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Active Minds Changing Lives
Congratulations!

Congratulations on your admittance to Western Washington University. This is an environment working successfully to integrate “Active Minds Changing Lives.” Our department’s mission is what we aspire to emulate in every day conversations and support of students: “University Residences Engages Students In Diverse and Inclusive, Healthy, Safe and Sustainable Communities That Foster Academic Success and Personal Growth.”

Here are a few “quick facts” about the opinions and perspectives of 2012 – 2013 campus residents:

▶ 88% of residents report a sense of community in their building.
▶ 91% of residents have made good connections in their community.
▶ Nearly 100% of residents feel safe living on campus.
▶ 92% are satisfied with their experience living on campus.
▶ 95% recommend living on campus to new students.

While intentionally designed, it will be important you also show dedication to fully exploring the richness of campus. In fact, words of a previous on-campus student summarize the Western living experience: “College is what you choose to make it. If you open yourself up to new people and ideas it can be the best time of your life.”

Again, welcome to the Western residential community. Among the vibrant living environment and wide range of activities, is a community of engaged student leaders, collaborating with staff to build an inclusive home for students. Living on campus will facilitate you reaching your personal goals. And University Residences staff are dedicated to creating an environment that encourages academic excellence and learning.

Leonard Jones, Director
University Residences
WELCOME!

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

*See details on page 12.*
Why Live On Campus?

While living on campus is totally optional at Western, 92% of freshmen and 30% of transfer students consistently choose to live on campus their first year. When asked about their residential experience, students tell us they feel safe, they learn about themselves and other people, and they make connections that positively impact their entire college experience.

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. Buildings are furnished with wireless Internet, digital cable, laundry facilities, community kitchens and computer labs; buildings are secured 24/7 and fully staffed with custodians, maintenance mechanics and live-in personnel. Dining venues are open 12-14 hours a day, and offer options for vegans, vegetarians and omnivores alike. And since Western’s campus is only a 20-minute walk from end to end, living-on gives you easy access to classes, faculty, libraries, computer labs, bookstore, the Viking Union, Rec Center, student clubs, intramural sports, athletic events and performing arts.

Academic Support
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. While campus offices and departments work as a team to ensure all students receive the resources they need, students who live on campus uniquely benefit from additional support systems within their residential communities. Resident Advisors engage with students early in the year to discuss academic goals and progress, and Resident Directors become a critical resource for students not making the grade. Daily quiet hours support necessary sleep and study habits.

Personal Growth
The residential experience at Western is designed to help you learn about yourself, and how to live and work with others. By living on campus, you can expect to gain some useful interpersonal skills:

- How to negotiate difficult situations with your roommate.
- How to get along with others who are different from you.
- How living in a diverse community helps you articulate your own beliefs.

Leadership Opportunities
Western is known for its welcoming and supportive community, its capacity for developing leaders and global citizens, and its value for student voice. Student-run organizations help govern and support our residential communities by coordinating programs, activities and events that stimulate community, education, leadership and service. As 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).

Trained & Talented Staff
Western’s residential communities are supported by 128 live-in staff, and each position plays a unique role in supporting community development and student success:

Resident Directors: Each residential community is supervised by a full-time, professional Resident Director. RDs typically hold a master’s degree in student personnel administration, adult education, counseling or other related field. RDs are trained educators that oversee the physical operation of their buildings, supervise the Resident Advisors, carry out the conduct system, and assist students in crisis.

Resident Advisors: Each community is supported by several part-time, paraprofessional staff known as Resident Advisors. Each RA is a rigorously trained, active member of the residential community who serves as a leader and point of contact for the students living around them. RAs engage their students in intentional conversations to facilitate self-reflection, personal growth and academic success. RAs also conduct security rounds, assist with roommate conflicts and report conduct violations.

