My grandniece, Zikiah, recently started kindergarten. At first she was apprehensive, but now adores the educational experience. Her mother tells me Zikiah would attend school on weekends if she was allowed. Maybe with similar wonderment, you and other first year Western Washington University students will begin your college careers. Most of your peers will join a residential community where:

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Similar to my grandniece, it goes to show whether going to kindergarten or beginning university, the initial step of any stage in education is exciting and full of opportunity. Take advantage of the abundant resources before you. Once you walk down the aisle to collect your well-earned degree upon graduation, you will look back in amazement at your personal growth.

Leonard Jones
Director, University Residences
WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Uniquely designed to support your academic success and personal growth, living on campus at Western helps you immerse yourself in the college experience, try new things and become part of a community!

Safety & Convenience

Western maintains over a million square feet of housing and dining space on its 215-acre campus. Fifteen residence halls and one apartment complex are home to over 4,000 students. All of our living communities have Wi-Fi and cable/streaming TV service, laundry facilities, community kitchens and computer labs. Our buildings are fully supported by custodians, maintenance mechanics and live-in staff. Dining venues are open 12-14 hours a day, and offer food options for vegans, vegetarians and omnivores. Living on campus gives you easy access to your classes and professors, libraries, computer labs, the bookstore, the Viking Union, the Rec Center, student clubs, athletic events and performing arts.

Ways to Get Involved

In addition to Western’s 200+ student clubs and organizations, your residential community is rich with opportunities to connect. Residents get involved each year by organizing programs and events focused on social connection, personal wellness, career preparedness, and community service:

- Halloween on the Ridge
- Bellingham Community Service Projects
- Diversity Poster Contest
- Piccadilly Dance
- End Fair

Leadership Opportunities

Student-run organizations help govern and support 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

Students receive the resources they need, study, living systems within their residential communities. Each community is guided by a full-time professional student resident director who advises hall council, provides crisis response 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. Resident advisers are rigorously-trained, active members of the residential community who serve as leaders, role models and designated points of contact. Inclusion Assistant are responsible for engaging residents on topics of identity and inclusion through community discussion and programming. Resident directors, resident advisers and inclusion assistants provide academic resources for residents to facilitate student success.

University Residences Initiative for Student Engagement (URISE)

URISE provides students with opportunities to engage in the areas of inclusive community building, personal wellness, and career preparedness. Engagement happens through programs, events, leadership opportunities, interactions within the community, and intentional conversations with staff. As part of our URISE initiative, Resident Advisor and to engage in one on one intentional conversations. Topics include the transition to college, getting involved in campus to, getting involved in campus

Sustainable Living

Our residential experience includes opportunities to learn about social, economic and environmental values, practices and education. Our residential experience includes opportunities to learn about social, economic and environmental

Connect with your community

housing.wwu.edu/halls
Two views of the same room in Mathes Hall.
In addition to individual and unique characteristics, each residence hall and community has standard furnishings and features. The most common living spaces on our campus are double rooms averaging 175 square feet.

Electronic Billing & Payments

Your tuition, fees, housing and meal plan charges are automatically billed to your Western Account before the start of each quarter. Your account balance is due on the first day of classes. 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 Deposit

Following the housing application period, housing applicants with confirmed admission status are prompted to pay a $200 housing deposit. Once you pay your housing deposit you are eligible for campus housing. Your deposit is fully refundable when you move out.

Find out more about the housing deposit and applicable fees: housing.wwu.edu/apply/financial-information

Housing & Dining Rates

Following May 2022 approval of rates by the Board of Trustees, official rates for 2022-2023 are available. In the meantime, refer to the current housing and meal plan rates on the website and account for a slight increase next year. The sample below is of the most common room size and meal plan cost using the three different tiers of room type.

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What's in Your Room

Regardless of room size (single, double, or triple), your room will come with:

- Twin XL bed/mattress
- Blinds or draperies
- Chair
- Clothing storage
- *1% 166m² engineer's mark
- Cable and streaming TV
- Recycle bin
- Trash can

What's in Your Community

Every residential community is loaded with a full range of features including:

- Area front desk
- Computer lab
- Laundry facilities
- TV lounge
- Community kitchen or kitchenette
- Piano
- Game room
- Bike storage

Transportation and Parking

Students taking at least six credits per quarter pay an Alternative Transportation Fee. Since you will already be enrolled in at least eight credits while living on campus during the academic year, your student ID will feature as a bus pass for unlimited rides on the Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) system.

More information at www.edu/transportation

More information at housing.wwu.edu/ratesheets
Housing Options

Western offers 15 unique residence halls in a variety of sizes, architectural styles and community types.

Residence Halls
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Single, Double & Triple Rooms
Double occupancy rooms are the campus standard, but some residence halls offer triples and a few singles. Less amenity-based or value added, tier pricing. Example: a triple room in a corridor building will cost less than a double in a suite with a kitchen.

Substance-Free Areas
Substance-free areas are for students (regardless of age) who want a living environment that supports a substance-free lifestyle. Residents sign a contract agreeing to support and maintain a substance-free lifestyle. Several substance-free areas are available across campus.

Gender Neutral Housing
A room that is not based upon gender. This option is not programmatic; it is considered a room type choice, and is available in several areas across campus.

Disability Accommodation
University Residences works in partnership with Disability Access Center Need Assessment. For complete information, visit the Disability Accommodation page on our website.

