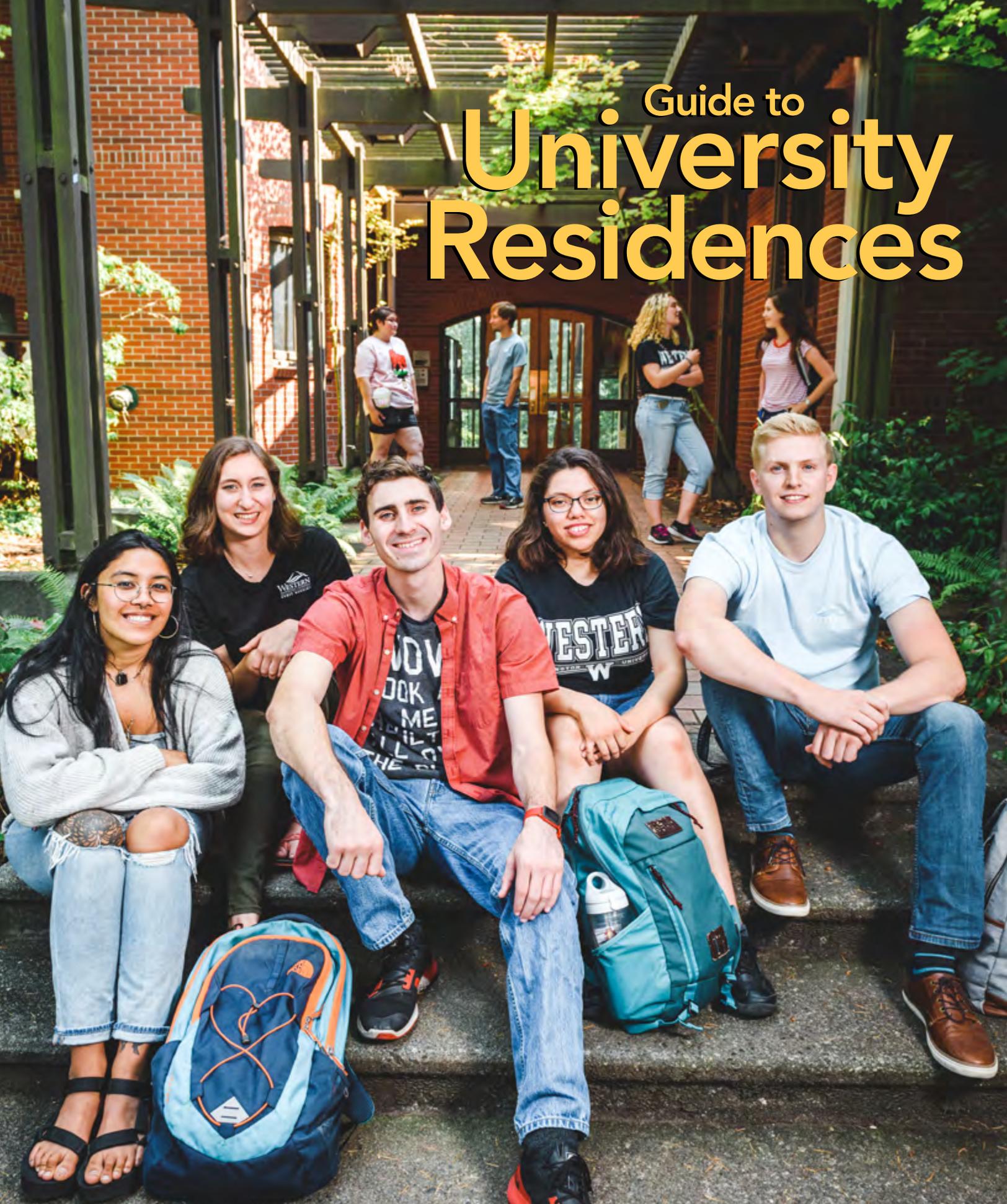


# Guide to University Residences





# From the Director

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 students new to Western choose to live on campus. You and your peers will join a residential community where:

- 99% of residents feel safe living on campus
- 92% recommend living on campus to new students
- 89% are satisfied with their experience living on campus

You and your family will discover nearly 900 full time and student staff in University Residences and Dining Services dedicated to supporting your interpersonal and academic success in our residence halls. Staff work closely with other campus partners to provide safe housing and nourishing food to facilitate an environment promoting academic success and personal growth. On campus housing provides a dynamic community with people from all around Washington state, across the country and around the world. You will have the opportunity to enhance “out of classroom” learning, gain insight and broaden your perspectives as you interact with Individuals from different cultural backgrounds. Other extra-curricular opportunities are accessible as well, like campus jobs or serving on your residential hall council, both allow you to actively contribute to your community. Successful students consider all opportunities and take advantage of their resources. The opened doors and learning they produce will continue to enrich your life as you draw on these experiences for years to come.

