When to Arrive

Your room assignment and personalized arrival instructions are posted in MyHousing on August 1 or September 5. Residential buildings officially open for arrival on September 21, but you may arrive sooner if one of the following situations applies:

- If your room is in Buchanan Towers, Buchanan Towers East or Ridgeway Complex, you may receive a recommended early arrival date of Friday or Saturday. If you choose to arrive as recommended, 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 when to arrive.
- If you are involved in a program or activity that requires you arrive early, your program will provide early arrival instructions.
- If you are a student employee and your job requires you arrive early, your campus employer will provide early arrival instructions.
- If you are coming from another state or country, or you want to arrive early for personal reasons, see Early Arrival on the next page.

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 an official 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 car to an official parking lot. Free shuttle service is available on Sunday from points across campus and Sehome Village shopping center.

Check your status in MyHousing: housing.wwu.edu
Early Arrival

If you need to arrive earlier than Sunday, September 21, 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 Rec Center. Please note that in order to ensure a quality arrival experience, we are unable to accommodate requests to arrive sooner than the available options.

One Day Early ($28.07)
Arrive Saturday, September 20
Check in 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Two Days Early ($56.14)
Arrive Friday, September 19
Check in 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Early Arrival Registration & Billing
Register online August 1 through September 18 at housing.wwu.edu/earlyarrival. Check MyHousing for confirmation of your early arrival registration. Charges are nonrefundable and 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.

Early Arrival Dining Options
Starting Friday, September 19, you may use your meal plan Dining Dollars in campus cafés and markets. Meal service in the dining commons begins on Sunday.

Friday, September 19
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.
VU Panda Express 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 20
VU Café 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
VU Market 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
VU Subway 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
VU Panda Express 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!
By late afternoon on Sunday, most residents will be checked in and getting ready to have dinner with their resident advisor and floor mates. Be sure to attend your community’s opening meeting, followed by a social event for getting to know your neighbors.
What to Bring

Essential Checklist

☐ Phone: cell phone, or land-line telephone with service activation in your room.

☐ Clothing: warm layers, sensible shoes, rainproof jacket with hood, warm coat, waterproof boots, scarf, hat, gloves.

☐ Toiletries: shower caddy, bathroom supplies, blow dryer, shaving and hair products.

☐ First Aid: prescription medications, pain reliever, cold remedies, facial tissue, thermometer, antacid, allergy medicine.

☐ Media: books, music, DVDs, video games, board games, journal, scrapbook.

☐ School supplies: alarm clock, pens, pencils, notebook, stapler, calculator, USB drive, backpack or book bag.

☐ Security items: keychain or lanyard, fireproof lockbox or locking storage chest.

☐ Bedding: extra-long twin sheets, mattress pad or topper, pillows, blankets, comforter.

☐ Laundry gear: laundry bag, hamper or basket, detergent, dryer sheets, hangers.

☐ Towels: bath towels, hand towels, dish towels, paper towels, cleaning rags.

☐ Environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies: mini vac or broom, disinfectant wipes, spray cleaner, bathroom cleaner, sponge, dish soap.

☐ Emergency kit: rechargeable flashlight, three days of water, energy bars, whistle, dust mask, thermal blanket, first aid kit, etc.

Popular Extras

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, flameless candles, 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, 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.

Personal documents required for employment, such as passport, state drivers license or ID, Social Security card, birth certificate, etc. (See page 9.)

Prohibited Items

Firearms or weapons: firearms, ammunition, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, Airsoft guns, rockets, hunting knives, switchblades, metal knuckles, 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, torches or open-flamed devices, decorative swags cut from fir, pine, cedar, spruce or eucalyptus trees.

Hazardous appliances: electric hotplates, burners, toasters and toaster ovens (allowed in suites with kitchenettes), space heaters, electric blankets, halogen lamps over 300w, any appliance that is not UL approved.

Non-university beds or accessories: bed risers, bed modifications, water beds.

Pets are prohibited, but fish in tanks under 10 gallons are allowed. Service dogs are not considered pets; however, they do require advance notification to disAbility Resources for Students at drs@wwu.edu.
Residence Hall Furnishings
Every room comes with WiFi, digital cable, window blinds, 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, desk and chair. Land-line telephone capability is available upon request for an extra quarterly fee. See page 7 for activation information.

Bed Styles
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. 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@wwu.edu.

Housekeeping
Residents are responsible for the regular cleaning of their room, suite or apartment, including responsibly disposing of trash and recyclables. It is your responsibility to clean your own bathroom unless you live in a hall with community bathrooms such as Edens North, Mathes Hall, Nash Hall, Ridgeway Alpha, Delta, Kappa, Omega or Sigma. Environmentally-friendly cleaning products are strongly encouraged. Toilet paper is provided in every residence hall.

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.

Birnam Wood Apartments
Apartment living is offered to non-first-year students in Birnam Wood where 130 units accommodate 520 students.

