Congratulations!

You have been admitted to Western Washington University. As you consider where to live during your first year, I invite you to explore this guide to Western’s residential communities and the dining experience that reflects the culture of the campus with healthy eating options and unique venues.

The residential program is intentionally designed to actively engage new freshmen and new transfer students, returning students and international students in their own learning and success. Students learn how to become more responsible adults in diverse and inclusive communities that foster leadership, sustainability, social responsibility and civic engagement. Students are engaged and challenged in their pursuit of academic and personal excellence. Social and recreational activities organized by student leaders support new students making friends and personal connections.

More than 700 talented and dedicated staff make up University Residences and University Dining Services. We share a collective commitment to the Western experience in a high quality, attractive and sustainable campus environment: active minds changing lives. We are pleased to welcome you to campus.

Sincerely,

Willy Hart, Director
University Residences
For priority consideration, apply for fall housing by May 1.

See details on page 14.
The Residential Experience

Living on campus is a choice at Western, and 92% of freshmen and 30% of new transfer students choose to live on campus their first year. Extensive research shows students who live on campus are more satisfied with their education, earn higher grades, and graduate in higher numbers than students who live off campus. Western is known for its academic excellence, its welcoming and supportive community, and its capacity for developing leaders and global citizens. Year after year, students from a wide array of backgrounds and interests find common ground and kinship within their residential communities.

Active Minds Changing Lives
Talented residential staff help students learn about themselves, and facilitate how to live and work with others. Students get involved in their communities, acquire tools for effective communication, and develop their own perspectives. By the end of a student’s first year in University Residences, data shows that students learn:

- How to negotiate challenging situations with their roommate(s);
- How to get along with others who are very different from themselves;
- How to reflect on their college experience in one-on-one conversations with their resident advisor;
- How living in a diverse community can help them better articulate their own beliefs.

Supportive Staff

**Resident Directors:** Every residential community has a live-in resident director. RDs have extensive experience in residence life along with a master's degree in a related field. Your RD supervises the overall operation of your residential community ensuring your hall’s programs, activities and facilities support your academic success.

**Resident Advisors:** Every community has several live-in resident advisors that serve as each resident's primary contact. RAs are upper-division students specially trained in interpersonal communication, student leadership and community development.

**Front Desks:** Each community has a student-staffed service desk open every day. Visit your front desk when you need to file a maintenance request, request a lock-out key or check out recreational equipment.

Leadership Opportunities

Student-run organizations help govern and support our residential communities by coordinating programs, activities and events that stimulate community, education, leadership and service. As you become an integral member of your residential community, you will have frequent opportunities to gain valuable experience in leadership, community development and social responsibility. Student-run organizations within the residence halls include Hall Councils, Residence Hall Association (RHA), National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and Resident Resource Awareness Program (ResRap).

Safety & Security

Safety and security are integral parts of your residential experience, and we are committed to providing an environment that is sensitive and responsive to our residents’ diverse needs. For the safety and security of students and property, residential buildings are locked 24 hours a day. The following University offices facilitate the overall safety and security of the residential communities through emergency preparedness, violence prevention, healthy lifestyles advocacy, student medical care and mental health counseling:

- Counseling Center
- Department of Public Safety
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Prevention & Wellness Services
- Student Health Center
- University Residences
you're invited
What We Offer

Western offers a diverse range of living options designed to meet your unique needs. Sixteen residence halls and one apartment complex make up nine distinctive communities. Residence halls are available to students of all ages and class standings, while Birnam Wood Apartments are reserved for non-first-year students. Request any of the following options in your housing application. All are subject to space availability.

ADA Accommodation
The housing application will ask if you anticipate needing a special housing assignment due to a disability or other condition. If your answer is yes, you will receive instructions for initiating services with disAbility Resources for Students (DRS). Reasonable modification and/or accommodation are determined on an individualized basis following review of disability documentation and a needs assessment.

Alcohol-Free Floors
Alcohol-free floors are for students (regardless of age) who maintain an alcohol-free lifestyle while living on campus, and who want to live among others that have chosen the same. Members of alcohol-free communities sign a contract agreeing to support and maintain an alcohol-free lifestyle. Students of legal drinking age are allowed to possess and consume alcoholic beverages within their room unless they live on an alcohol-free floor or underage students are present.