Desk Attendants: Each community has a student-staffed front desk open regular hours every day. Much like a hotel, the front desk is where new residents officially check in, and where departing residents officially check out. Front desks administer daily mail and packages, lockout keys and equipment loans; they also serve as an information center.
Our Mission: University Residences engages students in diverse and inclusive, healthy, safe and sustainable communities that foster academic success and personal growth.
Average size of a double room is 175 square feet. Each room includes wireless internet and furnishings for each student:

- Twin bed with mattress
- Desk with chair
- Closet with towel bar
- Dresser or built-in drawers
- Window blinds or draperies
- Vinyl flooring or carpet
- Recycle bin
- Trash can
Rates & Amenities

Room Furnishings
The majority of rooms on campus are double occupancy and average room size is 175 square feet; triple rooms are a bit larger and singles a bit smaller. Wireless Internet, digital cable TV service, and use of the laundry facilities are all included in the cost of your room; telephone line activation is available for an extra quarterly fee. Each student gets their own twin bed, desk, chair, drawers and closet; most beds can be bunked or lofted. See Residence Halls at a Glance on page 8 for more details.

Tech Support & Computer Labs
Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides personalized technology education and support to campus residents. Throughout the year, ResTek consultants assist with safe Internet habits and troubleshoot problems with Internet connection. Residential computer labs provide 24-hour technology access for residents. These labs are equipped with Microsoft Office, laser printing and Internet.

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

Parking & Transportation
Limited residential parking is available by permit only and costs about $275 for the academic year. Priority is given to students with the most credits earned. More information is available at www.ps.wwu.edu/parking.

Bicycles: Bicycles are a preferred form of transportation in the University’s Institutional Master Plan. All residential buildings provide some form of bicycle storage, and there are over 900 parking spaces within the academic core. To explore the type of bike storage offered in each residence hall, see Residence Halls at a Glance on page 8.

Community Transit: Each quarter, students taking six or more credits pay a mandatory 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. Buses run regularly throughout campus, downtown and Whatcom County.

Housing & Dining Rates
Following approval by the Board of Trustees, official rates for 2014-2015 will be published May 1, 2014. In the meantime, refer to the current housing and meal plan rates below, and account for a slight increase next year. When estimating the cost of room and board, please note meal plans are required for hall residents and optional for Birnam Wood residents.

Housing 2013-2014: Annual Cost
- Residence Hall Single Room: $7,121
- Residence Hall Double Room: $6,132
- Residence Hall Triple Room: $4,926
- Apartment Double Room: $3,063

Meal Plans 2013-2014: Annual Cost
- Unlimited Meals per Quarter: $3,524
- 125 Meals per Quarter: $3,158
- 100 Meals per Quarter: $2,800
- 75 Meals per Quarter: $2,434
- 5 Meals per Week*: $1,621

*Reserved for Birnam Wood residents and off-campus commuters.

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, and your account balance is due on the first day of classes. Past due accounts are subject to a monthly $40 late fee and 1% interest charge. Refunds are issued by direct deposit to your designated bank account. 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.

Halls Close for Intersession
Most residence halls* are closed during intersession, the periods commonly known as winter and spring break. Students customarily leave campus for home or travel during intersession. If you must remain in residence when your hall is closed, intersession housing may be available by special arrangement for an extra fee. Dining commons are also closed during intersession, but some cafés and markets remain open with limited hours. All residence halls remain open for Thanksgiving break, but dining venues are closed.

*Buchanan Towers, Buchanan Towers East and Birnam Wood remain open for intersession.
Housing Options

Residence Halls
Western offers 16 unique residence halls in a variety of sizes, architectural styles and vintages. Every hall is coeducational with one gender per room, suite, wing or floor. See Gender-Inclusive Community for mixed-gender rooms and suites.

Corridor Style: Rooms typically flank a central hallway and residents share one or two large bathrooms 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 solely based upon the design capacity of your room: single rooms are the most expensive and triple rooms are the most economical.

Student Apartments
Apartment living for non-first-year students is offered in Birnam Wood where 130 units accommodate 520 students. Each apartment is furnished for four students and includes two double-occupancy bedrooms, full kitchen, living room, dining room, bathroom and balcony; wheelchair-accessible units have a roll-in shower, washer and dryer. 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, bike storage and permit parking. Birnam Wood is supervised by a full-time, live-in Apartment Coordinator and five part-time, live-in Community Advisors. Meal plans are available for Birnam Wood residents, but not required. Birnam Wood is reserved for non-first-year students; first-year students may request an exception through Housing@wwu.edu.

How to Apply: To request Birnam Wood, simply apply for housing and make Birnam Wood your top housing preference. Space may not be available for all who request Birnam Wood, so be sure to select alternative housing preferences in your housing application. Two-bedroom apartments for married students or students with dependents are offered on a space-available basis; contact Housing@wwu.edu for rates and availability.

