

University Residences and Campus Dining

The University Residences and Campus Dining program provides a variety of room and board options, as well as living and learning opportunities that enhance the academic experience gained in the classroom. Research indicates that students who live on campus generally have higher grade point averages and graduate with greater frequency.

The residential community

Because of the educational value of on-campus living, all single freshmen without dependents and who enter WOU within one year of high school graduation are required to spend their first year in university-operated housing. Many returning and transferring students also choose to live on campus for convenience, available services and varied activities.

WOU offers a variety of accommodations for on-campus living. All rooms, suites and apartments are set up for occupants of the same gender. Availability of specific options is subject to demand and facility designation.

As a courtesy to all students, staff and visitors, all residence halls are non-smoking communities. There are designated smoking areas in outdoor locations throughout the residential community.

Residence halls

All rooms are carpeted and have window coverings. In addition, each room is furnished with the following:

- Desk
- Chair
- Wardrobe/closet
- Storage drawers
- Extra-long single bed (36" x 80")
- Bookshelf or shelves
- Garbage Can/Recycle Bin

Each room, with the exception of Arbuthnot Hall, is wired for telephone service, caller ID and voice mail; students must bring their own touch tone phone. Rooms are also wired for computer hookups and cable TV.

Please see our Web site (www.wou.edu/student/residences), or contact the Office of University Residences for minimum computer hardware and software requirements.*

*Arbuthnot & Maaske Halls are wireless ready. Arbuthnot & Maaske residents must have a wireless card installed on their computer to access the network. There is no phone or cable TV hook-up in these halls.

Living-Learning communities

Living-Learning communities are designated communities within the residence hall complex that function around a specific theme or interest. The purpose for offering Living-Learning communities is to provide students with the option to live with others that share a similar interest or goal with respect to their academic and/or residential experience. The following are the unique communities we offer to students at WOU.

International House

For students interested in learning about different cultures and sharing their own culture with others. Students from diverse backgrounds and countries live with and learn from one another in this culturally rich environment.

Service Learning and Civic Engagement Suite (SLCE)

For students who wish to live and serve with other students who have a passion for community service, want to develop their leadership skills and advocate for social justice. Programming here will provide opportunities to serve, develop and strengthen advocacy skills and lay a strong academic foundation upon which to build. You will learn while you work, and get credit for your efforts.

Wellness Community

Healthy lifestyles are the focus of this community. Programming and activities in this community will focus on personal wellness and residents here make a commitment to maintain their own personal health and wellness.

Choosing a residence hall

The enclosed application requests that you select your accommodation preferences. For descriptions and room tours of each of the residence halls, please visit the University Residences Web site at www.wou.edu/student/residences.

Choosing a roommate

You may indicate a preferred roommate by listing that person's name and SSN or student ID# on the application. The person you request must also request you to validate the roommate selection. If you don't have a preferred roommate, your roommate will be assigned to you. Your preferred roommate must be of the same sex.

Contracts

Housing is granted on the basis of an agreement between Western Oregon University and the student. By signing, you agree to spend the entire academic year (or remainder thereof) in university housing. Term contracts are available to returning and transfer students, for fall and winter terms.

Contractual terms and conditions of occupancy are based on consideration for other residents, health and safety standards, and compliance with established laws and WOU's Code of Student Responsibility.

Freshmen Halls

Two-person rooms

Heritage Hall and Landers Hall

- Traditional two-occupant residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor

Four-person suites

Barnum & Gentle Halls

- Suite-style rooms with separate sleeping and living areas
- Exterior entrances
- Bathroom in unit-shared with same gender adjoining unit (Barnum Hall ONLY)

Upperclass Halls

Butler Hall

- Four occupant suite-style rooms with separate sleeping and living areas
- Exterior entrances
- Bathroom in unit

Arbuthnot & Maaske Halls*

- Traditional Single or Double-occupant residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor
- No phone or TV cable hook-ups in rooms
- Wireless Network account included with room and board fees

Arbor Park

- Private bedroom
- Shared bath - with one other same gender student
- Shared living and kitchen areas
- Fully furnished
- With or without Meal Plan option

**Arbuthnot and Maaske halls will only be occupied if housing reservations warrant the need for additional space.*

Canceling the Contract

If you choose or are asked to leave the residence halls, and continue to attend classes at WOU, your account will be charged a \$7 a day cancellation fee for the remainder of the academic year for breaking your contractual agreement with the university. If you withdraw from WOU during the academic year you will be released from your contractual obligations.

Requests and assignments

Requests for specific accommodation (including Living-Learning communities) and/or specific roommate, must be noted on the application. Once the Office of University Residences receives your application, we will send you a letter of confirmation. While every effort is made to honor specific hall type and roommate requests, applications are processed by date of application; thus, we may be unable to meet specific requests.