Quiet Floors
Every residence hall has daily quiet hours, but certain floors within Highland Hall and Buchanan Towers have an additional emphasis on quiet. Students living on these floors sign a contract agreeing to maintain a quiet environment.

Gender Options
All residential buildings are coeducational with same-gender floors, wings, suites or apartments. Buchanan Towers offers a gender-inclusive floor for non-first-year students who want a supportive living environment where room assignment is not based upon gender; first-year students may request this option by appeal.

Building Styles
Western offers suite-style buildings as well as traditional corridor-style buildings. Suite-style buildings cluster two to five rooms around a shared bathroom. Corridor-style buildings have rooms along a central hallway and residents in the area share a large community bathroom. Suite-style halls provide a living environment with fewer people sharing a bathroom, while corridor-style halls make it easy for students to socialize.

Single, Double & Triple Rooms
Double-occupancy rooms are the standard by default, but single and triple rooms may be requested. Room rates are based upon room capacity, with single rooms the most expensive and triple rooms the most economical. If none of your housing preferences are available, you can expect to be placed in any double or triple room.

Themed Communities
Themed communities offer a focused living/learning experience supported by educational programs and activities. If you select a themed community in your housing application, it will supersede your other housing preferences. Placement in communities marked with a star (*) requires enrollment in the associated academic program.

- Fairhaven College* (Fairhaven Complex)
- Gender-Inclusive Housing (Buchanan Towers)
- Honors Program* (Edens Hall)
- Viking Launch* (Fairhaven Complex)

International Roommates
Learn about yourself and gain cross-cultural communication skills by rooming with a student from another country. International students attend Western through the Asia University America Program, Intensive English Program, International Programs and Exchanges, and Korea University. They are eager to live with American roommates and experience American culture.

Apartment Living
Apartment living is offered to non-first-year students at Birnam Wood. Each unit is furnished for four same-gender students and has two bedrooms, full kitchen, living room, dining room and bathroom. Room rent includes wireless internet, basic cable and utilities. Community building, front desk, laundry facilities, bike storage and permit parking are available to all Birnam Wood residents.

Family Housing
Apartments for students with children, married students, and students in domestic partnerships are offered at Birnam Wood on a space-available basis. Contact us for rates and availability at Housing@wwu.edu.
# Building Features at a Glance

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disAbility Resources for Students (DRS):
www.wwu.edu/depts/drs
Services & Amenities

Western maintains more than a million square feet of living space—home to over 4,000 students. All residential communities have laundry facilities, community kitchens, study areas, TV lounges and game rooms. And since Western’s campus is only a 20-minute walk from end to end, your classes are always close to home.

A Typical Double Room
The majority of rooms on campus are double-occupancy, and double rooms range in size from about 150 to 200 square feet. Most buildings have beds that can be bunked or lofted. Wireless Internet and basic cable TV are included in your room rent. Telephone line activation is available for an extra quarterly fee. A typical double room comes with the following:

- 2 Extra-long twin beds
- 2 Desks with chairs
- 2 Dressers
- 2 Closets
- Vinyl flooring
- Draperies
- Wireless internet
- 1 Ethernet jack
- 1 Cable TV jack
- Telephone capability
- 2 Trash cans
- 1 Recycle bin

Tech Support & Computer Labs
Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides personalized technology education and support to campus residents. Throughout the year, ResTek consultants are readily available to help you get rid of virus and spyware infections, practice safe internet habits, and troubleshoot problems with your internet connection. Residential computer labs provide 24-hour technology access for residents. These labs are equipped with Microsoft Office, laser printing, and Internet. Residential computer labs are located in:

- Birnam Wood
- Buchanan Towers
- Edens North
- Fairhaven Commons
- Higginson Hall
- Mathes Hall
- Nash Hall
- Ridgeway Commons

Dining Services
Western offers a comprehensive array of dining facilities and services that include cafés, markets, catering, residential dining, meal plans and Viking Dollars. We understand the importance of a healthy diet and we strive to meet the needs of students through nutritious and satisfying foods. We cater to a wide-array of special dietary needs and are continuously expanding our reach. Meal plans are required of all students living in the residence halls. Voluntary meal plans are available to students living in Birnam Wood and off campus. See page 10 for more about Dining Services.

