AREA ARRIVAL

Feel free to use your phone to navigate to Bellingham. Once you are close to the city limits please follow our directions for freeway exit and navigation to campus. This will help you arrive at your building’s staging area where you will be issued your unloading car tag. See map on back page.

STAGING AREA A NORTH CAMPUS

Buildings: Edens • Edens North • Higginson • Mathes • Nash

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. Turn left onto East Chestnut St
8. Turn right onto Jersey St
9. Follow signs and staff to your correct 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. Turn left onto East Chestnut St
7. Turn right onto Jersey St
8. Follow signs and staff to your correct building’s staging area

STAGING AREA B RIDGE

Buildings: Sigma • Omega • Delta • Alpha • Beta • Gamma • Alma Clark Glass • Kappa

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

STAGING AREA C SOUTH CAMPUS

Buildings: Buchanan Towers • Buchanan Towers East • Birnam Wood • Fairhaven

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. 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. Follow signs to your building’s staging area
University Residences
Edens Hall 103, MS 9195
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225 USA

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND STAGING AREAS

North Campus
- Edens Hall (EH) 1
- Edens North (EN) 2
- Higginson Hall (HG) 3
- Mathes Hall (MA) 5
- Nash Hall (NA) 4

Ridgeway
- Alma Clark Glass (CG) 6
- Ridgeway Kappa (RK) 7
- Ridgeway Sigma (RS) 8
- Ridgeway Omega (RO) 9
- Ridgeway Delta (RD) 11
- Ridgeway Alpha (RA) 10
- Ridgeway Beta (RB) 12
- Ridgeway Gamma (RG) 13

South Campus
- Fairhaven Complex (FX) 14
- Buchanan Towers (BT) 15
- Buchanan Towers East (BQ) 16
- Birnam Wood (BW) 17

Staging area A is located off-campus down Billy Frank Jr in a lot on Jersey St.