Alcohol-Free Floors
Alcohol-free floors are for students (regardless of age) who agree to maintain an alcohol-free lifestyle while living on campus, and who want to live among others who agree to 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.

Gender-Inclusive Community
Buchanan Towers and Birnam Wood offer gender-inclusive communities where room assignment is not based upon gender. Gender-inclusive communities allow students of different genders to be roommates and suitemates, and support LGBTQ students and their allies. Gender-inclusive communities have an educational focus and are reserved for non-first-year students; first-year students may request an exception through Housing@wwu.edu.

Honors Program Community
For students enrolled in the Honors Program, University Residences and the Honors Program collaboratively offer a living-learning experience in Edens Hall. Students benefit from living among a group that shares academic goals and interests, where residential programs and activities complement the classroom. Placement in the Honors Program Community requires admission to the Honors Program. Residence in the Honors Program Community is optional for students in the program, but encouraged by the Honors Program.

Fairhaven College Community
For students enrolled in Fairhaven College, the Fairhaven College Community offers an optional living-learning experience in stack 11 of the Fairhaven Complex. Students benefit from living among a group that shares academic goals and interests, where residential programs and activities complement the classroom. Placement in the Fairhaven College Community requires admission to Fairhaven College.

Viking Launch Community
Viking Launch is an early-start program offered to fall freshmen by WWU Extended Education. 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, 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 organized interaction with international students; 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.

Birnam Wood International Community: Birnam Wood offers apartment living with an emphasis on multicultural activities and events, and opportunities for international roommates. Residents can get involved by becoming an American mentor, going on day trips and outings, and attending dances, dinners and programs. Please note Birnam Wood is reserved for non-first-year students.

Accommodation for Special Needs
University Residences is committed to supporting the University’s educational purpose and mission, and works in partnership with disAbility Resources for Students to provide students access to all levels of the residential experience. Students requiring a special housing assignment due to a disability or other condition must request reasonable accommodation to ensure appropriate placement. Typical placement for students with special needs may involve a single room, wheelchair access, visual alarms, kitchenette or special furnishings.

Service Animals & Assistance Animals: While pets are prohibited in Western’s residential buildings, service animals and assistance animals are permitted when in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Before bringing a service or assistance animal into a residential building, students must follow standard procedure for requesting reasonable accommodation.

disAbility Resources for Students
www.wwu.edu/depts/drs

Birnam Wood is located half a mile from the campus core, on the bus line and close to shopping, restaurants and Interstate 5.
Residence Halls at a Glance

**EDENS HALL**
- 158 residents • 3 floors
- Double & triple rooms
- Suite-style bathrooms
- Loft-able XL twin beds
- Elevator access throughout
- Indoor bike storage
- Wheelchair suites available

**EDENS NORTH**
- 115 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
- Alcohol free available
- Elevator access throughout
- Covered bike storage
- Wheelchair suites available

**MATHES HALL**
- 300 residents • 9 floors
- Double rooms
- Community bathrooms
- Loft-able XL twin beds
- Alcohol free available
- Elevator access throughout
- Covered bike storage

**HIGHLAND HALL**
- 137 residents • 2 floors
- Double rooms
- Suite-style bathrooms
- Loft-able XL twin beds
- Outdoor bike storage

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

**RIDGEWAY BETA**
- 207 residents • 4 floors
- Double rooms
- Suite-style bathrooms
- Bunk-able standard twin beds
- Alcohol free available
- Indoor bike storage

**RIDGEWAY DELTA**
- 115 residents • 4 floors
- Single, double & triple rooms
- Community bathrooms
- Loft-able XL twin beds
- Covered bike storage

Visit our online tour
housing.wwu.edu/tour
Every residence hall is coeducational and 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, game room, bike storage, and a limited amount of permit parking. See page 7 for student apartments.
I HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT MYSELF AND THE PERSON I WANT TO BECOME IN THE FUTURE BY LIVING WITH NEW PEOPLE AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM.