Custodial Services
Hall residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms, but most of the bathrooms are cleaned by custodial staff. Community bathrooms in corridor-style residence halls are cleaned each weekday, and bathrooms in suites of four or more students are cleaned once or twice a week. Bathrooms in suites of three or fewer students are cleaned by the residents who use them. Birnam Wood residents are responsible for cleaning their apartments, including the bathrooms.

Vehicle Parking & Bicycle Storage
Limited residential parking is available by permit only and costs about $275 for the academic year. A variety of free bicycle storage is available to residents. Bike racks are located indoors or outdoors depending upon the residence hall. (See table on page 5.)

Break Housing
Residential buildings are closed during Winter and Spring breaks except for Buchanan Towers, Buchanan Towers East and Birnam Wood. Residential dining commons are closed during Thanksgiving, Winter Break and Spring Break, but some cafés and markets remain open. If you anticipate needing to stay on campus during hall closures, we recommend you request Buchanan Towers, Buchanan Towers East or Birnam Wood in your housing application.
Explore the buildings online: [housing.wwu.edu/tour](housing.wwu.edu/tour)

Congregate in the lounge.

Embrace the roommate experience.

Study and hang out with friends.

Celebrate independence.

Learn about yourself by meeting new people.

Be part of your community.
University Dining Services

Dining at Western is a campus-wide experience that supports 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 community members through nutritious and satisfying foods. We cater to a wide array of special dietary needs and are continuously expanding our reach. We promote sustainable dining practices to foster the health of the environment in which we live, produce, and consume our food.

Residential Dining Commons
Each dining commons is open for continuous dining from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Friday. You can also enjoy Late Night dining Sunday through Thursday evenings, and brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Residents, staff and visitors have access to all dining commons. The entrance fee is payable with a meal plan, Dining Dollars, Viking Dollars, cash or credit card. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat entrées, sides, salad bar, bakery goods and beverages.

- Viking Commons
- Ridgeway Commons
- Fairhaven Commons

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 and Subway. We also offer vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. All venues accept Dining Dollars, Viking Dollars, cash and credit cards.

- The Atrium
- Engrained Café
- P.O.D. Market
- Starbucks
- Topio’s Pizza
- BT Station Café & Market
- The Haven Market & Lounge
- Haggard Hideaway
- Miller Market
- Rock’s Edge Café
- Underground Coffeehouse
- Viking Union Café
- Viking Union Market
- Burger Studio
- Subway
- Zoe’s Bookside Bagels

Viking Dollars
Viking Dollars turn your Western Card into a prepaid debit account for swiping in the cafés, markets and dining commons. Purchases made with Viking Dollars are discounted 10%, and food items are exempt from sales tax. Viking Dollars may be used with or without a meal plan. They may be purchased online, in person or by mail.

College Care Packages
Families can send love from home with Hip Kits online care-package service. Hip Kits are perfect for holidays, exams, birthdays, or just to say I miss you. Students can send Hip Kits, too. Send to friends, brothers and sisters, or even to Mom and Dad.

Student Employment
Each year University Dining Services employs over 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.wwu.edu/studentjobs/.

Our Commitment to Sustainability
University Dining Services is committed to supporting the local community and reducing our impact on the environment. We continue to increase our purchases from local farms and businesses that engage in sustainable, humane and fair practices. We’re also dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint across all lines of our operation from reducing use of fossil fuels and other resources, sourcing through environmentally responsible vendors, and reducing waste.

Variety
Community
CONVENIENCE
COMFORT
quality
Meal Plans
Meal plans are required of all students living in the residence halls, and optional for Birnam Wood residents. Each meal plan includes a quarterly allowance of meals for use in the dining commons, plus 150 Dining Dollars for use in cafés, markets or dining commons.

How it Works
When you enter the dining commons, a swipe of your Western Card deducts a meal from your dining balance. Any unused meals expire at the end of the quarter; Dining Dollars carry over from one quarter to the next and expire at the end of the school year. Need help choosing the meal plan that’s right for you? Visit our meal plan wizard on the dining website!

Unlimited Meal Plan (unlimited meals + 150 Dining Dollars)
Designed for students who dine 3+ times a day and provides the most value and flexibility. 10 meals a quarter may be used for guests.

125 Meal Plan (125 meals + 150 Dining Dollar)
Averages about 11 meals a week and recommended for students who dine 1-2 times a day (including weekends). Any meal may be used for a guest.