For those applying for fall term, please note that hall assignment, roommate and contract information will be mailed to your home in July. If you do not receive your assignment before you leave for school in September, please contact the Office of University Residences when you arrive on campus.

If you are applying for winter and spring terms, you will receive your building assignments when you arrive on campus at the beginning of the term for which you applied.

Cancellations

Cancellation of housing reservations should be submitted in writing to the Office of University Residences. If you have not checked into campus housing by the end of the first day of classes or have not made prior arrangements with the Office of University Residences for a later arrival, your reservation may be canceled.

Application procedures

You must apply for admission to the university before you apply for housing. Space will not be guaranteed unless you have completed the formal registration process.

Complete and mail the enclosed housing application with a \$40 non-refundable application fee to the Office of University Residences.

Please make checks payable to Western Oregon University. We will accept your housing application beginning October 1 for the following academic year and your priority date will be the date your housing application and fee are received in our office. We encourage you to apply early. Any applications received prior to October 1 will be dated October 1.

For more information

For more information about the residence halls before making your decision, please call the Office of University Residences at the numbers listed below or, if you prefer, e-mail us at housing@wou.edu.

503-838-8311 V/TTY

Toll free 1-877-877-1593, opt. 4

Campus Dining

Meal plans

The Residence Hall meal plan is a debit account that allows you to purchase any amount of food anywhere on campus and at any time during the day. At the beginning of each term, resident students receive a food dollar balance. If you run out of food dollars before the end of the term, you can make deposits of \$20 or more. Food dollars remaining at the end of the term are transferred to the following term but they are never refunded in cash. Balances left at the end of spring term or when a student leaves the residence halls are not refunded.

Dining locations

Valsetz Food Court is centrally located to the residence halls and is the main location for meals. Wholesale pricing in Valsetz is offered only for the Residence Hall and Apartment meal plans. Residents on meal plans receive the wholesale price because they pay for the food service overhead expenses with their room fee. Other customers pay the full retail price for food.

These meal plans are also accepted at the restaurants in the Werner University Center, centrally located on campus. Restaurants here include the Wolf Express, Wolf Grill, the Western Deli and Caffé Allegro. Purchases in these restaurants are full retail price, because the food service overhead payment does not cover their overhead expenses.

Meal Plan Choices

When you live in a residence hall, your meal plan is provided as a part of your room and board package. With the exception of the apartment meal plan, the expense for the food service overhead is included in the room and board fee. You select a meal plan with the amount of food dollars to meet your eating patterns.

The total expense for these meal plans include the food service overhead and the selected meal plan. Students living in apartments are not required to have a meal plan, but may opt for the apartment meal plan. All other on-campus living options are required to have a Residence Hall meal plan. The five different plans listed show the different food dollar amounts given to a student each term.

Apartment Meal Plans

For residents of Arbor Park and Alder View, the Apartment meal plan offers alternate on campus dining choices. Because the overhead for this plan is NOT built into the room and board for these facilities, the cost for the Apartment Meal Plan breaks down as follows: Total Cost in addition to your room rate is \$640. Approx. \$440 is for overhead expenses and \$200 is available to spend on food.

Residence Hall Meal Plans

Plan #1	\$225/term
Plan #2	\$350/term *
Plan #3	\$450/term
Plan #4	\$550/term
Plan #5	\$120/term

* Meal Plan #2 is the most popular plan, with 40 percent of the residents selecting this plan for winter and spring terms. When in doubt in choosing between two meal plans, the smaller dollar amount is always recommended. Meal plan additions can always be made, but leftover food dollars at the end of spring term are not refundable.

An average wholesale meal price is \$3.

Meal Plan Changes

- You may only change your meal plan between terms.
- All meal plan change requests must be made in writing before the following term begins.
- Balances roll from term to term with the exception of spring term. Unused balances at the end of spring term are not refundable.
- A meal plan must be purchased every term.

Valsetz Food Court Menu

(Typical daily selections)

Breakfast

Eggs cooked to order, French toast, ham, waffle bar, muffins and donuts, oatmeal.

Lunch

Mediterranean chicken wrap, roasted vegetable wrap, French dip with au jus, tuna melt on sourdough, French fries, chicken stir fry, garlic chicken ranch pizza, brownies, fruit-of-the-day, special salad, clam chowder, minestrone tortellini soup.

Dinner

Texas barbecue beef brisket, roasted parmesan potatoes, green beans, Tex-mex cornbread, fettucine pomodoro, focaccia bread, Hawaiian burger, chive fries, chicken stir fry, pepperoni pizza, peanut butter pie, fruit-of-the-day, special salad, clam chowder, minestrone tortellini soup.

Western Oregon University Housing Application

Please complete (type or print) housing application and roommate questionnaire on reverse side. A \$40 non-refundable application fee is required to process your application. Enclose a check payable to Western Oregon University. The application fee is only valid for a single academic year. Please print responses.