—Campus Resident
Roommate Options

The vast majority of campus residents live in double or triple rooms, and Western gives you a choice when it comes to your roommate assignment: pair up with someone you choose, 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?
Having a roommate can be a challenging piece of the college experience, and one you might fear can make or break your first year on campus. Emotions can run high as students transition from the family home to curfew-free independence; and expectations for an amazing first year can resemble wedding-day jitters. In reality, establishing a good roommate situation is not rocket science; it simply requires making choices and developing skills as you go. Research and experience tell us that successful roommates:

- Communicate effectively.
- Recognize their impact on each other.
- Protect the safety and security of the room and its contents.
- Respect each other’s attitudes about smoking and drinking.
- Set and maintain limits on noise, bedtime and visitors in the room.
- Share decisions about how the room is organized.
- Don’t borrow stuff without asking.
- Are friendly to each other without needing to be best friends.
- Are open to new ideas and experiences.
- Accept others for who they are.

Access our online roommate tools
housing.wwu.edu/roommates

Option 1: Request Someone You Know
Once you apply for housing, you and a friend can request to be roommates. To launch a request, one of you must log into RoommateRequest and invite the other to be roommates; the other must then log into RoommateRequest and accept the invitation by June 15.

- This option is available to fall housing applicants only, February 1 through June 15.
- Roommate groups consist of two or three students; suitemate requests are not accepted.
- All members of the group must pay their deposits on time to be assigned together.
- Room assignment is based upon the best priority date in the group and student housing preferences.
- A two-person roommate group does not guarantee a double room; you may be assigned to a triple room with a third roommate that we assign.

Option 2: Search for a Compatible Roommate Online
Once you have applied for housing, you have the option of searching for potential roommates on our secure website, MyRoommate. Once you have identified a mutually satisfactory match, the two of you must complete the process for requesting a roommate. (See above.) Searching for a compatible roommate is a great option for students desiring someone with similar academic interests, religious beliefs, food allergies, etc. This option is available for fall housing applicants only, February 1 through June 15.

Option 3: Let Us Assign You a Roommate
The housing application includes a survey about your daily habits and tendencies, and we use your responses to assign a compatible roommate unless you complete one of the options above. Roommates with similar bedtimes, study habits, smoking status, and noise tolerance can cohabitate quite well—even if they share nothing else in common. Letting us assign you a “random” roommate can result in an amazing first-year experience, an unexpected friendship, and unique opportunities that come only from a relationship of circumstance. If the housing application or roommate options do not support your gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation, please contact us to discuss a placement that is right for you.
Housing Dates & Deadlines

New students who meet the housing deadlines are guaranteed housing their first 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.wwu.edu.
You may apply for housing as soon as you have applied for admission and you have received your WWU ID number. Begin by selecting the housing application that coincides with your admission application term; log in with your WWU ID number and date of birth. Be ready to 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 your roommate options. Late applications may be subject to temporary assignment or space availability.

Priority Application Period
Fall Quarter: February 1 - May 1
Winter Quarter: October 1 - December 1
Spring Quarter: January 1 - 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 accept the Housing Agreement and pay the $200 housing deposit. Do not pay your deposit until you receive notice of deposit due; early payments will be returned.

Notification Begins
Fall Quarter: Late May
Winter Quarter: Early December
Spring Quarter: Early March

STEP 3: Pay your deposit online or by mail.
When notice of deposit due appears in MyHousing, follow the payment instructions carefully to ensure proper processing of your deposit. Check your deposit status in MyHousing 2-3 business days later to make sure your payment has been received. If you do not accept the Agreement and pay the deposit, we will assume you no longer want housing and your housing application will be cancelled.

Housing Deposit Deadline
Fall Quarter: June 15
Winter Quarter: December 15
Spring Quarter: March 15

STEP 4: Check MyHousing for your room assignment.
Room assignments are posted in MyHousing along with roommate and suitemate information. See the next page for how and when rooms are assigned. Roommates are encouraged to contact each other to get acquainted and plan what to bring. The assignment process gives priority 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.

Rooms Assigned
Fall Quarter: August 1 & September 5
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**

The 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 5.

**Round 2: September 5**

The 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 for the first few weeks of the quarter. Temporary assignments have the same amenities as permanent assignments and typically involve rooming with a Resident Advisor. Students with temporary assignments are moved to permanent locations as cancellations occur.

**Track your status in MyHousing**

[link to MyHousing page]

**How are rooms assigned?**

Your room assignment is your official campus residence for the duration of the Housing Agreement unless you transfer rooms during the year or terminate your occupancy. If you do not have a confirmed roommate request (see page 11), you can expect to be assigned one or two roommates during the room assignment process, based upon the roommate survey you completed in your housing application.