100 Meal Plan (100 meals + 150 Dining Dollars)
Averages about 9 meals a week and recommended for students who dine 1-2 times a day (excluding weekends). Any meal may be used for a guest.

75 Meal Plan (75 meals + 150 Dining Dollars)
Averages about 7 meals a week and recommended for students who dine once a day. Any meal may be used for a guest.

Commuter Meal Plan (Reserved for Birnam Wood and off-campus residents)
5 meals a week; 150 Dining Dollars and 5 guest meals a quarter. Unused meals expire at midnight on Saturday and 5 new meals are applied Sunday morning. Unused Dining Dollars roll over until the end of Spring Quarter.

Explore your options:
dining.wwu.edu
# Housing Rates & Payments

## Housing & Dining Rates
The housing and dining rates listed below will increase slightly for 2012-2013. Official rates for 2012-2013 will be published on the University Residences website by May 1, 2012 following approval by the Board of Trustees.

### Room Rent 2011-2012
- Residence Hall Single Room: $6,751
- Residence Hall Double Room: $5,817
- Residence Hall Triple Room: $4,680
- Apartment Double Room: $2,886

### Meal Plan 2011-2012
- Unlimited Meal Plan: $3,283
- 125 Meal Plan: $2,938
- 100 Meal Plan: $2,600
- 75 Meal Plan: $2,258
- Commuter Meal Plan: $1,500

## Electronic Billing, Payments & Refunds
Quarterly tuition and housing charges are assessed to your student account before the start of each quarter and payment is due by the first day of classes. Access your student account by logging into MyWestern and clicking on Web4U. Online payments can be made with MasterCard, Discover, American Express or ECheck. Past due accounts are subject to a monthly $40 late fee and 1% interest charge. Refunds are issued by direct deposit to your designated checking or savings account. If you do not have a banking relationship yet, Western will offer you the opportunity to open a personal banking account with HigherOne.

## Financial Aid & Scholarships
For students with financial aid or scholarships, quarterly monies are applied to the student account for automatic payment of tuition, fees, housing and dining charges. Funds in excess of current quarter charges are refunded by direct deposit to your designated checking or savings account. If you do not have a banking relationship yet, Western will offer you the opportunity to open a personal banking account with HigherOne.

## Housing Agreement & Deposit
Students must endorse the Housing Agreement and pay a $200 housing deposit to be eligible for a housing assignment. By endorsing the Housing Agreement, you promise to abide by the following contractual terms and statutes:

1. The Housing Agreement
2. Residential Community Handbook
3. Student Rights and Responsibilities Code

## Length of Agreement
The duration of the Housing Agreement is the full academic year or remainder thereof if you move in mid-year. The contract term for the coming year is Sunday September 23, 2012 through Friday June 14, 2013. Moving out of the residential system before the end of the contract term may result in a contract breakage fee up to $400.

## Cancellation Prior to Arrival
Cancellation of the Housing Agreement prior to occupancy will result in forfeiture of the $200 housing deposit with the following exceptions for new students admitted Fall 2012:

- Cancel by June 30 to receive a full refund.
- Cancel by August 31 to receive a half refund.

## MyWestern
Once you have confirmed your admission to Western, MyWestern becomes the gateway to your student email account, Web4U and an array of computer services. Your student email address is the official target of all University communications, so you are expected to check your inbox frequently. You can access MyWestern from any Internet-connected computer or mobile device. Before you can log into MyWestern for the first time, you will need to activate your Universal Login (username and password) at www.wwu.edu/activate. For assistance, contact helpdesk@wwu.edu or 360-650-3333.

Learn about billing, payments & refunds: [www.wwu.edu/depts/sfs](http://www.wwu.edu/depts/sfs)
ridgeway complex
Housing Deadlines

New freshmen and transfer students who meet the housing deadlines are guaranteed housing their first year at Western, or the remainder thereof if admitted winter or spring. The housing application is free—all you need is an internet connection and your student ID number. Later in the process we will prompt you to pay a $200 housing deposit. You are eligible to apply for housing even if you have not yet confirmed your admission.