1. Every unit is furnished for four students and has two bedrooms, a full kitchen, living room, dining room, bathroom, and patio or balcony.
2. The cost of your room includes WiFi, digital TV cable, utilities and use of the laundry facilities.
3. Bedrooms include two extra-long twin beds (lofted), two desks with chairs, one dresser and one closet.
4. Kitchen appliances include gas stove and oven, full size refrigerator, and garbage disposal. Residents must bring their own dishes, utensils, cookware and small appliances.
5. Birnam Wood has onsite laundry facilities, bicycle storage, community building and staffed front desk.
6. Birnam Wood residents are responsible for all of their own housekeeping, so bring your own environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies.
7. Please note that parking permits are required in Birnam Wood and visitor parking is not available.

Personalizing Your Space
Essential to the college experience is the process of creating your home away from home. Collaborate with your roommate(s) to rearrange the furniture, style the beds and share the space:

- For decorating tips and inspiration, visit our Facebook and Pinterest page 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.
- When it comes to larger items that can be shared, decide which one of you will bring a mini-fridge, microwave, TV, etc.

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 renters insurance. Property insurance for college students is available through Fidelity Insurance at www.fidelityins.com.

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.

Vehicle Parking
If you plan to bring a car, truck, motorcycle or scooter, be sure to obtain a parking permit through University Parking Services. Cost is about $275 for the academic year and the fall application process begins in August. Most residential buildings have parking in proximity; however, it is not uncommon to be assigned to a distant lot. Priority is given to students with the most credits earned. For more information, visit the Parking Services website at www.ps.wwu.edu/parking.

Community Transit
Students taking six or more credits per quarter pay a mandatory Alternative Transportation Fee. This allows you to use your Western ID card as a bus pass for unlimited rides on the Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) system. In order to use your card as a bus pass, you must activate the bus-pass function of your card at the Western Card office at the start of each year. Separate from the student bus pass, any WWU student with a Western ID Card is eligible to ride the Western student shuttle, a late night bus service for Western students only. See Western ID Card on page 9.

See photos and floor plans: housing.wwu.edu/tour
Residential Dining Commons
Three dining commons serve 31 all-you-care-to-eat meals per week, including 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, comfortable seating and lots of natural light in any of the dining commons:

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

Campus Cafés & Markets
Choose from a full range of retail dining 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 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). Viking Dollars make a great supplement to your meal plan and they never expire. Viking Dollars may be purchased at the Atrium POD in Arntzen Hall, in Edens Hall 109, or online at dining.wwu.edu.

Meal Plan Options
Meal plans are required of all students living in the residence halls, and optional for students living in Birnam Wood apartments. 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 the 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 $169 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 $169 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 $169 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 $169 Dining Dollars per quarter.
- 5 Meals per Week: Provides five meals a week and five guest meals a quarter. Unused meals expire Saturday night and five new meals are applied Sunday morning. Includes $169 Dining Dollars per quarter. Reserved for Birnam Wood residents and off-campus commuters.

Using Your Meal Plan
Each meal plan comes with a quarterly allowance of meals plus $169 Dining Dollars. Meals are available at any dining commons: just 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.

Check your dining balance: dining.wwu.edu
Our Commitment to Students with Food Allergies

If you have food allergies, you are familiar with the time and effort it takes to manage your health and wellness. As you prepare to move in, be assured that Western is committed to providing you with the tools you need to maximize your college dining experience. Most students with severe allergies successfully navigate campus living with the following resources:

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 or at dining.wwu.edu.
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 or at dining.wwu.edu.
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.

Technology

Your Universal Login
Every student has access to an array of computer services that includes MyWestern, Web4U, student email, computer labs and wireless networks. Access requires a one-time activation process to generate your universal username and password. Activate your MyWestern account at www.wwu.edu/webactivate.

Connecting to the Internet
WiFi is provided throughout the residential buildings and is included in the cost of your room. When you move in, you will complete an online registration process using your universal login to initiate network access. Your computer must have current antivirus software and be patched with the latest security updates for your operating system. Please note that wireless routers are prohibited and unnecessary.

Digital Cable TV Service
Cable television service is provided in every residential room and included in the cost of your room. You must provide your own TV with QAM tuner and coaxial cable.

Telephone Service
For an additional $60 per quarter, local landline telephone service is available in your room by request. Service includes voice mail, caller ID, call waiting, call forwarding, call transfer and conference calling. You must provide your own telephone. For more information, contact the telecommunications department at 360-650-3600.

Residential Computer Labs
Located in each community, residential computer labs provide 24-hour technology access for residents. Labs are equipped with Microsoft Office, laser printing and Internet.

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, along with meals and a t-shirt. Launch your year in a leadership role and make friends with fellow interns and ResTek staff. Apply for an internship at restek.wwu.edu.

Tech Support
Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides technology education and support by phone, email and room visits on issues concerning Internet connection, cable television, game consoles and copyright law. For more information, check out the ResTek website and follow them on social media at restek.wwu.edu.
The Housing Agreement
The term of the Housing Agreement is the entire academic year or remainder thereof if you move in midyear. Except in cases of graduation, school withdrawal, study abroad or internship, moving out of the housing system before spring quarter finals week will result in a contract breakage fee up to $400.