**Housing Priority Date**

The date you applied for admission to the University becomes 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**

The housing application recommends you select six housing preferences from a menu of over 50 unique housing options. Students with the earliest priority dates have a greater chance of being placed in one of their housing preferences. Every effort will be 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 everyone else’s dates and preferences. About 75% of new students are assigned to one of their housing preferences.

**Housing Deposit**

Following the housing application period, housing applicants with confirmed admission status are prompted to pay a $200 housing deposit. (See Housing Deadlines on the left.) Payment of the housing deposit secures 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 total forfeiture of the deposit with the following exceptions for new students arriving fall quarter:

- Full refund for cancellations made by June 30
- Half refund for cancellations made by August 31

**Housing Agreement**

The term of the Housing Agreement is the entire academic year (September 21, 2014 - June 12, 2015) or remainder thereof for students admitted mid-year. The Agreement covers the conditions of occupancy and students accept the Agreement when they pay the housing deposit. Moving out of the housing system before spring quarter finals week terminates the Agreement and renders a contract breakage fee up to $400 except in cases of withdrawal, graduation, study abroad or internship.
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 34 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 wireless Internet, 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
  - BT Station Café & Market
  - The Haven Market & Lounge
  - Miller Market
  - Rock’s Edge Café
  - Underground Coffeehouse
  - Viking Union Café
  - Viking Union Market
  - Zoe’s Bookside Bagels

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%, and food items are 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.

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. Go to dining.wwu.edu and click on gifts.

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 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
Meal plans are required of all students living in the residence halls, and optional for students living in Birnam Wood apartments. Choosing a meal plan to suit your needs depends upon your schedule, how often you eat, and your preference for dining or grab-and-go.

How They Work
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 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.

Unlimited Meals per Quarter
Designed for students who dine 3+ times per day. 10 meals per quarter may be used for guests. Includes 162 Dining Dollars per quarter.

125 Meals per Quarter
Designed for students who dine 1-2 times a day, 7 days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes 162 Dining Dollars per quarter.

100 Meals per Quarter
Designed for students who dine 1-2 times a day, 5 days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes 162 Dining Dollars per quarter.

75 Meals per Quarter
Designed for students who dine once a day, 7 days a week. Any meal may be used for a guest. Includes 162 Dining Dollars per quarter.

5 Meals per Week
Provides 5 meals a week and 5 guest meals a quarter. Unused meals expire Saturday night, and 5 new meals are applied Sunday morning. Includes 162 Dining Dollars per quarter. Reserved for Birnam Wood and off-campus commuters.

View dining menus and venues
dining.wwu.edu
Sustainability

University Residences is committed to green energy and waste reduction, incorporating sustainable practices into facilities operations and community development. Sustainability is commonplace in our residential buildings, and we support the University’s goal of becoming a climate-neutral campus by 2050.

ResRap & EcoReps

The Residents’ Resources Awareness Program (ResRAP) is dedicated to reducing Western’s resource consumption through its commitment to training, assisting and advising resident EcoReps. Eco Reps initiate positive, informative dialogue with their residents, increasing awareness of the many changes residents can make in their daily lives to reduce their personal consumption. EcoReps work as sustainability advocates in the residential communities, facilitating education, outreach and community involvement. ResRAP endeavors to broaden sustainable education at Western through residence hall and campus wide events, by providing resources for furthering the sustainable practices of residents during both their stay on campus and for the rest of their lives.

Go for the Green

In an effort to focus on the sustainable use of electricity, water, landfill and natural gas, communities compete in the annual Go for The Green: Total Waste Reduction Challenge. 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.

This Year’s Winner: Mathes Hall

- EcoReps hosted 70 sustainability programs
- 40% of residents signed the Green Pledge
- 27% reduction on average of landfill waste
- Total electricity saved: 310,276 kWh
- Monetary electricity savings: $21,260
- Carbon dioxide savings: 264,505 pounds
Next Steps
FOR FALL 2014

1. Apply for housing online at housing.wwu.edu.
   PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD: February 1 – May 1

2. Check MyHousing for notice of deposit due.
   NOTIFICATION BEGINS: Late May

3. Pay your deposit online or by mail.
   DEPOSIT DUE: June 15

4. Check MyHousing for your room assignment.
   ROOMS ASSIGNED: August 1 & September 5

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