Apply for housing online

The Fall housing application opens February 1. Be ready to select a meal plan, enter your housing preferences and take a roommate survey. You can make changes to your meal plan or housing preferences by submitting a revised application by June 15. Once you submit your application, it will remain unprocessed until you confirm your admission by paying the $250 Enrollment Confirmation Fee. You can track your housing application status in MyHousing at housing.wwu.edu/myhousing.

PRIORITY DEADLINE IS MAY 1

Request a roommate (optional)

The majority of our rooms are doubles, so you have the option of requesting someone you know for a roommate. Roommate requests must be initiated and accepted online via Roommate Request. If you do not submit a roommate request, we will assign you a roommate based upon the roommate survey you completed in your housing application. See next page for roommate options. Roommate tools open February 1.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 15

Receive your housing agreement

When you receive your housing agreement, you will know your housing application has been processed and your housing deposit is ready to pay. Agreements are sent by US Mail and posted in MyHousing. Expect to receive your housing agreement after you have confirmed your admission or after May 21, whichever is later. Updates and reminders are sent to your student email address, so be sure to activate your Universal Account and read your MyWestern email.

STARTING MAY 21

Pay your housing deposit

A $200 housing deposit is required for a room assignment. Instructions for paying the deposit are included with your housing agreement. If you do not pay your deposit by the deadline, we will assume you no longer want housing and your housing application will be withdrawn. If you have a confirmed roommate request, you and your prospective roommate(s) must each pay your deposits on time so we can place you together. You can track your deposit status in MyHousing.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 15

Receive your room assignment

Room assignments are sent by US Mail and posted in MyHousing. Students with relatively later admission dates, housing application dates, or housing deposit dates will be assigned on September 7. Residential buildings open for arrival on Sunday, September 23.

ROOMS ASSIGNED AUGUST 1
Roommate Options for Fall 2012
About 95% of students living on campus have roommates, so we offer the following options to new students admitted for fall. If you are a new student admitted for winter or spring, please note MyRoommate is not available and roommate requests must be made by email to Housing@wwu.edu.

Search for a roommate | housing.wwu.edu/myRoommate
After you have applied for housing, you have the option of searching for a compatible roommate using our exclusive network, MyRoommate. Once you have identified the perfect match, the two of you must pair-up on Roommate Request (see below).

Request a roommate | housing.wwu.edu/RoommateRequest
Use Roommate Request to pair-up with someone you met on MyRoommate, or with someone you already know. To launch an invitation, log in and submit your prospective roommate’s student ID number. They must login and accept your invitation by June 15. We recommend each of you edit your housing applications so your housing preferences match.

Let us assign you a roommate | the default option
If you do not request your own roommate, one will be assigned to you according to the roommate survey you completed in your housing application. About 55% of new freshmen choose this option.

Late or Temporary Assignments
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Late Housing Applications
Late submission of the housing application or housing deposit may delay room assignment, result in a temporary assignment, or be subject to space availability.

How Rooms Are Assigned
1. First, we give priority consideration to new students who applied for housing and paid their housing deposit on time.
2. Then, we rank students in the order they applied for admission to Western, giving highest priority to those who applied earliest. Your housing priority date is the day your admission application was received.
3. Finally, we assign rooms according to roommate pairs and housing preferences. If none of your preferences are available, we will place you where space is open. About 75% of incoming freshmen end up in one of their preferences.

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Let us assign you a roommate | the default option
If you do not request your own roommate, one will be assigned to you according to the roommate survey you completed in your housing application. About 55% of new freshmen choose this option.
Our Commitment to Sustainability

University Residences is committed to green energy and waste reduction, incorporating sustainable practices into our facilities operations and community development. Sustainability is commonplace in our residential buildings and dining venues, and we support the University’s goal of becoming a climate-neutral campus by 2050. Resident EcoReps work as sustainability advocates in the residential communities, facilitating education, outreach, and community involvement. Residential communities compete in the annual *Go for The Green: Total Waste Reduction Challenge* in an effort to focus on the sustainable use of electricity, water, landfill and natural gas. *Go for the Green* helps residents make small changes in their daily living that result in measurable waste reduction and significant monetary savings for the University.
Active Minds Changing Lives

Western’s residential communities are intentionally designed to actively engage new freshmen and new transfer students, returning students and international students in their own learning and success. Students learn how to become more responsible adults in diverse and inclusive communities that foster leadership, sustainability, social responsibility and civic engagement.