Similar to my grandniece, it goes to show that whether it’s going to kindergarten or beginning university, the initial step of any stage in education is exciting and full of opportunity. Remember to trust yourself, find your voice and 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 of University Residences



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## Application Deadline

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

[housing.wvu.edu](http://housing.wvu.edu)



# 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. Sixteen residence halls and one apartment complex are home to over 4,000 students. All of our buildings 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 alike. Western's campus is only a 20-minute walk from end to end, so 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 things like music, education, social responsibility and community service:

- The Sustainability Challenge
- Halloween on the Ridge
- Diversity Poster Contest
- Piccadilly Dance
- Ridge Cup Challenge
- Western's Got Talent
- South Side Pride
- EndFair

## 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 resources for residents to facilitate student success.

## Personal Growth

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. Living on campus provides experiences that benefit your personal life, your academic achievement and your professional future.

## Sustainable Living

Western strives to be a national leader in sustainability values, practices and education. Our residential experience includes opportunities to learn about social, economic and scientific sustainability:

- Sustainability Representatives program
- Real Food Challenge
- Healthy life choice programs
- Green cleaning practices in the halls
- Total Waste Reduction Challenge

connect with your community  
[housing.wvu.edu/halls](https://housing.wvu.edu/halls)



EDENS HALL

1853  
BY DEPARTMENT OF LIGHT



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

- Wireless Internet
- Cable and streaming TV service
- Blinds or draperies
- Vinyl flooring or carpet
- Recycle bin
- Compost bin
- Trash can

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



# Rates & Amenities

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

## Community Essentials

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

## 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 16 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 the University Dining Services section for more information about meal plans and other dining options.

## Parking & Transportation

Limited residential parking is available by permit only. Priority is given to students with the most credits earned. More information is available at [www.ps.wvu.edu/parking](http://www.ps.wvu.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 continuing in housing for the following quarter are allowed to remain in residence for all or part of the break. There is no additional cost for housing over the break during the academic year, 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. 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 & Dining Rates

Following approval by the Board of Trustees, official rates for 2019-2020 will be published in May 2019. 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 in residence halls and optional in Birnam Wood apartments.

## Residence Halls Annual Cost for 2018-2019

*Rates for the 2019-20 year will be approved in May 2019.*

	w/Unlimited Meal Plan	w/125 Meal Plan	w/100 Meal Plan	w/75 Meal Plan
Triple Room	\$10,425	\$9,977	\$9,537	\$9,082
Double Room	\$11,913	\$11,465	\$11,025	\$10,570
Single Room	\$13,134	\$12,686	\$12,246	\$11,791

Birnam Wood (Non-Freshman Apartments) Annual Cost for 2018-2019 with no meal plan required: \$3,780 (double), \$7,545 (super single), and \$15,114 (Family Rate, Whole Apartment).

housing and dining rates  
[housing.wvu.edu/ratesheets](http://housing.wvu.edu/ratesheets)

# Housing Options

When you apply for housing, you may select six housing preferences. Preferences are not guaranteed, but assignment priority is given to students who apply for admission the earliest and who meet the housing deadlines.

## Residence Halls

Western offers 16 unique residence halls in a variety of sizes, architectural styles and community types. Every hall is available to all ages and class standings, 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.

## 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-Inclusive Community

Buchanan Towers, Higginson, Highland, Fairhaven and Birnam Wood offer opt-in gender-inclusive areas where room assignment is not based upon gender. Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH) offers a community for students whose gender identity and/or gender expression does not conform to the gender binary, and for LGBTQ+ allies and friends. Applications for GIH are considered based upon priority date and available space.

## Honors Program Community

For students enrolled in the Honors Program, University Residences and the Honors Program collaboratively offer a living-learning experience in the Edens community. Students benefit from living with students who share the same academic goals and interests and where residential programs and activities complement the classroom.