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/.

Student Rights and Responsibilities
Acceptance of admission to Western carries with it an obligation to fulfill certain responsibilities as a member of the University community. All students are expected to act in a manner appropriate to an institution of higher education, to sustain campus-wide safety, and to adhere to the University’s mission. Please note the standards of behavior under the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code are higher than those imposed by civil and criminal law and administered through the Dean of Students at www.wwu.edu/dos/office/conduct.

Cancellation Before Arrival
Housing cancellations must be submitted in person or by email to Housing@wwu.edu; please 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.

Housing during Intersession
Residential buildings remain open during winter and spring breaks and students enrolled for the coming quarter are allowed to stay on campus for all or part of the break. There is no additional cost for break housing provided you fulfill the terms of the Housing Agreement. Meal service in the dining commons is suspended during winter and spring breaks, and campus cafés and markets remain open with limited hours.

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. See also 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 12, 2015. Detailed instructions for moving out are distributed to students in early May and posted online. If you have circumstances preventing you from leaving by the deadline, contact your resident director in advance for permission to stay until noon on Saturday.

Housing for Future Terms
- If you plan to live on campus while attending summer 2015, please note that registration for summer housing will be available online April 1 through May 15.
- As a campus resident for 2014-2015, you will have the option of renewing your on-campus housing for 2015-2016. Information about housing renewal will be posted online by February 1, 2015. Please note that space will be limited.
Resident Mail & Packages
Resident mail is distributed on weekdays during the term, except for holidays. To ensure your mail reaches you, it must be addressed like the examples below and include your official first and last name.

Shipping items before you arrive: If you are coming from out of the state or country, it may be practical to ship some of your belongings in advance. To ensure proper delivery, address the package to yourself at your campus address and use a shipping method with tracking. Do not send anything too soon: packages sent in advance should arrive no more than a week before you check in.

- **Birnam Wood**
  - Victor E. Viking
  - Apt. #XYZ
  - 2901 Bill McDonald Pkwy.
  - Bellingham, WA 98225

- **Buchanan Towers and BT East**
  - Victor E. Viking
  - Room #XYZ
  - 2401 Bill McDonald Pkwy.
  - Bellingham, WA 98225

- **All Other Halls**
  - Victor E. Viking
  - Residence Hall Name, #XYZ
  - 516 High St.
  - Bellingham, WA 98225

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 housing.wwu.edu/wcard.

Your Student Email Account
Every Western student has an email account within the MyWestern portal. Your student email account is the University’s official mode of communication and you are personally accountable for all of the information sent to your student email address. University housing staff regularly send official, time-sensitive communication by email and you are advised to check your email on a daily basis. As a convenience, you may set up email forwarding to redirect your MyWestern email to your personal email account. If you ever experience technical issues with your student email, promptly contact ATUS at helpdesk@wwu.edu or 360-650-3333.

Paying Your Bill
1. You are legally responsible for meeting the University’s payment policies and deadlines even if your college expenses are covered by a family member, financial aid or scholarships.

2. The cost of your housing and meal plan is 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.

3. The balance owing on your student account is due by the first day of classes and is payable online, in person or by mail. 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 by 4 p.m. on the third Friday of the month.

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

5. Billing notification, reminders and late notices are sent to your official student email address. To include your parents 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 account delinquency by reading your student email, monitoring your student account, communicating with family members, and diligently completing the FAFSA process if you have 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.

Student Employment
Over 165 students are employed by University Residences and over 500 students work for University Dining Services. Job openings in housing and dining are posted at housing.wwu.edu. If you plan to be employed while attending Western, be sure to bring the official document(s) required by Form I-9 at www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf.
Driving Directions

TO NORTH CAMPUS

Edens Hall • Edens North • Higginson Hall • Mathes Hall • Nash Hall

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 Indian St
7. Continue on Indian 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 Indian St
6. Continue on Indian St for .5 miles
7. Follow signs to your building’s staging area

TO RIDGEWAY COMPLEX

Alpha • Beta • Delta • Gamma • Highland • Kappa • Omega • Sigma

Northbound on Interstate 5
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Wy
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Wy
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 Wy
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

Birnam Wood • Buchanan Towers • Buchanan Towers East • Fairhaven Complex

Northbound on Interstate 5
1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Wy
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Wy
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 Wy 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 Wy
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 Wy and follow signs to Fairhaven Residential Complex
Directions

When approaching Bellingham from the north or south on Interstate 5, take Exit #252, marked Samish Way and WWU, turn west onto Samish Way and follow the signs to Bill McDonald Parkway and the University campus.

For parking, call (360) 650-2945 or stop at the Campus Services Building near the corner of Bill McDonald Parkway and 21st Street.

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Western Washington University
Rooms are assigned on August 1 and September 5, 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 roommate(s) and suitemates. Feel free to contact each other, 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 feel you cannot be successful in 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, usually in a double room with a resident advisor. 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 receive an email by September 5.