Assistance Animals: Pets are not allowed in University Residences, however assistance animals, such as service dogs and emotional support animals, are permitted in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Before bringing an assistance animal into a residential building, students must complete a Housing application and a Disability Access Center Need Assessment. For complete information, visit the Disability Accommodation page on our website.

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Black Affinity Community
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Viking Launch Community
Viking Launch is an early-start program offered to incoming freshmen and transfers for fall. Students enroll in short study courses, earning credit the week before the academic year.

International Communities
If you are interested in living with an international roommate contact housing@wwu.edu.

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NEW STUDENTS WHO MEET THE HOUSING DEADLINES ARE GUARANTEED HOUSING THEIR FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR AT WESTERN, OR REMAINDER THEREOF IF ADMITTED MID-YEAR.

Apply for housing at housing.wwu.edu.

Once the housing application opens, you can apply for housing. After you submit your application you can track your status in MyHousing on your housing dashboard. Explore your roommate options. Late applications may be subject to temporary assignment or space availability.

Check MyHousing for notice of deposit due.

After the application period, housing applicants who have confirmed admission will be 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 returned.

Pay your deposit.

Once you've received the notice of deposit due via your student email, follow the payment instructions to make your deposit, and then follow your deposit status in MyHousing.

Check MyHousing for your Room Selection time.

After you pick a room, touch base with your roommates/suitemates to get acquainted and discuss what each of you plan to bring. Some late applicants may be assigned rather than selecting their own room, and may be placed in a temporary assignment.
Roommate Options
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.

OPTION ONE: Search for a Compatible Roommate and Create a Group Using Our Roommate Tool
After you apply for housing, you can search for potential roommates in MyHousing. This is a great option if you want a roommate with characteristics similar to your own, such as academic interests, religious beliefs, food allergies, etc.

OPTION TWO: Create a Roommate Group by Requesting Someone You Know Using Our Roommate Tool
After you apply for housing, you can create a Roommate Group with someone you know. This is a great option if you want to live with someone you met before coming to Western.

OPTION THREE: Search for a Compatible Roommate During Room Selection
You can view roommate profiles of other students already in rooms during your Room Selection window. Select a room with someone who matches your profile. Once you select a room, you have contact information for new roommates and suitemates.

Things To Know:
• You must pay the Housing Deposit before June 15 to secure roommate choice.
• Room Selection priority given to residents who meet all housing deadlines and create roommate groups.

More information at housing.wwu.edu/q/roommate-options
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
per week, including breakfast, lunch, light lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. On weekdays the commons are open 12 continuous weekday 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 your favorite meals in a comfortable seating and lots of natural light.

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.

Residential Meal Plans
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 meals of the campus cafés and markets, or used to buy additional meals in a dining commons. Dining Dollars carry over from meals.

Students with Food Allergies
Most students with moderate to severe allergies successfully navigate campus living by working with our registered dietitian, staying informed about food options available, requesting alternatives when necessary.

Student Employment
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/.

Our Commitment to Sustainability
initiatives in all its locations and supports the national campaign for healthy, fair, green food systems on college campuses. Food sources include regional partners and local farmers. Trayless dining and 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.

Campus dietitian, health and wellness and other dining resources
wwu.edu/q/diningresources
UNLIMITED Meals per quarter
Designed for students who dine three or more times per day.*

125 Meals per quarter
Designed for students who dine once or twice a day, seven days a week.*

100 Meals per quarter
Designed for students who dine once or twice a day, five days a week.*

80 Meals per quarter
Designed for students who dine once a day, seven days a week.*

45 Meals per quarter
Available to Buchanan Towers residents only. Designed for students with kitchenettes in their room.*

Optional Meal Plans
Designed for Birnam Wood, New York Apartments and off-campus boarders.

Dining menus, venues and GET app
dining.wwu.edu
COMPARE THE HALLS

NORTH CAMPUS

EDENS HALL*

m² | 6,000
Double & triple rooms
Suite-style bathrooms
Elevator access throughout
Indoor bike storage
Priority given to Honors Students

EDENS NORTH*

m² | 6,000
Single, double & triple rooms
Community bathrooms
Indoor bike storage
Priority given to Honors Students

HIGGINSON HALL*

m² | 6,000
Double rooms
Suite-style bathrooms
Substance-free areas
Covered bike storage

MATHES HALL*

m² | 6,000
Double rooms
Community bathrooms
Substance-free areas
Covered bike storage

NASH HALL*

m² | 6,000
Single, double & triple rooms
Community bathrooms
Substance-free areas
Covered bike storage

SOUTH CAMPUS

BUCHANAN TOWERS*

m² | 6,000
Single, double & triple rooms
Suite-style bathrooms
Kitchenette in every suite
Indoor bike storage

BUCHANAN TOWERS EAST

m² | 6,000
Single & double rooms
Suite-style bathrooms
Kitchenettes in every suite
Indoor bike storage

FAIRHAVEN COMPLEX*

m² | 6,000
Single & double rooms
Suite-style bathrooms
Substance-free areas
Outdoor bike storage
Priority given to Viking Launch students

* Showroom available during following campus tours:
  - Discovery Days
  - Transfer Days
  - Large Event Days

For more information visit admissions.wwu.edu/visit/campus-tours
Every residence hall is 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.

For more information

housing.wwu.edu/q/explore-buildings
WELCOME TO WESTERN