Last name First name M.I. WOU ID number

Address City State ZIP

High school graduation year: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of birth _____ Telephone (home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____

Entry Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Post-Bac Graduate Gender: _____

Please be aware that assignments are made according to the date the completed application is received and the total number of applications received. Not all requests can be accommodated. The University reserves the right to make reassignments at any time based on the administrative needs of the residential program.

Term/year applying for:

- Fall 2009
- Winter 2010
- Spring 2010

Contract options:

- Yearly Contract: \$40 non-refundable application fee
- Term Contract upperclass only: \$40 non-refundable application fee and a \$150 non-refundable term contract (Total \$190 non-refundable term contract fee due at time of application.)

Residence Hall meal plan options:

- Plan #1, \$225 food dollars/term
- Plan #2, \$350 food dollars/term
- Plan #3, \$450 food dollars/term
- Plan #4, \$550 food dollars/term
- Plan #5, \$120 food dollars/term

Roommate preference

You must give the name and social security number or ID# of your preferred roommate. The requested person must also request you in order to be assigned together. If you do not request a roommate, you will be auto-assigned based on the information from this application.

Complete roommate name:

Complete roommate ID#:

Voluntary information

Note any physical disabilities or any other information that should be considered for room or roommate assignments:

- I am pursuing an IB diploma

Freshman only accommodations

(Freshman = 2009 high school graduate)

Please note your hall preference; requires meal plan

- ___ Two-person room (Heritage) ___ Single room (Heritage: additional cost)
- ___ Two-person room (Landers) ___ Four-person suite (Barnum/Gentle)
- ___ Two-person room in co-ed hall – males/females on same wing (Heritage)
- ___ Two-person room in Living/Learning Community (Heritage) *Prioritize below:*
- ___ Service Learning/Community Engagement ___ International ___ Wellness

Upperclass accommodations

Please note your hall preference; requires meal plan

- ___ Three-person suite with private bathroom (Butler)
- ___ Two-person suite with kitchenette (Butler)
- ___ Single room (Arbuthnot: *) wireless access included, no telephone service or cable television in rooms
- ___ Two-person room (Maaske/Arbuthnot*) *Will be used only if necessary

Please note your preference; does not require meal plan

- ___ Four-person apartment – private bedroom, shared bath (Arbor Park)
- ___ Four-person apartment – private bedroom, shared bath with apartment meal plan

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Not valid unless accompanied by appropriate application fee. Please complete roommate questionnaire on the reverse side.

Return completed application and \$40 application fee to:

The Office of University Residences
Western Oregon University
Monmouth, OR 97361

503-838-8311 V/TTY • Toll free 1-877-877-1593, opt. 4

Office use Paid: \$ _____ Receipt #: _____
only: Date received: _____ V #: _____

Roommate Questionnaire

All applicants must complete the Roommate Questionnaire prior to submitting it to the Office of University Residences. This questionnaire will assist our office with assigning you a roommate who has similar living habits to yours. We cannot guarantee that each response on your questionnaire will exactly match those of your roommate.

Read the following questions or scenarios. Indicate your response by checking the appropriate answer after each question or scenario. One response per question or scenario only.

1. I object to living with a smoker.
 Yes No
2. I am a smoker.
 Yes No
3. I object to the use of chewing tobacco in my room.
 Yes No
4. I use chewing tobacco.
 Yes No
5. I prefer to study in my room.
 Yes No
6. When I study, I prefer to:
 Listen to music
 Have the TV on in the background
 Study with friends
 Study in a quiet environment
7. My preferred (sleeping) temperature is:
 65° or less
 65 – 70°
 70 – 75°
 75° or more
8. My preferred time to wake up is:
 By 8:00 am
 By 10:00 am
 By Noon
9. I like to stay up until:
 10:00 – 11:00 pm
 11:00 – Midnight
 Midnight – 1:00 am
 After 1:00 am
10. When I sleep, my sensitivity to noise is:
 Very light sleeper – Awakened by mild noise.
 Average Sleeper
 Heaver sleeper – Not bothered by noise.
11. The importance of having a neat and clean room to me is?
 Very
 So-So
 Who Cares?
12. I will socialize in my room:
 A Lot
 Some
 Very Little
13. I like to listen to music:
 As background music (use of headphones is encouraged regardless of volume level)
 Moderately loud
 Loud
14. I would like to live with an athlete. Specify sport of choice under Voluntary Information on previous page.
 Yes No

Thank you for your responses to these questions. Please note that while we will do everything possible to accommodate your specific roommate type in response to the answers to this questionnaire, the Office of University Residences and Campus Dining does not guarantee that each response on your questionnaire will exactly match those of your roommate. If you have specifically requested a roommate, that choice will supersede the answers to the roommate questionnaire.