## Fairhaven College Community

For students enrolled in Fairhaven College, the Fairhaven College Community offers an optional living-learning cohort in 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.

## Viking Launch Community

Viking Launch is an early-start program offered to incoming freshmen and transfers for fall. 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.

## Disability Accommodation

University Residences recognizes the importance of providing reasonable accommodations in its housing policies and practices and is committed to supporting the University's educational purpose and mission. University Residences works in partnership with the [Disability Access Center](#) to provide student access to all levels of the residential experience.

Students requesting accommodation must complete both a Housing application and a Disability Access Center Need Assessment. For complete information, see the [Disability Accommodation in University Residences](#) section on our website.

**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. To bring an animal to Campus Housing, follow the standard procedure for requesting reasonable accommodation.

[housing.wvu.edu/apply/disability-accommodation](https://housing.wvu.edu/apply/disability-accommodation)

## Student Apartments

Apartment living for non-freshmen is offered in Birnam Wood where 130 units accommodate 520 students. Most apartments are furnished for four students and include 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 and bike storage. Birnam Wood is supervised by a full-time, live-in apartment coordinator and part-time, live-in community advisers. Meal plans are available, 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 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 a half-mile from the campus core, on the bus line, and close to shopping and restaurants.

Winner of the 2017-2018  
NRHH Hall of the Year

# 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*



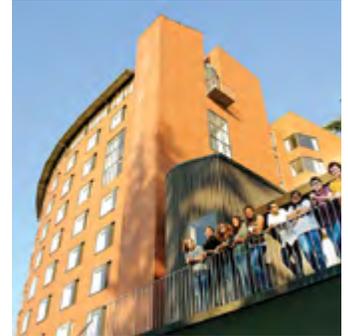
### EDENS NORTH

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  
 Gender-inclusive available  
 Substance-free area available  
 Elevator accessible  
 Covered bike storage  
 Wheelchair suites available



### MATHES HALL

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

## THE RIDGE



### HIGHLAND HALL

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



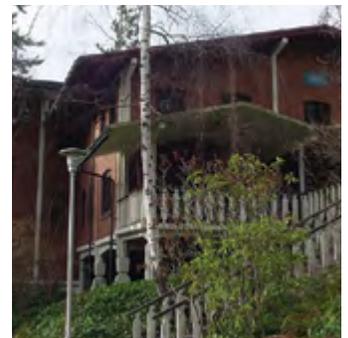
### RIDGEWAY ALPHA

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



### RIDGEWAY BETA

207 residents • 4 floors  
 Double rooms  
 Suite-style bathrooms  
 Bunk-able XL twin beds  
 Substance-free area 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 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  
 Substance-free area available  
 Elevator accessible  
 Covered bike storage



BUCHANAN TOWERS

411 residents • 8 floors  
 Single, double & triple rooms  
 Suite-style bathrooms  
 Kitchenette in most suites  
 Bunk-able XL twin beds  
 Gender-inclusive available  
 Elevator accessible  
 Indoor bike storage  
 Wheelchair suites available



BUCHANAN TOWERS EAST

99 residents • 5 floors  
 Single, double & triple 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  
 Substance-free area available  
 Gender-inclusive available  
 Some elevator access  
 Outdoor bike storage



RIDGEWAY GAMMA

226 residents • 4 floors  
 Double & triple rooms  
 Suite-style bathrooms  
 Bunk-able XL twin beds  
 Substance-free area 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)

# Resident Director Spotlight

Western has nine Resident Directors (RDs), each responsible for one of our housing communities. RDs provide educational and administrative leadership in developing a diverse and inclusive culture to enhance student learning and development. RDs help create a safe and secure living environment that maximizes student involvement. Below we highlight two of our Resident Directors; Candice is entering her inaugural year at Western and Tomoko is entering her third year as an RD.



## Candice Williams

My name is Candice Williams and I am new to Western, and Washington state. I am thrilled to be a part of the University Residences team. I received a Bachelor's degree in Government from Cornell University and a Master's degree in Women's & Gender Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I have served in a variety of student support services roles, including as a resident adviser. I am committed to creating residential living experiences that are both engaging and transformative for students and excited to work for a university with a similar mission. When not at work, I enjoy reading and annoying my friends with YouTube cat videos.

### FUN FACTS:

- 1) Candice was born in Rochester, New York. She has lived in seven different states in the U.S. and has lived in China (twice).
- 2) Candice hates chocolate cookies.
- 3) Candice met her best friend in college



## Tomoko Matsui

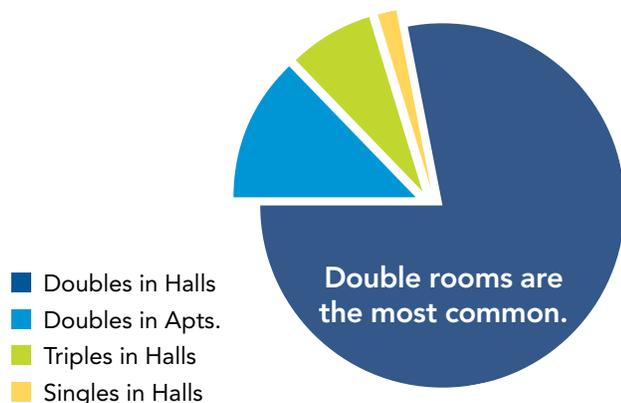
My name is Tomoko Matsui and I was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. I came to the United States in 2012 as an international exchange student (undergraduate) in Arkansas for about 10 months. During my stay, I became interested in the study of racism and ethnic diversity in this country and decided to continue my pursuit of the subject. When I graduated from Komazawa University in Tokyo, I returned to the United States to obtain an MA in Ethnic and Multicultural Studies at Minnesota State University. My hobbies include traveling, drawing and jumping on a trampoline (I used to do gymnastics for 7 years). I came to Western because I like the campus environment and students I work with in the residence halls. Being a Resident Director gives me an opportunity to collaborate with campus partners and start new initiatives to support students.

### FUN FACTS:

- 1) Tomoko speaks English as a second language
- 2) Tomoko can walk while doing a handstand
- 3) Tomoko has a hedgehog named Goma. Goma translates to "sesame" in Japanese.

# Roommate Options

The vast majority of campus residents live in double rooms, so 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. 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. Start with messaging through your MyHousing Portal or talking on the phone, rather than texting.
2. Share decisions about how the room will be organized.
3. Communicate with honesty and respect.
4. Set expectations 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 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, alcohol and marijuana preferences, 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 a unique opportunity to expand your understanding of others.

## 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.
- ▶ For the best chance to be assigned together, each person 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. Searching for a compatible roommate is a great option for students desiring someone with specific characteristics, such as food allergies, academic interests, religious beliefs, taste in music, 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 housing or roommate options do not support your gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation, 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 roommate options. Late applications may be subject to space availability or temporary assignment.

#### PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD

Fall Quarter: February 1 - May 1  
Winter Quarter: October 15 - November 15  
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 1  
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 1  
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 1.

### Round 2: September 1

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. 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](https://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. While there is no guarantee you will be placed in any particular location, 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. 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. 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](#) section. 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 forfeiture of the deposit. See the Housing Agreement for specifics.

## Housing Agreement

The term of the [Housing Agreement](#) is the entire academic year (September 22, 2019 - June 12, 2020) 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 Wi-Fi, 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
  - ♦ Starbucks, Subway, Oath Pizza, POD Market
- › BT Station Café & Market
- › The Haven Market & Lounge
- › Miller Market
- › Rock's Edge Café
- › Underground Coffeehouse
- › Viking Union
  - ♦ Viking Union Market, Viking Union Café, Panda Express, Subway
- › Zoe's Bookside Bagels
- › Carver Freshens Fresh Food Studio & Burrito Bowl

## 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.wvu.edu/studentjobs/](http://www.finaid.wvu.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

Meal plans are required for students living in residence halls. 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 used 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.

dining menus and venues  
[dining.wvu.edu](http://dining.wvu.edu)

### 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 \$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.

### Optional Meal Plans

Designed for Birnam Wood, New York Apartments and off-campus boarders. Meal plan packages include unlimited meals, 95 meals, 65 meals and 33 meals per quarter.

\*The optional Unlimited, 95, and 65 meal plans come with \$300 Dining Dollars per quarter; the 33 meal plan comes with \$400 per quarter.



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





# HousingTimeline

FALL 2019

- 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 1**



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